



ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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4th Sunday
Ord'y Time



He Taught Them with Authority

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'

Sunday Mass

Great Harwood

9am at Our lady & St. Hubert's

11am at St. Wulstan's

Rishton

10am at St. Charles's



Tuesday this coming week 11am Mass will be replaced by a Day of Christian Prayer for Unity (see details below)

For Weekday Masses at Great Harwood & Rishton

Contact Gt. Harwood
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The Word Today

Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a 'new teaching' today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.

DAY OF CHRISTIAN PRAYER FOR UNITY

There will be a Christian Day of Prayer for Unity in our Church this Tuesday 30th January 2018 at 11am. The Service will replace Mass and we look forward to welcoming our brothers and sisters from other Churches in Clayton-le-Moors with lunch after the service. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS



Rest In Peace

<u>Lately Deceased</u>	Marlene Joan White Albert Pollard Eileen Reynolds Robert Crabtree Veronica Lawson	died died died died	1st January 2018 7th January 2018 11th January 2018 9th January 2018	(Uncle of Ros & Julia) (Cousin Irene & John Pye) (Son of IVY)
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<u>Anniversary</u>	Mollie Guilfoyle Harold Guilfoyle Harry Hurst James McManus	died 	21st January 2017 24th January 14th January 17th January 1992	1st Anniversary 39th Anniversary 3rd Anniversary 26th Anniversary
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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, , 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.

Thank you

Ivy would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all the beautiful flowers, cards, messages of sympathy and support she has received from her friends and parishioners at St. Mary's in regard to the untimely death of her son Robert
 God Bless you all.



HCPT APPEAL

Stephen Wells will give the HCPT Lourdes Candle Talk the weekend of the 10th & 11th February.

Baptism

Our Parish Family welcomes with great joy Lexi Anne Cross Daughter of Tyson Cross who was Baptised and signed by the Cross of Christ Our Saviour on Sunday 21st January 2018.



Parish Social Events

St. Mary's Church Hall Fellowship

The Next meeting of the fellowship group will be this Monday 29th January 2018 from 1pm to 3pm. Why not drop in for chat and a brew and a game or two. Everyone most welcome. Hope to see you all there Cynthia & Ivy

Ladies Circle

THIS THURSDAY 1st February 2018 at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Hall
 Beetle Drive All ladies Welcome



Parish Income week ending 21st January 2018 £ 427-70

Nos. attending Vigil Mass 145

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