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Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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Sick: Sheila Eborn

Lately Dead: Dereck McCarthy

Anniversaries: May Haworth, Ken La Pla, Maureen Haworth

Parish Coffee Morning

9th March 9:15am -11am

Masses & Liturgies 10th March – 15th March 2020

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

Wednesday 11th 8:30am Mass.

Thursday 12th 9:45am Lenten Mass with St Mary's School. 7:00pm ABC Group

Friday 13th 9:30am Mass. 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

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

Sunday 15th 10:00am Mass.

Sanctuary Lamp This weeks intention is for Ken Hargreaves

Last weekend's collection £ 767.87 Thank you for your kind generosity.

Thank You. To all those who helped make last weeks parish retreat such a prayerful experience. From brewers up to singers – thank you all. A special thanks to Fr. Doody for being with us and guiding us in some wonderful talks and reflections.

Lenten Library. At the back of church this week you will see a selection of small CTS (Catholic Truth Society) booklets. The topics range from saints biographies like St. John Henry Newman to Padre Pio; morals and ethics, from abortion to environmental concerns, through to prayer and the scriptures. Please feel free to borrow a booklet for your spiritual reading during Lent. All we ask is that they are returned so that others may have a chance to read them.

Crib Figures. Lewis & Lewis have written back with their estimate to repair Baby Jesus (Bambino), Our Lady, St. Joseph and the donkey. The total cost will be £745.00. They intend to “degrease & prepare all surfaces, repair bases and overall surfaces, reconstruct severed base with internal supports, new fingers for bambino, re-paint figures and add protective coating”. Thank you to those who have so generously given. Any other donations towards our crib figures would be gratefully accepted.

British Gas Green Gas Certificate. The Bishop has asked that we mention some of the positive initiatives taking place in our diocese with regards to the environment and caring for our planet. In 2018-19, 71% of the gas provided to the Diocese of Salford was generated by renewable energy sources backed by Guarantee of Origin certificates.

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.”

Hope in the Future: Children's Liturgy Training Day. On Saturday 28th March there will be a Children's Liturgy Training Day with Linda Pennington at Salford Cathedral from 10am-3pm. To register your place or for more information visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events or call 0161 817 2214.

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

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

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