

ST MARY'S ROMAN **CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

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25th March 2017

4th Sunday in Lent

Year A

Mass Book

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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

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.

Mass/Eucharistic Service 11am followed by Tuesday Luncheon Club. **Tuesday 28th March**

Stations of the Cross We will be back at St. Wulstan's on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 7pm, The men of the parish will lead us this week.

Easter Triduum A notice will go up in the three church porches this weekend and will remain until Palm Sunday. Please would Readers and Eucharistic Ministers indicate when they will be available to help at the three services of the triduum. We will try to spread the load evenly. It is hoped that nobody will be called on more than once.

There will also be a notice asking for volunteers to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Holy Thursday

St. Hubert's

7.00pm

Good Friday

St. Mary's

3.00pm

Easter Vigil

St. Wulstan's

9.00pm

Diocese Of Salford

St. John Viannev

Deanery Lenten Station Mass Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 7.pm. St. Annes Church

Accrington BB5 2AD

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6.30pm.

Sunday 2nd April 2017 at 2.00pm 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)

Church Ministry Rota lists for April 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Tormey Died 4th March 2017 **Lately Deceased**

Edna Broadley Died 4th March 2017 **Susan Fox**

Died 24th February 2017

Anniversaries Mary Lockett 21stMarch 2016 Anniversary 22 vears

> **Birthday Anniversary** 20th March 2016 (92 years old) Harry Hurst 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.

Happy Mother's Day— Father look with kindness on all our mothers and listen to their prayers and bless them in all they do. Let them share with Jesus your Son and Mary our mother in the everlasting happiness of heaven. Amen.

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 to donate any unwanted good quality bric/brac and books. Sorry we cannot accept Clothing or Soft Toys. Thank you

Church Hall renovations Guess The Weight of the Cake. The weight of the cake was 6lbs 7.45ounzes.

The winner Jean Wood.

The Money raised for guessing the weight of the cake and the cake stall was £150. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to achieve this amount.

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 is ongoing so please if you have not done so already pick up a spare envelope and return it with your donation as every little helps or just place a donation in the basket.

Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING 2017/2018

Envelopes are available for collection at the back of church in connection with weekly contributions for the next tax year ending April 2018. It may be that your circumstances have changed and are no longer tax payers, if so please let Father Clarke know so that he may amend the records accordingly. Also anyone who does not have envelopes at the present time and wishes to do so please contact Father Clarke, particularly tax payers as it is a valuable source of income for the parish.

FINANCE

Parish Income for week ending 18th March 2017 was £ 353-83

Numbers attending vigil Mass 116