



Sat	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	David Quinlan RIP (1st anniversary)
Sun	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Tony Hanley RIP
		<b>10.30am</b>	Parishioners
Mon	<b>First Mass of Christmas</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Family intentions
	<b>Carols</b>	9.30pm	
	<b>Night Mass</b>	<b>10.00pm</b>	Parishioners
Tues	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY Dawn Mass</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Margaret Colette Banville RIP
	<b>Children's Mass</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Parishioners
Wed	St Stephen, First Martyr	<b>10.00am</b>	Private intention (would the donor please speak to Fr Pat)
Thur	St John, Apostle & Evangelist	9.30am	SVP Intention
Fri	The Holy Innocents	9.30am	Sheila Ridd RIP
Sat	St Thomas Beckett (No Confessions on Saturday)	12.15pm	Holy Souls
	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Jane Ann Murray RIP Anniv
Sun	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Marie Gavin RIP
		<b>10.30am</b>	Parishioners

**FR. PAT WRITES:** Pope Francis has described the visit of Mary and Elizabeth, as described in today's Gospel, as a lesson in service and joy. Being of service and reaching out to others require both going out from ourselves and reaching out to others: going out to serve and meet others, to embrace another person. With just two days to go until Christmas it is a busy time. But it is also a time that offers many opportunities to reach out, whether it is to build bridges with family members, offer our time to someone who is lonely, or support a friend or neighbour who finds this time of year difficult. It can be a grace-filled moment for any of us.

**FAREWELL AND THANKS:** Last Thursday evening staff and Governors, present and past, and parishioners gathered for the Mass of thanksgiving to express our appreciation of Mr McMorrough's twenty years of outstanding service as Headteacher of St. Hugh's Catholic Primary School. The children did so during special Assemblies on Friday. We wish him a long and happy retirement and good health to enjoy it.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** There are still Christmas Cards in the porch with times of Masses: Christmas Eve: 6.30 and 10.00 p.m., Christmas Day: 8.30 and 10.30 a.m. There will be opportunities for Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) after Mass, today Sunday, and after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Eve for as long as is required, and on request.

**RECENT DEATH:** Please remember Elsie Collins who died this week, and also her family at this time.

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Mark will be here to confirm almost forty of our young people on Friday, 8th February. The initial meeting for parents and young people took place a

few weeks ago. The first session for young people will take place on Thursday, 10th January followed by the Mass of Enrolment on Sunday, 13th January. The invitation for Confirmation was in the newsletter over several months. For anyone still wishing to enrol, contact us **NOW before Christmas** as afterwards will be too late.

**LITTLE CHRISTMAS.** Come and celebrate "Little Christmas" at the fundraising event for the Christie Hospital at 7.30pm in the church hall on Saturday 5th January. There will be live music, food and drink to add to the festive spirit. Entry is £5 on the door and helpers are always appreciated!

**CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL** for Caritas (Shrewsbury Diocese) formerly known as the Catholic Children's Society. The majority of families supported by the Society live in the more deprived areas of our Diocese. The box besides the crib is for your offerings. Please give generously, and gift-aid your offerings if you are a taxpayer.

**CLERGY CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.** If you don't have a gift aid envelope but would like to give an offering to Fr Pat, please feel free to use one of the Christmas Offering Envelopes available in the porch on the table in several of the stands.

**PIETY STALL.** There are still plenty of things for Christmas on the piety stall, if you need a last minute present or cards, or you could buy early for next year!

**COLLECTIONS.** Thank you for last week's Offertory: £874.47 plus standing orders and for the CAFOD collection which raised 684.46 including £100 from the weekday Mass coffee mornings. The Christmas collection is considered to be part of a priest's personal income.