



The Parish of St Charles Borromeo Rishton

Sunday 2nd. December 2018

First Sunday of Advent Year C- Missal Page 688

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Masses and Meetings this week

Sunday 2nd December 5:30pm Holy Mass with Father Stamp and Children's Sunday Club meet.

Wednesday 5th December Holy Mass 10:30am

Wednesday 5th December SVP meeting in the chapel at 6:30pm

Wednesday 5th December 7:30pm The Holy Rosary in the Chapel

Friday 7th December Adoration (Exposition) with Confession at 5pm then Holy Mass at 6pm

Sunday 9th. December 5:30pm Holy Mass

Sick of the parish:- , Denise Atkinson, Douglas Beveridge, Ian Birch, Sheila Calvert , Jacqueline Dowd, Sheila Dowd, Colin Fielding, Margaret & Tom Gater, Kathleen Holden, Jean Horrocks, Tony Maffia, Eileen O'Neill, David Sutton, Gladys Slater, Eileen Smith, Gordon Stanley, Margaret & Thomas Stinson, Anna Zieba, Harry Stephenson, Mary Harrison, Claire Hilton (Janet Payne's mum), Marion Beaghan, Nora Winkley, Sally Rafferty, Moira McGinley.

Anniversaries:- Connie Threlfall, Nora Henson, William Baldwin, Michael Doherty, Leo Cook, Fr Thomas Murray, Agnes Myles.

Lately Dead:- Doreen Ward

Mass offerings received - Alan Rogers,

Christmas Masses at St Charles Rishton

Christmas Eve 24th December 4pm

Christmas Day 25th December 10am.

The Advent "Walk with Me" books along with some Advent Calendars have arrived and are on a table in the porch - these books cost the parish £1 each so if you are able to make a donation we will be most grateful - but please take one anyway.

If you know of anyone who needs a Priest please ask them to contact Fr Stamp on 01254 232920 at St Anne's Accrington. Father Stamp is our Rural Dean and he will arrange Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and anything else to do with the running of our church.

Over the last couple of weeks we have had two children Baptised and Blessed with the sign of Christ - Mia Grace Taylor and Jack Clarke McNight May God Bless them both.

100+ Club Christmas Draw will take place next weekend 9th. December after the 5:30 Mass The main prize will be £200 and two other prizes of £50 each to those with adjacent numbers to the main prize winner - all the very best to all who are members.

Before Mass Talk to
God
During Mass Listen to
God
After Mass Talk to
Each Other

As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. We've had this theme already for the past two weeks, but there is a slight change of emphasis in the Scripture readings offered for this Sunday: here the tone is positive: it is the promise of what is to come that we contemplate. Even in the Gospel, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise - liberation. For this we should stand erect and hold our heads high. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again.



St Charles School and Parish are holding a joint Christmas raffle again this year and looking for prize donations from local businesses and individuals - vouchers, alcohol, goodies, a round of golf for two or four people, anything you want to donate to a worthy cause in supporting the school and church. Please contact Jo Hird if you can help and please help us to make this a big event to raise lots of much needed income for both Parish & School.

Please take a look at the Vocations Leaflets at the back of church and pray especially for the **eight seminarians from our Diocese** who are currently studying for the Priesthood - their names are on our parish website on the vocations page. Please pray for them

The International Food Night will be **Saturday 26th January 2019**. So all you cooks out there get your thinking caps on to prepare some exciting food for us and lets make this a brilliant evening and make lots of money to spend on our church.

Would you consider bringing a parishioner to Mass on Sundays? Someone who may live near you who finds it difficult to get to church especially on winter nights. If you could please contact Fr Stamp or any of the SVP members, Janet, Carla, Jim, Irene, Gail, Kathleen, Colin, Anne.

SVP. The next meeting will be on Wed. 5th. December in the chapel at 6:30pm.

The St Peter & St Paul Community Magazine is out now so please get hold of a copy and see what's going on in Rishton and there are some very interesting articles. To get hold of a copy please contact Margaret Worden at St Charles or Ruth Colling at the Methodist Church.

Have you got all your Christmas Cards yet - please take a look at those on the piety stall in the porch where you will find some nice cards for sale. - they are all at good prices and will help to support our parish - and, yes, we need your help!!

St. Charles' School Christmas Fayre - Thank you to those parishioners who baked for the parish cake stall and all who offered to help. There was a fantastic display of cakes, pastries and savouries, trade was very brisk and we have hopefully contributed considerably to the proceeds for school and parish. **Cakes which were left will be on sale after Mass today. Please buy.**

Weekday Masses - The number of people attending each of our weekday Masses is around 17, which is most encouraging. If you can spare an hour on a Wednesday morning or Friday evening please join us. The church will be nice and warm and so will the welcome. On Friday there is also Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament and Benediction before Mass (from 5pm) to make it even more special. Please join us.

Sometimes we do not have enough room for all the notices so please visit our website and have a good look around. www.stcharlesrishton.co.uk

Thank you very much for last week's collections and monthly standing orders- very much appreciated.



Anything for the newsletter or website? If there is anything that you would like to include in our Parish Newsletter or on the parish website please let us know. Please contact Colin Yates, preferably by email, on colin.yates1940@ntlworld.com or tel. - 884540 or 0777 642 0296