



# THE PARISH & CHURCH of ST MARY

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St Mary's Church is open every day for Mass and private prayer  
from 8.00am until 5.00pm



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

## LAETARE SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21.3.20</b>	Parishioners
<b>Rose Sunday</b>	<b>22.3.20</b>	Alice Arrowsmith & Connie Havard
Monday	23.3.20	June Dickens
Tuesday	24.3.20	Joseph Stanley Shepherd
Wednesday	25.3.20	Charles & Mary Walsh <b>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
Thursday	26.3.20	Sheila & Chris Holmes
Friday	27.3.20	Private Intention
Saturday	28.3.20	Kathleen Hitchen
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent</b>	<b>29.3.20</b>	Parishioners

... ..PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ... ..

**Sick:** Teresa Gaskell, Steve Salkeld, Linda Belshaw, Michael Nieland. *All our sick relatives and friends.*

**Lately Dead:** Brian Walsh. *May he rest in peace.*

**Anniversaries:** June Dickens, James Brogan, Gertrude D'Suza, Alice Arrowsmith, Connie Havard, Charles & Mary Walsh, Joseph Shepherd, Sheila & Chris Holmes, Millie Wallace, Patrick Burke.

**Mass Intentions Received:** Joseph Shepherd, Mary Shepherd, Ellen Ball, Sheila & Chris Holmes, Mary O'Hagan Isabella & William Stonehouse, Millie Wallace, Gertrude D'Suza, Brian Finch, Maurice Moran, James Brogan, Arthur & Theresa Blackledge, Patrick Boyle, Irene Bird.

**The increasing restrictions on gatherings and travel means all public Masses and services will be cancelled. The Sunday Obligation does not apply in these circumstances. Priests will continue to say Mass in private for the intentions requested. Some churches will be open during the day for individual prayer. The newsletter will be published on the Website: [www.stwilliamparishwigan.com](http://www.stwilliamparishwigan.com). Paper copies are available in church each Saturday.**

**Please ring the presbytery if you need information or help.**

**You will find more details about the pathway of prayer and sacramental life we are now to take on the Bishops' Conference website ([www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)).**

**Please see the printed sheets from the Bishops Conference and the Archbishop for all information.**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH will be open every day from 8.00am-5.00pm for private prayer Please do visit.  
Confessions on request**

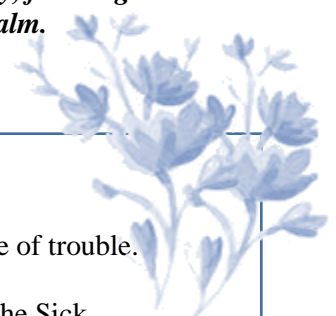
**Please pray for the sick, for the medical and caring professions, for the anxious and lonely, for the government ministers and those who make decisions, for our own good health and calm.**

### A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER AND ILLNESS

God Our Father,  
each person is precious to You.  
You are the Giver of life.  
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,  
as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.

You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.  
Watch over those who are suffering,  
give strength to those who are aiding the Sick,  
and give courage to us all in this time of anxiety.  
We ask this of you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ.

AMEN.



**ST MARY'S REPOSITORY:** We are hoping to keep the repository open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12.00-1.00pm and perhaps Saturdays. There are lots of beautiful Easter Cards and birthday cards in stock and other prayer cards. Sadly the Sacramental Program has been cancelled for a while which means no First Holy Communions. Baptisms are also postponed.

**ON-LINE LIVE STREAMED MASSES:** There are many daily Masses which can be viewed live online, and more churches will be joining this vital way of keeping the Liturgy in public view. Highly recommended is the Walsingham Daily Mass at 12.00midday. If you have SKY Television go to Channel 588: for Sunday Mass at 1.00pm.

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH WILL LIVE STREAM MASS** online, every Sunday starting 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00midday. To watch look for *St Patrick's Church Wigan Home/facebook*. It is easy to find. When the log in request appears simply click 'not now'.

**WIGAN TOWN CENTRE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:** we will try to include other church times as we receive information.

**St Mary's:** daily 8.00am-5.00pm.

**St John's:** Sunday 8.30-11.30am.

**St Patrick's:** daily 9.00am- 12.00midday.

Please remember hygiene and 'distancing rules when you visit our churches.

<b>St William's Parish - Mass Intentions 22<sup>nd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Sunday	Parishioners
Monday	Family of Francis Blackemore
Tuesday	<b>Ann Ball</b>
Wednesday	The Ward Family
Thursday	Patrick & Mary Healey
Friday	Tom Siney
Saturday	Thomas & Margaret Maye
Sunday	Parishioners

**St Mary's Offertory**

Envelopes: £272.50

Plate: £691.46

Total: £963.96

**Thank you.**

**RED MISSION BOX COLLECTION:** The 2019 total for the Mill Hill Missions through the APF Red Box collections is £1379 .20. Thank you for your generosity.

**NUGENT COLLECTION:** taken last week by mistake; thank you for your generous donations of £302.70. If you would like to contribute there are some Nugent envelopes on the table. Put them in at the presbytery.

**YOUR OFFERTORY DONATIONS** would be gratefully received. They can also be left at the presbytery.

**THE 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO:** Private Masses on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March will be said in his memory.

**LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** at present the pilgrimage is not cancelled. It may be difficult to take assisted/sick pilgrims on this year's pilgrimage. It is still hoped to have a Liverpool presence at Lourdes in July.

**SONG & DANCE NIGHT** with **The Thistle Society, Wigan** and **Bright Days Silver Choir** ,**St Luke's Hall**, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March has now been cancelled unfortunately.

**NB: CLOCKS FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND:** BST starts 1.00am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**ALL INTENTIONS AND NEWSLETTER REQUESTS** can be left at the presbytery in a marked envelope or sent to the parish office at the email address: [ssmary.john@caolp.co.uk](mailto:ssmary.john@caolp.co.uk) by Wednesday