

Week beginning 13th January 2019

Saturday	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Sarah Duffy
Sunday	Baptism of the Lord	8.30am 10.30am	Albert and Julia Braid RIP Margaret Swain and David Gough RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Charles Alfred Nelson RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Jen Ames RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Michael Maguire RIP (anniversary)
Thursday	St Anthony, Abbot	9.30am 11.45am	Secular Clergy Funeral Mass for Nora Lindop
Friday	Ferial	12.15pm	Holy Souls
Saturday	Vigil Mass	12.15pm 6.30pm	Catherine, Peter & John Roberts RIP Special Intention
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00am-12.00 noon and 5.45-6.15pm			
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Fr. Pat writes: "Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Water is a powerful symbol in Baptism, when the priest pours water over the child or adult being baptised. It is a sign that our sins are being washed away and that we are entering a new spiritual life. This gift is freely available to us throughout our lives. In today's First

Reading we are invited: 'Come to the Water all you who are thirsty'. Thirty-six young people will be enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation during 10.30 Mass. What a wonderful Feast Day on which to begin their preparation."

CHRISTIE HOSPITAL FUND RAISER: The amazing total of £1200 was raised at the 'Little Christmas' social event in our parish hall, last Saturday. It was made possible through a small group of parishioners coming together spontaneously, generating enthusiasm, culminating in a generous response from other parishioners and friends from other places, for what was also a most enjoyable occasion. Such events help build up the social life of the parish. We have the facilities, just need more like minded people.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE: This takes place on Saturday 9th February 12 Noon at St. Columba's, Chester CH2 1SA with Bishop Mark. While everyone is welcome, couples celebrating special anniversaries will receive a special invitation from Bishop Mark. Please contact the office if you would like an invitation. This Mass is one of the great Diocesan annual events.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW HEADTEACHER. This will take place during 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 27th January. This simple and poignant ceremony will help remind us of the special link between parish and school, and for us to welcome and pray for Kevin Platt who took up the position of Headteacher at St. Hugh's Catholic primary school at the start of the spring term. Governors, staff, parents, children and all other parishioners are invited. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall.

SERRA. On Thursday 17th, Pauline Lloyd will give a talk on the Churches in Northern England, at Christ Church, Heald Green. Mass is at 7.30pm followed by a light supper and the talk. Please ring Gerry Lanigan (428 9103) early in the week for catering purposes.

CCRS: The next module – a choice of: *Religious Education in the classroom* or *Introduction to Liturgy*, begins on Saturday 19th January 2019 at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY 10:00 – 3:30pm. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details are on the website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs. For more information see ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

ST FRANCIS AND ST PIO PILGRIMAGE. Places are still available on this Italian pilgrimage, with Father Martin Onuoha and Holy Angels parish, from May 3-10th 2019. Flying from Manchester, with travel, accommodation and excursions included, the total cost £799 per person sharing. Further details available from Brenda Ackroyd on 980 5647 or bvackroyd@aol.com

Pax Christi and Peace Sunday - 20 January 2018. Pope Francis World Peace Day Message, "Good politics serves good peace". There will be a retiring collection for Pax Christi next Sunday. Thanks for your support.

PARISH WALK: Next Sunday 20th meeting at 1pm in the car park, we will walk in Sale Water Park and the Mersey Valley. All welcome, full details are on the noticeboard. About 5.5 miles, fairly flat.

"BEYOND" BEREAVEMENT GROUP: There is an initial meeting on 15th January after 7.30 Mass in the porch for anyone interested in helping or who wants to learn more about the training programme.

COLLECTIONS. Thank you for last week's Offertory: £997.39 plus standing orders. The Sudan baby feeding appeal raised the wonderful sum of £795 which £645 was gift aided. Thanks to all as ever for the wonderful generosity displayed.