



Prayer Board

Perhaps this week we could pray for those who have lapsed in our families and wider communities. May He reach out and touch their hearts that they might come to know and love Him.

Good Mornin' All,

We hope you are all safe and well. Colin has had a busy week. It would seem that he is attached to one end of a piece of elastic and the other end is inside the church. I don't think prison warders lock and unlock as many doors as he has done this week. Still, it keeps him occupied.

If you need any info. re. Mass times or other parish matters, please go to www.claytonrishtonharwood.org.uk and then go to NEWSLETTER or whichever link will help you. If you need Mass times for parishes further afield, please let me know and I will find out for you.

The anniversaries for next week are as follows,

Joseph Cowgill
Amelia Landon
Ruth Fairey
Francis Birch
Vera Gildert
Andrew Moore
Martha Wilson
Theresa May Hartley
Frank Hopkins
Lee Jamie Toole

Gladys Slater
William Kembery
William Harrison
Florence Clarke
Simon Noble

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families and friends who still mourn. God bless them all.

Please let me know if you want to add a friend or relative from our parish who has died and is not included at the time of their anniversary. Thank you.

We had another lovely Class Mass, with Year 3 children, in school yesterday. The kids engaged so enthusiastically with Father Peter. You may have heard them even if you weren't there!!!!. Their final hymn, "MY LIGHTHOUSE" was sung, as usual, with vim and vigour and Colin said that Father Peter was still singing it in the car on the way home. Thank you to Father Peter and Mr. Kennedy for making us welcome.

Thank you to everyone who attended Kevin's funeral Mass yesterday. I am sure Gail must have been comforted to see so very many who had it made it from Rishton. It was so heartening to see so much love and respect for Kevin and the Mass was a fitting tribute to a special man. Thank you to those who took someone who otherwise could not have gone. Colin has scanned the pages of The Order of Service and I will forward those separately. Please take time to read the poem which Kevin himself had written as it is very good. May God bless Gail and both families as they try to find peace after their loss.

During the past week Colin has opened up the church and presbytery for workmen to come in and to draw up plans of the buildings, ready for the asbestos inspection. This inspection took place the following day and everywhere was thoroughly examined. All this is part of the preliminary programme prior to demolition of both buildings. Cadent is expected shortly to disconnect power supplies etc. and remove the meters. Meanwhile, in school, the stage in the hall, and associated storage areas, has been removed in readiness for the visit next of the Diocesan Surveyor next week who will, hopefully, approve the next stage (pardon the pun) of the work.

Last week the food bank delivered to 16 families/individuals, a total of 47 bags, plus extras. Thank you to everyone who has donated food in the past week by leaving donations at the back of any of our three churches, in the school foyer (Knowles St. entrance) or at the presbytery at 1.40pm on Tuesday or Thursday. Thank you also to Rishton Methodist Church for a generous donation.

I will send some funnies separately but for those who receive a paper version of this,

Phones in church. Apparently, this notice can now be found in all French churches . . .

En entrant dans cette église, il est possible que vous entendiez l'appel de Dieu. Par contre, il n'est pas susceptible de vous contacter par téléphone. Merci d'avoir éteint votre téléphone. Si vous souhaitez parler à Dieu, entrez,

choisissez un endroit tranquille et parle lui. Si vous souhaitez le voir, envoyez-lui un SMS en conduisant.

Translation:

It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone.

Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place and talk to him.

If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.

Have a good week, everyone.

Love and God bless,

Anne.