



The Parish of St Charles Borromeo Rishton

Sunday 7th. October 2018

27th. Sunday in Ordinary Time—Missal Page 656

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Masses and Meetings this week

Sunday 7th October 5:30pm Holy Mass with **Father Stamp** and the meeting of Children's Sunday Club

Monday 8th October 11am Mass at Sherwood Care Home - Please come and join us

Tuesday 9th October 7pm Meeting in church to plan Social & fund raising events

Thursday 11th October 6:45pm and 8pm AA meeting in the Parish Church

Sunday 14th October 5:30pm Holy Mass in church

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.

Anniversaries:- Walter Whittaker, Thomas Harvey, Harry Kennedy, Catherine Gillibrand, James Brian Knight, Arthur Ainsworth, Herbert Clifford Haworth.

Lately Dead:- Christina McGeown, Finlay Connor McGowan, SM Margaret Wainwright, Bridie Stephenson, Joan Hurst, Fr Jim Culkin, Ellen Rawcliffe, Sheila Barrett. Father Philip Price.

Mass offerings received - Alan Rogers, Lord & Gater families RIP, thanksgiving for 52nd. Wedding anniversary.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon them, May they rest in peace Amen

Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the "two become one" for all time) rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure, a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While it is important for us to be sensitive and understanding towards those whose marriages have gone awry, we must be careful to let the teachings of the Lord speak for themselves.

"What God has united, man must not divide"



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.

We hope to restart the 100 Club to raise money for our church whilst offering a chance to win a monthly prize. But, to do this, we HAVE to have more agents and more members. Being an agent entails a few hours work once a year collecting subs and to be a member is only £12 per year, up front. Please speak with Susan Fielding after Mass if you could help in this way.

Please continue to support our church financially to enhance our chances of keeping it open for our children and grandchildren.

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.

On the First Monday of every month 1pm - 3pm there will be a meeting at St Mary's Clayton of the Fellowship Group.

Please come along and join in a game or two or just for a chat and a brew. (Note the change of date)

The next meeting of the SVP Society will be on **Wednesday 24th. October** in the chapel at 6:30pm



A Big Thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to those parishioners who gave their time over the past week to clear away a lot of the clutter from the church and to clean.

Thank you also to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who met with me on Friday evening.

We are very blessed here at St Charles' with some very dedicated parishioners who are ready and willing to devote time and energy to their Parish. God bless you all

New Mass Times

I am also grateful for the patience and understanding shown with the change of Sunday Mass time this weekend to 5.30pm. I had hoped to introduce the new weekday Mass times on Wednesdays and Fridays at the same time, but there will have to be a slight delay in these starting due to previous diary commitments which were already in my diary a long time ago. As a result, the new pattern of weekday Mass times will begin on Wednesday, 24th October at 10.30am and then on Friday 26th October at 6pm with Adoration and Confession from 5pm. Apologies for the delay. There will be a weekday Mass this coming Monday 8th October at Sherwood House beginning 11am. All parishioners are welcome.

Fundraising and Social Committee

It would be good to begin to formulate a plan for raising funds for the repair of our buildings and also to plan some social activities for our Parish at the same time. I noticed from the minutes of the Parish meeting held recently that there was great enthusiasm and some really good ideas for both raising money and also coming together as a Parish family. I would like to encourage this as much as I can. **On Tuesday, 9th October, there will be a meeting in St Charles' at 7.00pm** open to anyone who would like to get involved so that we can formulate a calendar of events over the coming months.

Altar Servers

If there are any boys or girls who have made their First Holy Communion or are in Year 3 and will be on the Sacramental Programme this year who would be willing to serve on the Altar at Mass, please see me so that we organise some training.

Meetings with parishioners

I have begun over the past week to meet individually with parishioners responsible for coordinating different things within the Parish, and will continue to do so in the coming weeks so that I can get an overview of what currently is already in place. If you are responsible for coordinating any activity within the Parish and I have not yet had chance to meet with you, could I ask you to give me a ring or drop me an email so that we can meet up? If there is any parishioner who would like to get involved in an area of Parish life or has an idea or initiative for the Parish going forward, I would be very pleased also to meet with you.

AA Open Meetings

The volunteers from AA would like to invite you to attend our special one-off meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous which are open to professionals, volunteers, academics, members of the public and wider community to attend as non-members. The purpose of these open meetings is to give a clear insight into how we work and how we help each other and new members to be able to stay sober and live normal lives without alcohol. We shall have 2 meetings on the **11th October** that you are welcome to attend, both are 1 hour long with a short break in between the 2. You may attend either or both meetings. The **first meeting at 6.45pm** called 'Back to Basics' will give a clear overview of how AA came about and will cover the first step in the recovery process but will cover in brief all of all recovery program from our main text book. **The second meeting at 8pm** is a recovery focused topic based meeting where we will choose topic and share on that topic to help others or ourselves on that topic. Both meetings will take place in SS Peter and Paul C of E church, Rishton. If you would like more information please call or text 07843829596

From time to time we do not have enough all the room for all the notices so please visit our website and have a good look around.

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Thank you very much for last week's collections - 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