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**Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church**

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Parish office hours this week Tues-Fri 9am-1pm

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**Lately Dead:** Geoff Parsons, Michael Maw, Mary Kerr

**Anniversaries:** John Catlow, Margaret Sweeney, Bill Pilkington, Roy Cropper

**Masses & Liturgies 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm Funeral Vigil of Mary Kerr RIP

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am Requiem Mass Mary Kerr RIP.

6:30pm Mass. 7pm – 9pm Parish Lenten Retreat 'Praying with Our Lady I'.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Mass. 7pm – 9pm Parish Lenten Retreat 'Praying with Our Lady II'.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Mass. 7pm – 9pm Parish Lenten Retreat 'Praying with Our Lady III'.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 10am Requiem Mass Edith Hayes RIP.

6:30pm Mass. 7pm – 9pm Parish Lenten Retreat 'Praying with Our Lady IV'.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions. 10:30am Mass. 6:30pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Mass.

**Parish Coffee Morning**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am  
until 11:30am

**Ossy Mills Group**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 11:30am

**Sanctuary Lamp** This weeks intention is for Nikki Duhan.

**Last weekend's collection** £ 790.53 Thank you for your kind generosity. The parish also received a number of donations in loving memory of Ian Alveston that has gone towards the St. Mary's building fund and a generous legacy of £2500 has come through from the late Eunice Shillito.

**Good News!** We are blessed here at St. Mary's as five people have formally declared their intention to become disciples of Our Lord and members of our Roman Catholic family. They will be received into full communion at the Easter Vigil this year. They are Carson Rawcliffe, Shay Procter, Andrew Price, Bernadette Smith, and Vera Herdman. This Sunday afternoon we will be going to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election where they will meet the Bishop. Let's pray for them all during these next few weeks.

**Parish Retreat.** The theme for this years parish Lenten retreat is 'Praying With Our Lady' led by Fr. Michael Doody, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Leeds. Each night will begin with Mass at 6:30pm followed by a spiritual conference by Fr. Doody. There will be opportunity for Confessions and Adoration during the week. This is a wonderful opportunity to encounter Our Lady who always brings us closer to her Son Jesus Christ. All are welcome. The dates are Tues 3rd - Fri 6th March. There will be Mass at 6:30pm each night followed by the retreat at 7pm.

**Franco's Fundraising Event** The afternoon was most enjoyable, with a get together for parishioners. The objective was to make monies for the Building Fund and this did just that, in the sum of just under £500 A big thank you to everyone who supported the above event.

**Parish Finance & Building Group: Church Repairs** We will soon be looking at repairs to the Church. This will be supervised through the Diocese. The Diocese tends to award work to their approved contractors, many of whom are companies based in the Manchester/Liverpool area. What we would like to do is form a list of local companies that can carry out building maintenance work (including builders, joiners, plumbers, general maintenance companies and electrical contractors). We are looking for medium sized companies who can submit to the Diocese for inclusion on their approved contractors list and local individuals/ small companies that we can call upon at short notice when minor or emergency works are required. If you are a local tradesman or work for a larger company and would like to be considered for future work please contact Berni McGuinness the Parish Secretary with your contact details, details of any trade organisations/accreditation schemes you are a member of and your insurance details. "As a community-based Parish, we would like the local community to be considered for carrying out any work."

**St Mary's Community Groups Jacobs Join. Sunday March 8th 2.00pm - 4.00pm** It is exactly one year since our Syrian family arrived in Oswaldtwistle from the war torn areas of the Middle East. To celebrate St Mary's achievements, we will be having a 'social event' at the Parish Centre. Families and Friends of St Mary's are most welcome; music and food, which will be provided, The event should be an enjoyable occasion and perhaps an opportunity for us to enjoy some middle eastern fare.

**Catechists.** Thurs 19th March at 7pm there will be a meeting for those interested in becoming catechists.

**Baptism Course.** The second session will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March for all those who attended the first session in Feb.

**Parish Centre Lock Street.** The Parish Centre will be having an Irish Night on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale at the back of Church. £10.00 per adult, £5.00 per child, includes supper.

**CAFOD.** On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March is Family Fast Day. CAFOD have provided envelopes at the back of church if you so wish to send them a donation.



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