

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

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fourth Sunday of Easter 6th May 2017

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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

SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK Tuesday 11am Eucharistic Service St. Mary's followed by the luncheon club.

For Weekday Services at St. Charles's Rishton Contact 07749821550 For Weekday Services at St Wulstan's & St. Hubert's Great Harwood Contact 01254 884211

Children on the Sacramental Programme The family Mass for the Children on the Sacramental Programme, Procession and the crowning of our Lady's Statue takes place at this Mass today.

Is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and is also the Month of the Holy Rosary. MONTH OF MAY



The Word This Week

This Sunday is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great I am statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel" Today I am the gate of the sheepfold."

Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we go through Jesus, the gate

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by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

Church Ministry Rota lists for May 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> Eddie Murphy

Barbara Booth

Rest In Peace

Anniversaries

Edward Sanderson

(2 Masses)

17th April 2017

Rachel Nolan

1st Anniversary.

Birthday Anniversaries

Patrick Nolan

Agnas Nolan

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

Sick

Winnie Slattery

Please remember Winnie Slattery and all the sick of our parish especially 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.

St. Hubert's & St. Wulstan's Ladies Circle Meeting will be held at Bank Mill House Gt. Harwood next Thursday 11th May at 7pm. Jack Morris will be giving a talk "The other Black Beauty" Promises to be vey enjoyable. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH 200/500 Club

The third weekly draw of £25-00 was made last Saturday - The Winner David Tate No 139 (Agent) Irene Pye

The Donation Appeal Thank you for your generosity, As at 29 04.2017 the Donation Appeal was £ 3805-25. We still have a long way to go so if you have not done so already please 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.

Forthcoming Event

Quiz Night

Friday 12th May

In The School Hall

Tickets are now on sale at the back of Church they cost £6-00 including pie & pea supper, a glass of wine or soft Drink. (Teams consist of a maximum of six people)but everyone is welcome to play or support the event.

The Social Group would be grateful to anyone willing to donate prizes for a raffle to be held on the night.

Next Meeting of the Social Group is Tuesday 9th May at 7pm. It is an open invitation to everyone to attend, and it would be great to have new people on board particularly younger people or anyone with new ideas for fund raising anyone willing to organise an event for the parish or to help the parish in anyway they can.

FINANCE

Parish Income for Week ending 29th April £392-93

Numbers attending Vigil Mass

92