



±
Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF  SALFORD

Catlow Hall Street, Oswaldtwistle,
BB5 3EZ
01254 232433

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. S D O'Brien

Parish Secretary: Berni McGuinness. E-mail Berni.mcguinness@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9:00am-1:00pm

Sick: Bernard Catlow, Mandy Gallagher

Anniversaries: Nikki Duhan, Elsie McIntyre, Bertha Hindle, Katharyn Scambler

Masses & Liturgies 10th December – 15th December

Tuesday 10th 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions. 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday 11th 9:30am. Mass. 7pm-8pm Scripture Group

Thursday 12th 9:30am Mass. 11:00am Advent Mass at Springhill Nursing Home. 7:30pm Concert Band

Friday 13th 9:45am Parish School's Advent Mass (Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. Oswald's)

Saturday 14th 9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. 10:30am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 15th 10:00am Mass.

Sanctuary Lamp. This week's intention is for Nikki Duhan RIP

Last weekend's collection £ 700.35. Thank you for your kind generosity.

Next weeks Retiring Collection Aid to the Church in Need. **Poppy Appeal** raised £46.88

SOS! HELP NEEDED! On Wednesday 18th December at 7pm everyone in the parish will be warmly welcomed to help decorate our church for Christmas. Trees need being decorated, crib figures dusted down, brasses polished window ledges and Altars buffed up etc. The Good Book tells us that the labourer deserves his wages, so I guarantee Irish Coffee, Mulled wine and a mince pie or two for everyone who comes. Even if you can't clean just come for the craic and atmosphere.

Hospital Call. This week I will be on Emergency Call for the Royal Blackburn Hospital. You never know when the pager will go off, so I apologise now if I'm running late or I have to cancel appointments, visits or weekday Mass. Thank you for your understanding and patience. Let us continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time.

Aid to the Church in Need. Brenda Heaton and Mary Jordan helped organise a very powerful Stations of the Cross last month in church helping to raise awareness about persecuted Christians throughout the world. Aid to the Church in Need is a charity which helps to support Christians who are facing prejudice and discrimination on a daily basis. Next weekend, Paul, a member of the charity will make an appeal and have some items to sell which helps our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Women and the Bible. In response to the Bishops of England and Wales designating Sept 2019 – Dec 2020 as 'The Year of the Word' we have invited students at Mount Carmel High School to contemplate and produce artwork that reflects the theme 'Women in the Bible'. This art exhibition will be on display at the back of church from Sat 7th Dec – Sun 15th Dec.

Confession. During Advent there is the call to "prepare" and "make ready". Why not take advantage of Confession this season to make room for the Lord in our hearts and receive His mercy and forgiveness. Sat 7th Dec 9:30am-10:15am; Tues 10th Dec 6pm-6:45pm; Sat 14th Dec 9:30am-10:15am; Tues 17th Dec 6pm-6:45pm; Sat 21st Dec 9:30am-10:15am; Tues 24th Dec 10am-10:45am.

General Election. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have released a statement in regard to the forthcoming General Election. You will find copies of this next to the newsletters.

Christmas Messages. Cecilia Burton has organised a space at the back of church for people to pass on seasonal greetings to each other. 'Why not pin a seasonal message card on the board [at the back of church] for your fellow brothers and sisters at St. Mary's? All your wishes will be offered as prayers to Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle. Please contribute a donation of 50p minimum for parish funds.' For details see Cecilia.

Musical Evening 12th December 2019 If you're attending mass and not carrying money with you, but wish to attend, please give your name in after mass.

Sacred Heart School If anybody who has a free afternoon and would like to hear some pupils reading, could they please contact the school office on 01254 233382.



±

Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Catlow Hall Street, Oswaldtwistle,
BB5 3EZ
01254 232433

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. S D O'Brien

Parish Secretary: Berni McGuinness. E-mail Berni.mcguinness@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9:00am-1:00pm

DIOCESE OF  SALFORD