



The Parish of St Charles Borromeo Rishton

Sunday 6th January 2019

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Masses and Meetings this week

Sunday 6th. January 5:30pm Holy Mass with Father Stamp and Children's Sunday Club meet.

Wednesday 9th January No Mass here today

Wednesday 9th January St Vincent de Paul meet at 6:30pm in the chapel

Wednesday 9th January 7:30pm The Holy Rosary in the Chapel

Friday 11th January Adoration (Exposition) with Confession at 5pm then Holy Mass at 6pm

Sherwood House - it is planned to have Mass at Sherwood House on Monday January 14th at 11am. More details next weekend .

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, Sally Rafferty, Moira McGinley, Mary "Betty" Barden,

Anniversaries:- Thomas Keigher, Mary Brown, Jimmy Moran, Josephine Stirling, Nora Exton, Gillian, Milton Hutchinson, Elizabeth Mary Speight, Keven O'Brien, Elizabeth McGregor Guilfoyle, Catherine Counsell, Fr Gerard Duffy, Celia Cannon, Dorothy Goodall, Fr Joseph Cain, Fr Michael Child, Fr T Brendan Quilter, Canon Valentine Kaimaitis, Fr Francis Handley.

Lately Dead:- Terry Neville, Christina Swinson, Doreen Ward, Nora Winkley.

May they rest in peace

Money Raising

We desperately need to increase our regular income if our parish is to have a future.

Please can you consider how you might help, possibly in any of the following ways.

Please Gift Aid your weekly offering if you are a UK taxpayer as this increases your gift by 25% at no cost to you. Also, donating by standing order helps us to budget and plan for the future.

Anne Yates will be happy to explain both Gift Aid and standing orders after Mass or a home visit.

Contact her on 884540 or after Mass in the sacristy.

Masses this week

There will be no Mass this coming Wednesday 9th January in St Charles' due to a funeral in Accrington. My apologies. Mass as usual this coming Friday 11th at 6pm with Adoration and Confessions from 5pm.

International Food Evening. There will be the obligatory raffle at this event - no self respecting Catholic function would be complete without one - so please pass on any unwanted bottles and gifts to Anne and Colin please. Thank you.

Before Mass Talk to God

During Mass Listen to God

After Mass Talk to

Each Other

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.



Baptisms in 2019

A number of parents have booked Baptisms in St Charles' for the coming year whilst I have been Priest-in-Charge. When Father Farrell arrives in the Parish at the end of January, it will be necessary for these parents to approach him after one of the Sunday Masses and re-book these Baptisms. As I am sure you will understand, when circumstances change and a new Priest is appointed, it can sometimes happen that he already has some commitments booked into the diary. As Father will be looking after several churches, he will need to implement a policy for celebrations such as Baptisms in order to ensure everything runs smoothly. **If you know of any parents who have booked a Baptism for 2019 who do not currently attend Mass, please pass this notice on to them.**

Sacramental Programme

On Tuesday, 15th January there will be a meeting for parents and children beginning the Sacramental Programme at 6pm in the Primary School. The children and their families will then be presented at the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 20th January so that the Programme can make a start before the new Parish Priest, Father Farrell, arrives the weekend after. Please pass these dates on to any children and families who are Catholic but do not attend our Primary School.

Deacon Bob Heys - we welcome Deacon Bob to our Mass this evening. He is currently on placement at St. Anne & St. Joseph with Father Stamp. Deacon Bob will be ordained to the priesthood in July this year so let us remember him in our prayers. There is a link to Vocations on our parish website, where you can find a full list of those from Salford Diocese currently studying for the priesthood. They all need our prayers and support on their journey.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

It has always been my practice as a Parish Priest to visit the sick and housebound regularly as often as I am able. I had hoped to visit all of the sick here in St Charles' before Christmas, but unfortunately, looking at the diary, and with the high number of funerals recently in Accrington with more booked for next week, I have run out of time before Christmas Day. My sincere apologies for this. It is my hope to visit them all during the Christmas Season. I am very grateful to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit all of the sick on a regular basis here in St Charles'. However, if there is a parishioner you know of who is very poorly and is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick and Viaticum, please contact me at any time of the day or the night.

We still need people to let us know if you are able to cook something for the International Food Night to prepare the room etc. Please put your name on the sheet in the porch or let Ann Parker know - PLEASE

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