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<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm	<b>2nd January</b> <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3: 2-3. 5-6; Mt. 2: 1-12 <b>Jean HILL (RIP)</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 9.15am	<b>44th January</b> <b>MONDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> Service of Word & Communion	1 John 3: 22-4: 6; Psalm 2; Mt. 4: 12-17. 23-25
<b>TUESDAY</b> 11.30am	<b>5th January</b> <b>REQUIEM MASS FOR MARJORIE BARBER.</b>	1 John 4: 7-10; Psalm 71; Mark 6: 34-44
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9.15 am MASS	<b>6th January</b> <b>WEDNESDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>	1 John 4: 11-18; Psalm 71; Mark 6: 45-52 <b>Marjorie BARBER (RIP)</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9.15am	<b>7th January</b> <b>THURSDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> Service of Word & Communion	1 John 4: 19-5: 4; Psalm 71; Luke 4; 14-22
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9.15am	<b>8th January</b> <b>FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>	1 John 5-13; Psalm 147; Luke 5: 12-16 <b>Service of Word &amp; Communion</b>

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR HOLY YEAR OF MERCY October 17th—21st 2016

Booking forms and full details for the above are now available from Fr Peter. The cost is **£695.00** based on sharing a twin/double room or **£565.00** sharing a triple room. This includes **10kg** of hand luggage but **15kgs** of hold luggage will cost a further **£30.00**. Travel insurance which is essential is not included. Accommodation is at the **Lancelot Hotel** [www.lancelothotel.com](http://www.lancelothotel.com) or The **Domus Australia** ([www.domusaustralia.org](http://www.domusaustralia.org)) which is a guest house belonging to the Archdiocese of Sydney. There are a few single rooms available and these cost **£825.00** for the package as above.

## RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND— SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend the **8th January** the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. Bishop Mark has been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of the Diocese towards the Retired Priests' Fund. With your help we are able to build up the Fund in order to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. Special Envelopes are available at the back of church for you to use. A leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing order, or how you can make your donation by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the Fund. Please be as generous as you can to this very worthy cause. Thank you.

## REQUIEM MASS

Please note the change of time for **Marjorie Barbers' Requiem Mass** on **Tuesday 5th January**. It is now at **11.30am** and **NOT 12.00 noon** as shown in last weeks newsletter.

## CRIB OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available at the back of church and also in the basket beside the crib. Your donations go to the Catholic Children's Society who work within the Diocese providing counselling for students, home visiting and parenting programmes, grief and loss education in schools and chrysalis.

## CONFIRMATION

The next session will be on **Wednesday 13th January 2016** in **St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room** at **6.30pm**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to **Gordon and Lena SCUPHAM** who celebrated their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary** on New Years' Eve.

## INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY COURSE

This will take place in the **New Year** and will be led by **Dr Marian Tolley** from Wrexham Diocese who is an excellent speaker and writer on the Liturgy. The sessions will take place on **Saturdays** at **St.Vincent's** on **16th January, 30th January, 20th or 27th February** and the **12th March**. From 10am to 3pm with coffee/tea from 9.30am. Please also bring a packed lunch. The sessions are: Introduction to Liturgy, Lent Liturgies, The Liturgies of Holy Week and lay led Liturgies. It is open to everyone to deepen their understanding of the Liturgy.

## MARRIAGE CARE

Have you ever longed to make a difference to society? Do you believe healthy relationships can lead to a better society? Would you like to gain skills and experience whilst helping others build better relationships? Then Marriage Care has the opportunities you are looking for! Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation that draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. We provide marriage preparation courses and relationship counselling for couple across England and Wales. Our centre in the Stockport area is currently looking for: A **Head of Centre** to lead and support the team in providing services locally: **Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators** to present and facilitate marriage preparation courses for those marrying in the Catholic church (training provided): A **Secretary** to provide administrative support for the centre. A **Remote Secretary** to take the last minute counselling cancellation calls on a **Thursday** evening. This role is based from home and calls would be routed to your phone/ mobile. For more information without any commitment, or to apply, visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

## DIARY DATES

**Saturday 6th February 2016**—An afternoon reflection on the year of Mercy in the Meeting Room, St Peter's parish Centre 1.30– 4.00pm (Venue to be confirmed)  
 The afternoon will be led by Chris and Martina Power who recently helped run the Gift course. The Year of Mercy is an invitation—an invitation to love, kindness, and unbounded generosity. Pope Francis is offering us the opportunity to encounter the incredible Mercy of God. Encountering mercy means encountering God. It can transform your life, your relationships, your work, and your ability to embrace and experience all of life. The afternoon will be just before Lent and will: **\*focus on prayer as waiting \*look at scripture as discerning God's Word to us now at this moment \*and lead us to action— God's call to us to "Do Something"**  
**For more details contact John McKay on 487 1659 or Fr Peter**  
**Saturday 13th February**—A morning reflection for Readers at St Vincent's, Bramhall. The reflection will be once again be led by Margaret Lillis. Coffee and tea will be available from 9.30am. The reflection to commence at 10.00am.

Please pray for the following:

## Bonus Ball Winner: Roll-over

- Anniversaries*  
 James Costello  
 Holly Shufflebottom  
 John Redston  
 Joan Ann Donohue  
 Fr Tony Leonard  
 John Morris  
 Grace Shorrock  
 Martin Duggan  
 Harold Preston  
 Frank Grogan  
 Jim Brown  
 Joseph Francis Donohue  
 Irene Lethbridge  
 Daniel Ryan  
 Margaret Quigley  
 Bridget Fahey  
 John Birch  
 Bridget O'Dwyer  
 James Donohoe  
 Tom Hill  
 Kathleen Mary Latham  
 Ellen McCormick

- Sick within the Parish*  
 Millie Carillion  
 Kit Prosser  
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 Joanne Hobson  
 David Gregory  
 Sylvia Platts  
 Kath Roche  
 Monica Murphy  
 Margaret Shorrock  
 Maureen Showell  
 Pat Walsh  
 Bill Welch  
 Teresa Gillespie  
 Tony & Pauline De Giorgio  
 Deidre O'Kane  
 John Mercer  
 Nia Gooding  
 David Broster  
 Fr Michael  
 Michael O'Kane  
 Patrick O'Grady  
 Mary Young  
 Kath Murray  
 Michael O'Kane  
 Elizabeth Baynes  
 Joan Bloomfield

Last Week's Collection	
Loose	£261.89
Envelopes	£436.00
Votives	£
Mass Offs.	£
Donation	£
Total	£697.89