



# ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***A sower went out  
to sow***



### 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 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

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### Lapsed Christians

For the month of July The Holy Father Pope Francis has asked us to pray in Union with him, "that our Brothers and Sisters" who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian Life.

### The Word This Week

The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called The Parabolic Discourse - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus' audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Birthday Anniversary**

**Joseph Lockett 5th July**

**Anniversary**

**Ralph Devore 6th July 36 Years.**

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

**Sick**

**Mrs Teresa Bibby**

Please remember Mrs Teresa Bibby ,Eileen Reynolds , Francis Walmsley 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.



## Social Group

### FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENT

**Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall Saturday 22nd July 2017 at 3p.m. followed by Evening Mass at 5pm**

**Limited Number of tickets still available Price £3-50.**

### CHURCH HALL RESTORATION FUND

**The balance as at 24th June 2017 was £5504-24.**



### Prayer for People Going on Holiday

Oh God our heavenly father whose glory fills the whole creation and whose presence we find wherever we go. Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care, protect them from every danger and bring them in safety to their journey's end . Through Jesus Christ Our Lord Amen.

## Parish Income

**Parish Income for week ending 8th July 2017 was £444-00 approx**

**No. Attending the Vigil Mass 121**

## Wordsearch

**Based on this week's Gospel.**

A	E	S	D	R	I	B	R	F	S
E	S	D	E	E	S	O	E	E	E
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R	E	D	H	R	T	I	S	K	E
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LAKESIDE	CROWDS	SOWER
SEEDS	BIRDS	SOIL
EARTH	SCORCHED	ROOTS
WITHERED	THORNS	CROP

