

# ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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25th November 2017 Year A Mass Book Page 158
FEAST OF

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING** 

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another"

# **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 Saturday's

**Sunday Mass** Great Harwood 9am at Our lady & St. Hubert's

11am at St. Wulstan's

Rishton 10am at St. Charles's

Weekday Masses/Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 11.00am followed by luncheon club

For Weekday Masses Contact Gt. Harwood Tel No.01254 884211 Rishton 07749821550

RED MISSION BOXES - Father Jan Klaver of the Mill Hill Missions will be making an appeal this evening

on behalf of the Missions.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE This service will be held at Our Lady & St. Hubert's Church Sunday 10th December 2017 at 2pm . All are very welcome to attend.

St. Mary's Church Hall Fellowship This Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 1pm-3pm

As our Church Hall is now up and running we are hoping to form a friendly group of Parishioners and their friends to meet initially once a month (the last Monday in the month) between 1pm -3pm with the opportunity to take part in dominoes, draughts, scrabble, cards etc., with a few games of bingo. There would also be opportunity for you to watch your favourite films on DVD. There would be no set pattern to the activities just do as you please, join in the games, do a little craft, or have a little chat. Refreshments will be available. There is no charge and we would especially welcome our friends from the churches in Great Harwood and Rishton.

Ivy & Cynthia would be the main facilitators but if anyone has a special skill or talent which they would like to share card making, sewing, etc. then they would be very welcome to take the lead in their particular sphere.

Our First Meeting this Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1pm till 3pm. Further details can be obtained from Ivy Murray 01254 871061 or Cynthia Threlfall. We would welcome any suggestions as activities which you would like. I am sure that together, both men and ladies could help to make this into a very enjoyable monthly event with a possibility of it becoming more frequent in the future.

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Look forward to seeing you





# **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Lately Deceased** 

Rhoda Foster Isabelle Duffy



**Anniversary** 

Birthday Anniversary

Joyce May Jones

15th November

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

Please pray for Patrick Connolly, 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.

### Advance notice of Services over the Christmas Period

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning23rd /24th December Weekend Masses as Normal

Sunday 24th December 2017 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass St. Wulstan's Great Harwood 6.30pm.

Monday 25th December 2017 Christmas Day Mass St. Hubert's Great Harwood 9.00am.

St. Mary's Clayton-le-Moors 10.00am.

\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS AT ST. MARY'S .\*\*\*\*

Details of Christmas Services at St. Charles's Rishton to be available shortly.

# Word Search Based on this Week's Gospel

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## THE WORD THIS WEEK

Shepherd-King over mountain steep, homeward guide thy wandering sheep. This hymn which we will probably sing today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy

# **Parish Social Events**

Parish 200 Club Draw The Winner of the Eighth Weekly draw of £25

Jackie Leyland Agent Irene Pye No. 92

The Main 200 Club Draw and subsidiary prizes takes place next Saturday after Evening Mass and will be held in the Church Hall. Everyone is vey welcome to attend, light refreshments will be served.

# St. Mary's Christmas Fair, Sunday 10th December 2017 after Mass.

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday the 10th December 2017, after the 10am Mass. On this occasion Father Clarke is arranging for Masses to be held both on the Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning, to enable all parishioners and friends to support this event.

Children from St. Mary's School choir will be singing in Church and also at the Christmas Fair. Please come along and give them your moral support.

There is a box at the back of church and we would be grateful for nice donations, however large or small which would be suitable for Tombola/ Bottle Tombola, Gift/Candle Stall, and raffle prizes.

Raffle Tickets will be on sale in the Church Porch this evening the draw to take place at the fair. Also Ivy has been busy making Christmas Cards, and these too are on sale in the church porch.

Thank you

Parish Income week ending 18th November 2017 £306-65

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