



ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

We saw his star and
have come to do the
king homage."



Sacraments

Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 p.m.

SERVICES

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 11am at St. Mary's (No luncheon club after Mass)

For Weekday Masses at Great Harwood & Rishton

Contact Gt. Harwood

Tel No. 01254 884211

Rishton

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The Word Today

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the 'Time of Manifestation', or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Christmas Masses</u>	Kathleen & John Gilbraith,	Ted (Edward) Sanderson Joe & Phyllis Makin	Edna Broadley , Kenneth Broadley.
<u>Lately Deceased</u>	Mary Greavey	died 28th December 2017	(2 Masses) from the Nolan family
	Father Michael Fraher	died 17th December 2017	
<u>Birthday Anniversary</u>	John Malpass	31st 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.

Condolences We offer our condolences and prayers to the family of the late Mary Greavey who sadly passed away on the 28th December 2017. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers at this time.



Also Father Fraher & his Family whose funeral mass was yesterday. May they both rest in peace.

PARISH SHOP

Special thanks to Marlene & Brian for their work in running the parish shop. Father Clarke has sent a payment of £500 to the Hospice in Kenya Run by Sister Veronica and the Sisters of Mercy. Thank you to all who have donated so generously. Please continue to support this worthy cause with your unwanted gifts/items. Thank you and may God Bless you all.

Parish Social Events

Tuesday Luncheon Club

The Tuesday luncheon Club will be re-commencing on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 with an outing to Sycamore Farm Rosegrove — Carvery Meal. Everyone is invited to join the outing but whilst the meal is free to the contributors of the Tuesday Club we would appreciate a donation from non contributors to cover the cost of the meal. It is an open invitation to all our parishioners and friends, and it would be so nice to have as many of our parishioners as possible joining us.

If you would like to go please put your name on the list at the back of Church or see Ivy or Cynthia who can give you more details.

St. Mary's Christmas Fayre



A list of winning raffle ticket numbers is in the Church Porch. There are still many prizes outstanding.

Any winning tickets please see Irene

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) as soon as possible.

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 & Jane (Tel 01254 887969)

Parish Income week ending 23rd December 2017 £497-67

30th December 2017 £375-86

Nos. attending vigil mass 30th December 2017 96

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