



# The Parish of St William *served by* the Churches of St John & St Patrick

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## *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday*

<b>Rose Sunday</b> <b>22.3.20</b>		Parishioners
Monday	23.3.20	The Family of Francis Blackemore
Tuesday	24.3.20	Ann Ball
Wednesday	25.3.20	The Ward Family <b><i>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</i></b>
Thursday	26.3.20	Patrick & Mary Healey ( <i>Rosary after Mass</i> )
Friday	27.3.20	Tom Siney
Saturday	28.3.20	Thomas & Margaret Maye
<b>Sunday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>29.3.20</b>	Parishioners

**Please remember in your prayers:** Teresa Gaskell, Michael Cunniff, Brian Gibson, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Michael Nieland *and all our sick relatives and friends.*

**All who have died recently:** Bill Rodgers, Tom Prescott, Ann Ball, Frances Strickleton, Anthony Gannon, Eileen Ashton, Veronica Cleary, Tadhg Meehan, Brian Walsh, May Devine, Brian Rylance. *May they rest in peace.*

**Anniversaries: *St Patrick*:** William Dobson, Michael Connell, Robert Moran, alerie Moran, Rita Breheny, Gillian Aspinall, Patrick Farrell, Frank Clossick, Rose Ann Gavaghan, Vincent King, Clifford Daniels, Susan Goulding, Steven Lynch-Rourke Margaret Hughes.

***St John*:** Tom Siney.

***Mass Intentions Received:*** Gerard Howe, Michael Maye,

**Confessions are also heard for 10 minutes after weekday Masses at St John's and St Patrick's.**

***The increasing restrictions on gatherings and travel will probably mean 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, and paper copies are available in church.***

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

***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.***

### **THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO THE DOWRY OF MARY - DOWRY NOVENA.**

On Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March,

**NUGENT: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Donations in marked envelopes can be left at the presbytery**

### **LENT IN ISOLATION.**

This is a beautiful website that has been set up in these difficult times. A daily video will be shared containing the readings of the day and a reflection - a great opportunity to reflect upon our faith from our own homes. These videos can be found on the home page of our own website - just scroll down to find them.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** enquiries contact *Chris* on 07712 552410.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH:** There will be no more gardening sessions until further notice.

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH 200 CLUB MEETING:** Cancelled for now. We will keep in touch.

**THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S - QUIZ NIGHT:** FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY: TBA.

**STJOHN'S MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOXES:** Dear Supporters The health and wellbeing of all Red Box volunteers is the priority for Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, and as such the collection of red boxes for St Johns in April is suspended. Copies of Mission Today will be available at the back of church.

**ST WILLIAM PARISH BARN DANCE** On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Rivington Hall Barn, starting at 7.30pm. More details will be available nearer the time. It also happens to be Fr O'Shea's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday that weekend so it will be a great way to celebrate together, hopefully we will have a lot to celebrate.

**ST PATRICK'S IRISH NIGHT** Raised over £1500 towards the Refurbishment Fund. Thank you for your support and generosity. For photographs of the evening, please visit the Facebook page.

**THANK YOU** for the large, anonymous donation which was posted through St Patricks this week to support the work of the Refurbishment Fund. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

**ST PATRICK'S 200 Club** suspended, until further notice, due to the pandemic. When the situation improves and Masses resume, please see Jackie regarding payments. Please do not worry about paying for the draw at this time.

**ST PATRICK'S PRAYER CARDS:** If someone you know no longer lives in the Parish but would like a prayer card, please ask them to send a stamped, addressed envelope to: St Patrick's Presbytery, 67 Hardybutts, Wigan, WN1 3RZ and Josh will post one back. Cards are at the back of church for you to take and you may like to recite St Patrick's breastplate regularly during this difficult, uncertain time.

**ST PATRICK'S GARDENING TEAM:** Meeting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, after the 9:15am Mass, to tidy the grounds. Please speak to John Graham if you are interested in assisting.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** Are at the back of both churches. If you would like to gift aid your donation, to support the Parish at no extra cost, please complete one of the forms and post through either presbytery. With regards to the collection, if you would like to post your offering through the presbytery doors, they will be banked as normal.

**SYNOD 2020.** If you have any proposals please visit the Synod website: [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk) and add your own personal thoughts. Thank you. More information will follow on our own parish website.

**MILL HILL MISSIONARIES** Monies raised in 2019 by St Patrick's total - £2,145.51. Thank you very much.

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Offertories	Envelopes	Plate	Total
St John	£253.00	£289.03	£542.03
St Patrick	£201.65	£280.53	£482.18

St Mary's Parish - Mass Times 21 <sup>st</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> March	
Saturday	Parishioners
Sunday	Alice Arrowsmith, Connie Harvard
Monday	June Dickens
Tuesday	Joseph Stanley Shepherd
Wednesday	Charles & Mary Walsh
Thursday	Sheila & Chris Holmes
Friday	Private Intention
Saturday	Kathleen Hitchen
Sunday	Parishioners

**ST JOHN'S REPOSITORY:** availability to be discussed.

**CLOCKS FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND:**

BST starts 1.00am. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March the hour goes forward

Private Masses will commemorate the  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Assassination of Archbishop Romero: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

All communications and updates will be on the website. Also both our Facebook pages.

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