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Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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

Sick: Brenda Heaton

Lately Dead: Ian Alveston, Margaret Ormsby, Lynda Toner, Nora Prestage, Edith Heyes

Anniversaries: Michael Keane, Marjorie Blakeley, Joe Duhan

Masses & Liturgies 18th February – 23rd February 2020

Monday 17th 9:30am Mass
Tuesday 18th 9:30am Mass 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday 20th 7:00pm ABC Group
Friday 21st 9:30am Mass. 2:30pm Requiem Mass Nora Prestage RIP
Saturday 22nd 9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions. 10:30am Mass. 6:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 23rd 10:00am Mass.

Last weekend's collection £751.53 Thank you for your kind generosity.

Retiring collection for Caritas was £110.35

Parish Retreat. The theme for this year's 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.

Behold 2020 - Rededication of England and the Dowry of Mary. The Bishops of England & Wales have decreed that this year England will be rededicated to Our Lady, as Our Lady's Dowry. The first dedication was made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey as he sought the protection of Our Lady in the face of great political turmoil. At this point, England received the title 'Mary's Dowry'; meaning that England was 'set aside' as a gift, a dowry, for Our Lady under her guidance and protection. On Sunday 29th March 2020, The Re-dedication will take place throughout our country. As King Richard II once gave England as a gift to Our Lady for her guidance, so we, too, seek Mary's protection and prayers, giving ourselves through this act of dedication. Every parish in the country has been asked to set aside this day for special prayer and we too will be preparing for this day over the next few weeks.

Catechists. Thank you to all those who came forward in response to the parish appeal last week for more catechists. There will be an information evening at church on Thursday 19th March at 7pm

Hope in the Future. The Bishop writes Living the Sunday Eucharist LITURGY OF THE WORD: Lectionary v Bible. One of the richest products of the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council was the book we call the "Lectionary." Literally this simply means "A Book of Readings", and it describes the arrangement of the bible passages that we hear at Mass on Sundays, weekdays and in the celebration of the Sacraments. There is something very special about the Lectionary: it differs from the Bible as a book because passages are not read in the order found in the Bible, nor are they read at random. There is a very careful structure to the passages we hear! This is not all a product of Vatican II: the earliest "Lectionaries" date way back into the first millennium of the Church and consist of lists of bible passages to be read on certain days. So, for example, the different Gospels we read today for the Vigil, Midnight, Dawn and Day Masses of Christmas have been set as such for hundreds of years! What the Vatican II Lectionary does is extend this, making sure that in the course of a three-year cycle someone coming to Mass every Sunday will hear most of the four Gospels, most of the letters of Saints Paul, Peter, James and others, and a very rich selection of passages from the Old Testament. There is nothing to stop you reading the Bible at home, starting at Genesis and working your way through to the Apocalypse, but the proclamation of the Word of God at Mass we allow the Church to guide our reading, so that we may be helped in our listening to and understanding of the love of God revealed through the Word.

Parish Centre Lock Street. The Parish Centre will be having an Irish Night on 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.

Fundraising Committee. On Sunday 23 Feb 2020 2-5pm there will be a two-course meal at Franco's at a cost of £15.00 per person, plus raffle and stand up bingo. All proceeds to the Parish Building Fund. Any Raffle prizes would be appreciated. If you are interested, please put your name on the list at the back of Church. The closing date for the meal is 16th February 2020.



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