

Week beginning 10th February 2019

Sat	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Tom Keogh RIP anniversary
Sun	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am <i>1.00pm</i>	James & Elizabeth Beswick RIP Andrew MacNaughton and friends <i>Baptism Plant family</i>
Mon	Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day for the Sick)	9.30am 11.00am	Parishioners Funeral Mass for David Fallon
Tues	Ferial	2.00pm 7.30pm	Funeral Mass for Jean Glennon Frank Moore RIP
Weds	Ferial	9.30am	Parishioners
Thurs	Sts Cyril and Methodius	9.30am	Charles Dywer RIP
Fri	Ferial	12.15pm	Anne Greenough RIP and Sean O’Kane (anniv)
Sat	Ferial Vigil Mass	12.15pm 6.30pm	Secular clergy fund Louisa Momenabadi
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00am-12.00 noon and 5.45-6.15pm			
Sun	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.30am	Frank and Elsie Collins Norah Lindop RIP

Fr. Pat writes:
“Congratulations to our thirty-six young people who were confirmed by Bishop Mark last Friday night. During our Masses today they will be presented with their certificates of Confirmation, which are not just a memento of this special occasion in their lives, but a reminder to be joyful disciples of our Lord in today’s world. Jesus is inviting them just as he called Peter and the other disciples by names in today’s Gospel to be his special messengers. It is reassuring to know that we do not have

to be perfect, the same Holy Spirit is at work in us despite our weakness and failure. Thanks to our catechists and to all who helped make these weeks of preparation so special. I particularly enjoyed getting to know the young people and their families, and I share you with my hopes for many new beginnings.”

Welcome to Fr. Tomasz Mamelka, a priest from the Diocese of Szechin in Poland who has been with us this last week. Our Diocese has become home from home for him in recent years, and he has become a good friend to many. He is leading a ‘spirituality experience’ for our clergy to Krakow for a few days after Easter, to which we look forward.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be tea and coffee in the parish hall after the 10.30 Mass this week.

DIOCESAN LOURDES HOSPITALITY: There will be Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes here on Sunday (10th) at 3.30pm, followed by tea, coffee and cake in the parish hall. We look forward to welcoming people around the Diocese. Information on this year’s pilgrimage will be published shortly.

PARISH MEAL: Come and share a meal with people like yourself who want to make a difference, on Thursday 21st February 6.30 for 7.00pm in the parish hall. Tickets are £10 and must be bought in advance. All profits go to the Madagascan Development Fund, providing water for families in remote Madagascar. Contact Fran Pridham 07738 716 834 for further details.

MORNING OF REFLECTION: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, a Spiritan priest, (Holy Ghost Fathers) will lead a morning of Reflection on Saturday 2nd March at 9.15am in the parish hall, leading up to Mass at 12.15pm. He is well known for giving talks and retreats in schools and parishes. Eucharistic Ministers, readers, catechists and those involved in ministry are particularly invited to come.

CAFOD. Following the success of the Sebeya project, we have now been asked to focus our help on Madelena Medio in Colombia, which is trying to bring itself out peacefully from civil war. Our first collection for them will be on 17th February, when we will have more information for you about the project.

SERRA meeting on Thursday, 21st February. After 7.30pm Mass, there will be a light supper and a talk by Chris Glynn on "Life as a School Inspector. Please ring Gerry Lanigan (428 9103) early in the week, if possible, for catering purposes.

CONCERT for REVIVE: at St Vincent’s church on 24th Feb at 3pm. Beethoven and Gounod. Tickets are £7 (16 and under free) – see the poster for details. This has been organised by David Cantillon who did a similar concert here not long ago.

THE CATHOLIC MIRACLE RALLY 9 - 10 March, Our Lady’s Catholic High School, Preston. The Catholic Miracle Rally celebrates that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing, loving power of his Spirit is moving in his church today. Everyone is welcome! For more information and booking details, see the poster and leaflets in the porch or ring Eddie Drozdziak on 07947168096

COLLECTIONS. Thank you for last week’s Offertory: £708.28 plus standing orders. The **Priests Retirement Fund** collection will remain open for a couple of weeks. This week is the SVP collection and next week we have the collection for CAFOD – see above.