



ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday in Advent

There stands among you,
unknown to you, the one
who is coming after me.



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 Mass

Tuesday 11.00am -St. Mary's School Mass Parents/Families & Parishioners please do your best to support the children and attend this special service.

For Weekday Masses at Great Harwood & Rishton

Contact Gt. Harwood
Rishton

Tel No. 01254 884211
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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Mass times at Christmas will be as follows:-

*Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass 6.30pm	at St. Wulstan's
*Christmas Morning	Mass 9.30am	at St. Hubert's
*Christmas Morning	Mass 10.00am	at St. Mary's

The collection at these Masses , in keeping with the true spirit of Christmas will go to WINGS

NB The Weekend Masses for Saturday 23rd December and Sunday 24th December are at the normal time.

There will be a retiring collection this weekend after Mass for flowers and Christmas Expenses.

Details of Christmas Services at St. Charles's Rishton

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	4.30pm
Christmas Day Morning Mass	10.00am

Great Harwood Christmas Event "Roaming Nativity" This Monday 18th December 2017. At 6.30pm Father Christmas will show us what Christmas is all about sending us on a journey which starts at Churchfield House travelling to outside St. Bart's Church but there is no room at the Inn—off to the Memorial Park shelter to see the Stable Nativity Scene—back to the Church extension with the three kings - into Church for carols, mince pies and mulled wine finishing with a Christmas Blessing . This is a festive event for all the family everyone is very welcome and encouraged to take part. So bring a torch and wrap up warm.

Great Harwood Civic Society Invite you to join them in Carols around the Tree with the Salvation Army Band on Towngate at 8pm this Sunday 17th December

MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Masses Edna Broadley , Kenneth Broadley.

Lately Deceased Angela Bentley

<u>Anniversary</u>	Ian Thomas Walsh	10th Anniversary	3rd December
	Timothy Nolan	75th Birthday Anniversary	6th December
	Joanne Melia	45th Anniversary	5th December
	Patrick Nolan	Anniversary	
		4th Anniversary	16th December
	Bert Dolphin	Birthday Anniversary	8th December
	Kay Dolphin	Birthday Anniversary	13th December



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

Sick Sharon Lord

Please pray for Sharon Lord, 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.

LOURDES 2018

GREAT HARWOOD PILGRIMAGE

We are beginning to organise our Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes for next year, the Dates of which are Monday 27th August 2018 -Friday 31st August 2018. We have been offered flights from Stanstead into Lourdes returning back into Birmingham (time to be confirmed). Because numbers are Limited , and to secure a place, we would need a deposit of £100 (non-refundable) within the next two weeks.

This year the cost will again be £430 and whilst we will do our best to hold the cost at that price, because of the current fluctuation in the Euro we cannot Guarantee it.

If you are interested in going with us, please add your name and telephone number, on the list in the Church Porch and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Bernadette, Stephen and Jane (Tel 01254 887969)

Parish Social Events

Parish 200 Club Draw

A List of the winners of the final 200 club draw and subsidiary prizes is in the porch. The total sum raised for the Parish after paying out £780 in prize money was £780. There were no expenses. Special thanks to Gladys once again for organising the draw and to you the parishioners for your participation and support. Thank you and Well Done!

St. Mary's Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre held last Sunday the 10th December 2017 raised £639. A big Thank You to Ros, Julie, & Irene and all the social group who were involved in the organising and running of the fayre . Also thanks to all our parishioners , friends and parents who came along to support and also donated items for the various stalls., and not forgetting Dear Old Santa, who eventually arrived having lost his way.

A list of winning raffle ticket numbers is in the Church Porch. There are still many Prizes outstanding. Any winning tickets please see Irene.

A Special Tribute to the Children and Staff of St. Mary's School for the beautiful singing at Mass and for the singing of Carols at the Fayre afterwards. It sure was a five star performance.

WELL DONE & THANK YOU ALL



Parish Income week ending 9/10th December 2017 £ 375-54
Nos. attending Vigil Mass 79 Nos attending Sunday Mass 91

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