

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

Mass times for this coming week

Monday	10.00am	St Mary's
Tuesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	5.00pm	St Mary's - Vigil
Sunday	9.00am	Our Lady and St Hubert's
	11.00am	St Wulstan's

2 December 2018

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Responsorial Psalm

Response To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

And give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

Sacramental Programme:

This weekend, we welcome Father Stamp and the children on the Sacramental Programme for their Presentation Mass.

Message from Father Stamp:

Dear parishioners, following the move of Father Lomax to the Cathedral, I wanted to notify you of some provisional arrangements which have been put in place until a new Parish Priest is appointed. Father Patrick Tansey has agreed to celebrate the 5pm Vigil Mass in Clayton for the next few weeks. Also, during that time, Father Peter Tierney will celebrate the Sunday 9am and 11am Masses in Great Harwood. Father Anthony McLaughlin will help with Funerals. During the weekdays, the Masses will be celebrated at St Mary's, Clayton, by Father Tansey. I am very grateful to these Priests for their assistance. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns during this time or if someone is in need of a Priest on 01254232920 or simon.stamp@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. You will be in my prayers as you await the appointment of a new Parish Priest, please pray for Father Lomax as he prepares to take up a new appointment. Thank you for your patience during this time.

The Word This Week: *Your liberation is near at hand.*

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.

Walk with Me: A Journey of Prayer for Advent. These booklets are now available at the back of Church. Any donations to offset the cost to the Parish would be appreciated. Please put any monies in the Piety Stall box.

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The combined collection came to £1,272.04 (less the diocesan levy of £392.17) the total collection is reduced to **£879.87** - Thank You.

The Catholic Youth Service Collection raised £121.93, which will be forwarded to the Diocese.

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Winter Wonderland: The final total raised is £4,660.58!! This was thanks to all the helpers and all the donations from parishioners, along with the sterling work that the £1,000 Club agents did with getting members. The raffle raised £639, the stalls raised £1,661.68 and the £1,000 Club raised £2,510! To claim a raffle prize, please ring 887405 or see Tony Ford after 11.00am Mass. The list of raffle winners is on the notice board.

The response to our appeal for items was so generous that we have enough quality raffle prizes to help with the SVP Christmas Party. Maundy Grange was also very grateful for the sandwiches and refreshments, which we donated at the end of the event!

The kindness and generosity shown by so many of you in terms of time and donations shows that the Parish is truly blessed to have so many parishioners and friends who constantly show Christ's spirit in all they do. Each appeal, whether it is the Winter Wonderland, our Food Bank or retiring collections, are responded to whole heartedly. Well done and thank you to all involved for your generosity in giving and helping. An extra thank you to the Scouts and their leaders, whose help in putting up the stalls is invaluable.

£1,000 Club Winner: The winner of the £1,000 drawn at the Winter Wonderland was Alison Theaker - Agent, Barbara Phelan.

Great Harwood Big Switch On: On Friday 7 December, choirs from our primary schools will be singing at the Big Switch On. Please come and support them if you can. The event starts at 6.30pm at the Town Hall Square.

SVP: The SVP Collection for December will take place after Mass this Sunday and the next meeting will be on Monday 3 December at 6.30pm at St Wulstan's in the Sacristy.

Piety Stall: CHRISTMAS CARDS are now on sale on the Piety Stall. Also, Advent calendars, Christmas ornaments, Nativity scenes and much more. Please come and browse.

St Mary's, Clayton-le-Moors

Congratulations: We congratulate Wilfred and Elizabeth Bailey who celebrated their Golden Wedding yesterday, 30 November. They were married at All Souls Church, Salford on 30 November 1968. May God's Blessing be with you both.

200 Club Autumn Draw: The final weekly draw will take place as usual before Mass and then the Main 200 Draw will take place tonight after Mass in the Church Hall. There will be 5 prizes - £250, £100, £75, £50 and £15. We are serving tea and coffee, so do please join us and see who the lucky winners will be.

Big Raffle: Thank you to all those who have donated prizes for the BIG RAFFLE to raise money for Parish funds. To date we have over **50 prizes** to be won, including a first prize of £50. A list of prizes is in the Church porch. Tickets are now on sale in the Church porch until Saturday 15th December, when the draw will be made. So please be generous in buying tickets.

Christmas Afternoon Tea: This will be held on Sunday 9 December in St Mary's Church Hall starting at 2pm and including a Christmas sing along. Tickets are £6.00 each but we only have 30 places so make sure you get yours early. They are now on sale in the Church porch, where there are also details of the menu.

Guess the Weight of the Cake: This is your chance to win a delicious homemade Christmas cake by simply guessing the correct weight of the cake in the Church porch, from this weekend. So why not have a go?

200 Autumn Club Draw: Winner - Week 9 Peter French No. 97
Agent - Irene