



ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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4th Sunday of Easter

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The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep."

SERVICES

Sacraments

Reconciliation Saturday 4.30pm

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

Our Lady & St. Hubert's.

11am

St. Wulstan's

RISHTON

10am

St. Charles



MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

St. Mary's Clayton Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday 10am Tuesday 11 am followed by the luncheon Club
Great Harwood Monday Tuesday Thursday 9.30am St. Wulstan's Friday 10am St. Hubert's
Rishton for daily Masses Tel No. 07749821550

The Word This Week

This is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. A general "theme" to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising): the first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the "power of this name" is that in him we are all God's children, and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock



Would you know what to do if a loved one suffered a cardiac arrest? If not, now is the time to become a Lancashire Lifesaver! BBC Radio Lancashire – along with [Lancashire County Council](#) and the [North West Ambulance Service](#) – have launched the [LancashireLifesaver](#) campaign to train as many people across the county as possible. Sign up now for a free 50 minute session, where you'll learn how to; spot a cardiac arrest, perform CPR and use a defibrillator. Sessions are taking place throughout April and May at locations across Lancashire. Sessions are being held at BBC Radio Lancashire on Wednesday 25th April at 10am 11am 12am & 1pm also Saturday 28th April at 1pm and Wednesdays 2nd & 9th May. For further information and to book a place see BBC Radio Lancashire Online or Contact Sandra Holden .

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately deceased	Michael Langan Donald Townsend	2 Mass intentions	(Sister Betty)
Birthday Anniversary	James McManus Edward (Ted) Sanderson	31st March 99 years old 18th April (Happy Birthday Ted)	
Anniversaries	Edward (Ted) Sanderson	17th April 2013	(R.I.P)



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

SICK

Please pray for Giovanni and Annette Forte, Edith Wilkinson, 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



Having a super time here in Lourdes, the children have really enjoyed the trips to the Seaside and Gavarrie in the mountains. We're looking forward to the Trust Mass, lighting candles and remembering you in our prayers.
Thanks + God Bless Group 12

**Card received from
HCPT
Lourdes 06-04-2018**



Grateful Thanks

Thank you to the many people who have helped to celebrate Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter celebrations. To the Sacristans' the musicians, singers, readers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, collectors/counters, flower arrangers, church cleaners and fundraisers, who work tirelessly throughout the year for the benefit of our Parish and also the Parishioners for their continued support.

God Bless you all

Father Clarke.

Sacramental Programme

We as a Parish family welcome the families and especially the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 16th June 2018.

Dear Lord, Watch over these little ones in our Parish Family and help us to lead them to you. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Red Mission Boxes

Next Saturday the 28th April 2018 is the last Saturday for bringing in the red mission boxes or cash. Grateful thanks to our parishioners who have already brought in their boxes/envelopes.

Parish Social Events

Parish 200 Club

Update from Gladys.

Great news more parishioners have come forward to become members and Gladys is now a "happy bunny" and wishes to thank you all for your continued support.

The first weekly draw takes place next Saturday Evening 28th April 2018 "so good luck to you all."

Birthday Celebrations

Father Patrick wishes to thank everyone who sent him cards, and good wishes on the occasion of his 80th birthday and special thanks to Marlene, and all who participated in making the event on Saturday Evening a huge success.

God Bless you all.

Father Patrick.



Parish Income week ending 14th April 2018 £303-95

Nos. Attending Mass 105

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