Our Lady & St Hubert's with St Wulstan's and St Mary's

Mass times for this coming week			13 January 2019
		Street, Rishton	The Baptism of the Lord Responsorial Psalm Response The Lord will bless his people with
Tuesday Wednesday	10.00am 10.00am	St Mary's St Mary's	peace. Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
Thursday Friday	10.00am 10.00am	St Mary's St Mary's	
Saturday	10.00am 5.00pm	St Mary's St Mary's -	"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Alleluia!
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	Vigil Our Lady and St Hubert's St Wulstan's	We welcome Father Tansey and Father Tierney who will celebrate Mass this week.

Prayers for the Sick of our Parish: Mary Florence Bond, Patrick Gibbons, Sean Donlon, Robert Andrew Lonsdale, Edith Wilkinson, Mrs Sheila O'Connor, Ann Smith and Helen Breslin.

Anniversaries: Michael Taylor, Margaret Mary Cattigan, Robert Walmsley, Lynne Hindle, Phyllis Carter, Francis Joseph Melling, Bernie Murray, Joseph Holden, Joan Woods, Thomas Smith, Claire Dunn, Teresa Johnson, Vincent Livesey, Joe Bolton, Peter Evans, Cecilia McNamee, May Beatty, Fr Wiktor Kaniewski SJ, Domenico Del Riccio, Tom Ward, Lynne Hindle, Phyllis Carter, Monsignor Ben Kielt, Harry Vickery, Gerard Walsh, Elsie Dunn, Patrick Foley, Ellen Grimshaw, Patricia Livesey, Joe Theaker, Mary Jane Wells, Robert Wilson, Kathleen Stamp, Terry Halton and Rosetta Sheridan.

Mass Intentions Received This Week: Dominico Del Riccio - Anniversary; Dolly Banks -Anniversary; Elizabeth Guilfoyle - Anniversary; In Memory of Julie Miller and Allen Turner; Kenneth Wells; Francis Staunton - Anniversary; Gladys Proctor; Special Intention; Thanksgiving; Elizabeth Phelan - Anniversary 11 January; Lloyd Hargreaves and Family (2); Peter Evans -Anniversary 14 January; Wilfrid Coe - Anniversary 12 January and Family; Hilda Hartley -Anniversary 3 January; Deceased Members of the Hartley and King Families; Alice and Pawel Brzozowski, RIP; Fr Dempsey, RIP - Anniversary 14 January; Joe Tansey - Anniversary 12 January; Elizabeth Mercer - Anniversary 8 January; Mary Mercer - Anniversary 8 January; Mary Doreen Birtwistle - Lately Dead and Repose of the Soul of Terence Neville - Lately Dead.

White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades.

Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

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The Word this Week: It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved. On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.



Request for Help: The four Churches of Our Lady and St Hubert's, St Wulstan's, St Mary's and St Charles' are looking for extra people to help with the counting and banking. If you feel that you could assist in any way, please contact Catherine Peet at the Parish Office.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2 - 6 September 2019 £495

The organisation of this year's Pilgrimage is proving to be quite a challenge - mostly due to flight costs and coordinating flight dates with accommodation. To have travelled at our usual time in August would have cost well in excess of $\pounds700$ - an alarming amount of money and an attempt to take advantage of a more favourable cost flightwise, has meant a change in dates. This in turn, has caused problems with the Hospital as they were unable to offer us accommodation for our first alternative choice in dates. After a week communicating with the Hospital, they have offered us the dates as above, which we have confirmed and the cost this year will be £495.

As places are <u>very</u> limited, if you would like to travel with us, please put your name on the list in the Church Porch. To secure a place a <u>NON REFUNDABLE</u> deposit of £100 will be required. We have also been advised that because of the BREXIT situation, anyone travelling will require a Passport with at least 6 months duration on the date of travel.

Jane, Bernie and Stephen - 01254 887969

Calendars and Diaries: Calendars and Diaries for 2019 are available at the back of Church - please take one.

SVP - Great Harwood: The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 January at St Wulstan's in the Sacristy at 6.30pm.

Ladies' Circle: Thursday 7 February at St Mary's Church Hall, Devonshire Drive, Clayton-le-Moors at 7.00pm. This meeting will now be a Domino Evening.

Churches Together in Great Harwood: On Sunday, 27 January at 4.00pm, there will be a service at Trinity on King Street as part of the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. The theme this year is entitled 'Only Justice' and has been prepared by the Christian community in Indonesia. All three Great Harwood Church groupings will be taking part with the readings, prayers and hymns. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come along and experience this ecumenical event, which will further enhance the close relationship enjoyed by the people of our town.

Items for the Newsletter: Any items for inclusion in the newsletter need to be received by 9.00am Thursday. Please contact catherine.peet@dioceseofsalford.org.uk