



# The Parish of St Charles Borromeo Rishton

Sunday 9th.. December 2018

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## Masses and Meetings this week

Sunday 9th. December 5:30pm Holy Mass with Father Stamp and Children's Sunday Club meet.

Wednesday 12th December Holy Mass 10:30am with all the children from school

Wednesday 12th December 7:30pm The Holy Rosary in the Chapel

Friday 14th December Adoration (Exposition) with Confession at 5pm then Holy Mass at 6pm

Sunday 16th. December 5:30pm Holy Mass

Sick of the parish:- Denise Atkinson, Douglas Beveridge, Ian Birch, Sheila Calvert, Jacqueline Dowd, Sheila Dowd, Colin Fielding, Margaret & Tom Gater, Kathleen Holden, Jean Horrocks, Tony Maffia, Eileen O'Neill, David Sutton, Gladys Slater, Eileen Smith, Gordon Stanley, Margaret & Thomas Stinson, Anna Zieba, Harry Stephenson, Mary Harrison, Claire Hilton (Janet Payne's mum), Marion Beaghan, Nora Winkley, Sally Rafferty, Moira McGinley, Christina Swinson, Terry Neville.

Anniversaries:- Martha Smith, Clementine Imundi, Ellen Parkinson, Thomas Watson, Christine Nicholson, Julia Theresa Marsden, Mary Reape, Veronica Hudson, Kathleen Hope, Derek Barden, Florence Gater.

Lately Dead:- Doreen Ward

Mass offerings received - Alan Rogers,

## Christmas Masses at St Charles Rishton

Christmas Eve 24th December 4pm

Christmas Day 25th December 10am.

The Advent "Walk with Me" books along with some Advent Calendars have arrived and are on a table in the porch - these books cost the parish £1 each so if you are able to make a donation we will be most grateful - but please take one anyway.

If you know of anyone who needs a Priest please ask them to contact Fr Stamp on 01254 232920 at St Anne's Accrington. Father Stamp is our Rural Dean and he will arrange Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and anything else to do with the running of our church.

Do you need any last minute Christmas cards? We still have a selection on the piety stall all at reasonable prices, all with a religious theme and on sale to benefit the parish.

100+ Club Christmas Draw will take place this weekend 9th. December after the 5:30 Mass. The main prize will be £200 and two other prizes of £50 each to those with adjacent numbers to the main prize winner - all the very best to all who are members.

**Before Mass Talk to  
God  
During Mass Listen to  
God  
After Mass Talk to  
Each Other**

Again we hear about the coming Day of Christ, and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he prepared the way for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the processional way of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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**A note from Fr Stamp -**

**I met with Father Ian Farrell** on Monday this week and took him around the area. He realises it will be a challenge to look after three parishes, four schools and four churches, but he is encouraged by all he has heard of how helpful you all are.

**He will arrive for the last weekend of January.**

Father Farrell has agreed, for the first six months, to continue offering Holy Mass each Sunday at St. Mary's on Saturday evening at 5.00pm, and on Sunday 9am at Our Lady and St Hubert's, 11am at St Wulstan's followed by 5.30pm at St. Charles'.

Father Farrell is grateful that Fr Tansey is offering regular weekday Masses at St. Mary's and will himself offer weekday Mass centrally at Our Lady and St Hubert's, Monday to Saturday at 8.30am except on Fridays when Mass will be at 6pm in St. Charles'.

The reason for the slightly earlier time for weekday Mass at Our Lady and St Hubert's is so that Father Farrell can make the most of each day getting to know the parishes and the schools. There will often be advertised, of course, during this time a later weekday Mass at St. Mary's.

After six months there will be an opportunity to review these arrangements.

Father Farrell is looking forward to serving as your priest and asked me to ask you to pray for him.

**St Charles School and Parish** are holding a joint Christmas raffle again this year and looking for prize donations from local businesses and individuals - vouchers, alcohol, goodies, a round of golf for two or four people, anything you want to donate to a worthy cause in supporting the school and church. Please contact Jo Hird if you can help and please help us to make this a big event to raise lots of much needed income for both Parish & School.

**The International Food Night** will be **Saturday 26th January 2019**. So all you cooks out there get your thinking caps on to prepare some exciting food for us and lets make this a brilliant evening and make lots of money to spend on our church. Raffle prizes needed, please.

**St Charles School Band** is playing at Morrisons in Blackburn on Thursday 20th December to help raise money for their charity, Clic Sargent - please come along and support them if you can

**Christmas Big Church Clean** We will be doing a big church clean on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd December. Let's please make a super effort to make **OUR** church look as good as it can be in time for the Christmas Celebration. A choice of jobs is available. List on the table at the back of church. Please let us know what times you will be available to come and help and don't just leave it to someone else. Call Eric on 885322 or Colin on 884540

**Have you any garden greenery** suitable to decorate the altar and church for Christmas - Please bring it along with you on the 21st or leave it in the church garden for collection.

**Please take a look at the poster in church from St Augustine's High School showing details of their Carol Services this week at their school**

**Thank you very much for last week's collections and monthly standing orders- very much appreciated.**



**Anything for the newsletter or website?**

If there is anything that you would like to include in our Parish Newsletter or on the parish website please let us know.

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