



ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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*I do not tell you to
forgive seven times,
but seventy seven
times.*



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

Tuesday 11-00am Eucharistic Service St. Mary's followed by the luncheon club.

Weekday Services

at St. Charles's

Rishton

Contact 07749821550

Weekday Services

at St Wulstan's & St. Hubert's

Great Harwood

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WELCOME FATHER PATRICK TANSEY

This weekend, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Fr. Tansey, who as now taken up residency at St. Mary's Clayton-le-Moors in retirement after fifty five years of hard and devoted work in the diocese. Well done Father! However we shall have the benefit of Father still working among us, though hopefully at a more leisurely pace and he celebrates Mass at St. Mary's and Our Lady & St. Hubert's this weekend. Welcome Father, on behalf of all the Parish and wider community.

The Word This Week

Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again? When Jesus says that we must forgive seventy-seven times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: Father, forgive them... As his disciples, we must do likewise.

MASS INTENTIONS



Anniversary	Frank Tate	1st Anniversary
Birthday Anniversary	Audrey Fillipini	11th September
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them through Christ Our Lord Amen		
Wedding Anniversary	Brian & Marlene Jones (42years)	13th September

SICK

Marlene Dolphin

Please remember Marlene Dolphin, Mrs Sheila O'Connor, Eileen Reynolds, 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.

UPDATE

APPEAL FOR HELP

Cemetery Mass at the Graveyard Altham

Following the appeal for help with raking and removal of bags from the Graveyard many thanks to all those who responded to the appeal. Most of the bags have been removed and the raking done. As work is still ongoing further help will be required.

Father Clarke has scheduled Sunday 1st October at 3pm for the Mass at the Cemetery to take place (weather permitting) otherwise in St. Mary's Church. It is an open invitation for everyone to attend, so please make a note in your diary.

PARISH 200 CLUB

Gladys has kindly offered once again to run a 200 Club to generate much needed income for Parish Funds. The previous draws have been extremely successful bringing over £ 1532-00 for the Church Hall Restoration Fund.

She intends to commence the draw on Saturday 30th September with the Grand final draw taking place on Saturday 2nd December 2017. The membership is £1-00 per week for 10 weeks. These funds will help to go towards the costs of the Church Hall Restoration Fund which is ongoing and the new Central Heating Boiler which has been installed during the summer months. We are hoping that existing parishioners /church members will once again become members and agents.

Gladys along with members of the social group will be at the back of church this evening to recruit members and agents so please give them your support.

"" Remember you need to be in it to win it. ""



recruit

Next Social Event _ Quiz Night on Friday 20th October 2017, tickets on sale at the back of Church .



PARISH SHOP

Good quality Bric a Brac items, toiletries, jigsaws, games, and DVD's are now required for the Parish Shop. Sorry we are unable to accept clothes shoes or soft toys. All the proceeds are for the Hospice in Kenya run by Sister Veronica and the Sisters of Mercy. We wish to thank Marlene & Brian for their help and support.

Parish Income

Parish Income for week ending 9th Sept 2017 was £ 404-30

No. Attending the vigil mass was 117