



ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

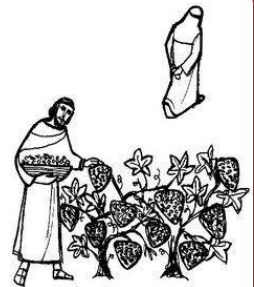
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He thought better of it and went.
Tax collectors and prostitutes are
making their way into the kingdom
of God before you."



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

10am at St. Charles's

RISHTON

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK AT St. MARY'S

Tuesday 11-00am

Mass/ Eucharistic Service St. Mary's followed by the luncheon club.

Wednesday 10-00am

Mass St. Mary's Primary School

Thursday 10-00am

Requiem Mass for Mary Kathleen Gilbraith

Weekday Services

at St. Charles's

Rishton

Contact 07749821550

Weekday Services

at St Wulstan's & St. Hubert's

Great Harwood

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The Word this Week

Once a sinner, always a sinner. That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

MISSION BOXES

Please will parishioners with Mission Boxes arrange to bring their boxes or the contents of their boxes to church. There will be a box at the back of church from next Saturday 30th September. Anyone unable to bring in their box please telephone 01254 237716

Thank you Dorothy.

October is the
month of the Holy
Rosary.

7th October is the
Feast Day of
Our Lady of the
Rosary



CAFOD

Harvest fast day next Friday the 6th October 2017.

Envelopes are being handed out at Church today.

Please return envelopes and include in the parish collection baskets at back of Church. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Deceased

Marjorie Aspin

24th September

Joyce Tormey

27th September

Mary Kathleen Gilbraith

28th September



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

SICK

Patrick Connolly

Please pray for Patrick Connolly who is undergoing heart surgery, Marlene Dolphin, Mrs Sheila O'Connor, Eileen Reynolds, and all the sick of our parish specially 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.

It was with great sadness to hear that Mrs Kathleen Gilbraith died in hospital on the 28th September. She was a Lifelong Member of St. Mary's Church. Her Requiem Mass will be held this Thursday at 10.am. Please remember Kathleen, Elizabeth, Ann, Robert, Henry and all their family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.



Cemetery Mass at the Graveyard Altham

The Mass at the Cemetery is tomorrow Sunday 1st October at 3pm (weather permitting) otherwise in St. Mary's Church. Anyone wishing to attend but need transport please be at St Mary's Church Hall for 2.15 or alternatively please contact Peter/Sandra Holden on 01254 237808. Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks & Biscuits will be available in the Church Hall after the service. Thanks to Mr Hal Smith for all his hard work in helping us to have this Mass.

PRAY that the weather will be kind to us on the day.

LADIES CIRCLE

Meeting of the Ladies Circle this Thursday 5th October at 7pm St. Mary's Church Hall.

All ladies cordially invited to attend.

The Meeting this week—Brenda Fox giving a talk "Ribble Valley Memories" which promises to be very enjoyable and interesting.



Parish Social Events

Parish 200 Club Draw

The First draw for the 200 Club takes place this Saturday. There will be 10 weekly draws of £25 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 wish to thank all our parishioners, church members, and agents who once again are taking part, and particularly Gladys for all the hard work she has done over the last few weeks. I understand that she has recruited more members than ever which is terrific. Well done GLADYS.



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

Next Social Event

Quiz Night on Friday 20th October 2017, tickets on sale at the back of Church. Tickets £6-00 this includes Pie & Pea Supper, Glass of Wine or Soft Drink.



We shall be having a raffle at the quiz night and are looking for prizes to be donated. There is a box in the Church Porch for donated items. All funds raised are for the church restoration fund and your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Parish Income week ending 23rd September 2017 £412-37.

Nos. attending the vigil Mass 98

CHURCH NEWS

Any items for inclusion in forthcoming newsletters please contact/notify Peter Holden on 01254 237808 or peterholden886@btinternet.com by Wednesday weekly

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