



ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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18th March 2017

3rd Sunday in Lent

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SERVICES

Sacraments

Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 p.m.

BAPTISMS: By appointment with Fr. Clarke

WEDDINGS By appointment with Fr. Clarke



MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 5PM ON SATURDAYS

SUNDAY MASS GREAT HARWOOD

9am at Our Lady & St. Hubert's

11am at St. Wulstan's

RISHTON

10am at St. Charles's

For weekday services at St. Wulstan's & St. Hubert's Great Harwood Contact 01254 884211

St. Charles's Rishton

Contact 07749821550

Masses /services at St. Mary's for the coming week .

Tuesday 21st March Mass/Eucharistic Service 11am

Tuesday 21st March Third Lenten Station of the Cross 7pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our next celebration of the Station of the Cross will take place on Tuesday 21st March at 7.00pm here in St. Mary's Church . It will be hosted by the women of the parish from all three of our churches. Everyone welcome

REMINDER FOR ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS

There will be a meeting and practice for the singers and musicians of all three churches to prepare the music for the Easter triduum, i.e. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. This will take place after the Stations on 21st March at St. Mary's .

Sunday 2nd April 2017 at 2pm

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AT ST MARY'S

for St. Mary's School Children on the Sacramental Programme to make their first confession . Parishioners are most welcome to attend. (All children to be at church for 1.45pm)

HOLY THURSDAY 13th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at St. Hubert's with watching at the Altar of Repose until 9pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 14th April

Walk of Witness and Unity from Great Harwood to St Mary's for liturgical service at 3.00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY 15th APRIL

EASTER VIGIL

St. Wulstan's

9.00pm.

EASTER SUNDAY 16th April

Mass

St. Hubert's

9.00am

St. Mary's 10.00am

DIOCESE OF SALFORD . St. John Vianney Deanery

LENTEN STATION MASSES

Wednesday 22nd March 2017 at 7pm

St Charles

Rishton

BB1 4HR

Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 7pm

St. Annes

Accrington

BB5 2AD

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6.30pm.



FAITH TALKS

A short course of instructions in the Catholic Faith will begin on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.00pm in St. Wulstan's presbytery. The friendly and informal gathering will be of interest to those who are considering becoming Catholics as well as those who simply wish to find out more about the faith. Please inform any friends or family members who may be interested. They can just turn up on the night and they will be made welcome.

Church Ministry Rota lists for March 2017 are available at the Back of Church. Also see list on the notice board in Church Porch. Newsletter items contact peterholden886@btinternet.com or 07983169189 by Wednesday Weekly.

MASS INTENTIONS



<u>Lately Deceased</u>	Brian Tormey	Died	4th March 2017	
	Edna Broadley	Died	4th March 201	
	Susan Fox	Died	24th February 2917	
	Mary Nolan	Died	13th February 2017	Head Teacher St Mary's School
<u>Anniversaries</u>	Harry Hurst	Birthday Anniversary	20th March 2017	(92 years old)
	Michele Forte,	Fiorentina Scalera,	Pasqjalina Farinacco	Pasquale Socci

Eternal Rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them through Christ Our Lord Amen.

Sick Kathryn Whittaker Jacob Samuel Jopson , Patricia Hilton

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of the parish, particularly , Kathryn Whittaker, Jacob Samuel Jopson who is in the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit ,Patricia Hilton, also all those in our hospitals, nursing homes, and the housebound , and all who care for them.

Mass Offerings may be handed to Father Clarke or alternatively placed through the Presbytery letter box. Details should include the name of the person and the reason for the intention.

Charity Shop

Father Clarke wishes the Charity shop at the back of church to continue as it raises a valuable source of Income for The Hospice in Kenya which is run by Sister Veronica and the Sisters of Mercy. Marlene is in the course of re-vamping the shop and is requesting parishioners donate any unwanted good quality bric/brac and books. Sorry we cannot accept Clothing or Soft Toys . Thank you

Church Hall renovations This Evening after Mass there will be light refreshments available in the newly renovated church hall giving parishioners an opportunity to see the improvements to date and a thank you for your continued support.

The Tuesday Luncheon Club will re-start on Tuesday 28th March 2017 after the 11 am Service.

Church Hall Renovations— Fund Raising

Guess the weight of the Cake Members of the church Hall fund raising Committee are in the Church Porch this evening inviting you to guess the weight of the Decorated Rich Fruit Cake . Please have a guess and help to raise funds for this cause. Also parishioners and volunteers have kindly been busy baking. Please support their labours by treating yourselves to the delicious and tempting treats available.

PARISH 200/500 Club In view of the success of the 200 club run by Gladys last year she has kindly volunteered her services again and is hopeful for the first weekly draw to commence on 15th April with the big draw to take place on the 24th June 2017. (It costs £1=00 a week for 10 weeks). As the funds will be used for the Church Hall Restoration she is hoping that more parishioners will come forward to act as agents, not only will this increase the prize money but also the restoration fund.

With this in mind Gladys and her helpers will be at the back of church trying to recruit Agents. (hopefully this is not too big an ask just one or two extra members –family, neighbours or work colleagues, that would be tremendous) Please do your best to support Gladys and if you can and are willing please take a form and help to boost the draw. Remember you need to be' init' to win it. Thank you.

The Donation Appeal Thank you for your generosity, the donation appeal so far as raised £3131-38, Whilst we are trying to keep the costs to a minimum costs are increasing as we are going along. The donation appeal is ongoing so please return your envelopes with your donation as every little helps or just place a donation in the basket. Thank you.

Red Mission Boxes

Thank you to all who brought in their red mission boxes. The next collection will be September 2017. Dorothy E.

FINANCE

Parish Income for week ending 11th March 2017 was £ 332-83
Numbers attending vigil Mass 149