



### **Prayer Board**

Please can we pray this week for those in our parish who have received a devastating prognosis, that The Lord will be close to them as they face the future.

Lord, in your mercy.....

Mornin' All,

We hope that you are well and safe and that you enjoyed the sunshine yesterday. Weather warnings have been issued for thunderstorms in the next few days, so mind how you go. We have been watching the Test Match (cricket) and the tennis (Wimbledon) so they could well be rained off. Nothing new there, then.

I will send newsletters from our parish and school to everyone, and from Accrington and Oswaldtwistle to those who have opted to receive them. If you want any further information about our parish, please go to [www.claytonrishtonharwood.org.uk](http://www.claytonrishtonharwood.org.uk) and then on to the appropriate link. If you need info. re. Mass times etc. for other parishes, e.g. if you are going away, please let me know and I will find out for you.

Thank you again to all who came to support the children on The Sacramental Programme who met The Lord for the first time in Holy Communion last Sunday. The children and staff involved were most grateful for your support. A special thank you to those who so kindly agreed to be a "Prayer Buddy" to one of the children and to those who gave their child a gift and/or a card. Everything we did was very much appreciated. It was really good to see so many parishioners come to support them and their families. Thank you to Father Ethelbert, Father Ikenny, Mr. Kennedy and the school staff, for making us so welcome. It was a very reverent and joyful occasion.

I have taken the following from a newsletter from Sacred Heart, Darwen, which Colin brought home last night after the SVP District Meeting.

“School holidays are usually a time when our young people think only of going out into the park, playing football, or going to the seaside. But one young man, Harvey, from St. Charles RC Primary School, Rishton, decided otherwise!

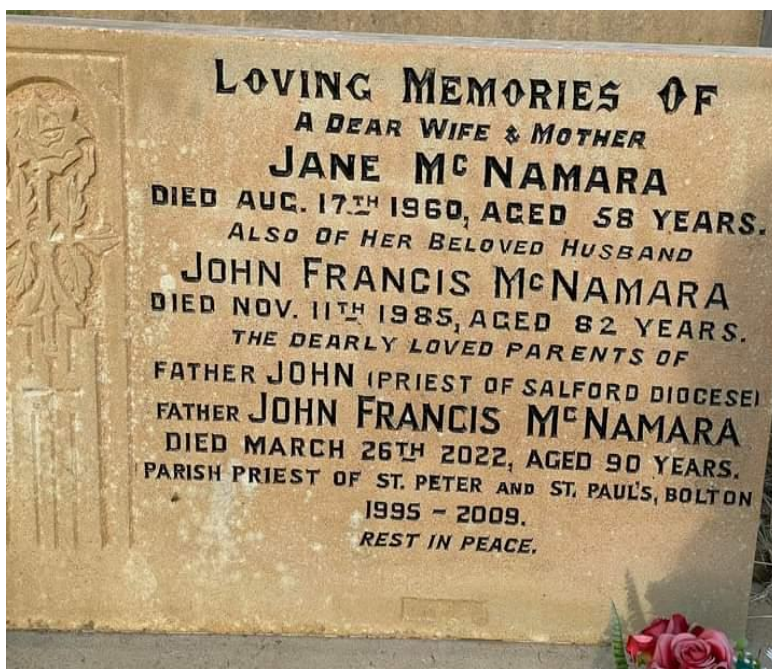
He showed kindness and wanted to help others in his local Resource Centre at the food bank. He was polite, considerate, and kind to some of the most vulnerable individuals. He has received special recognition for going above and beyond, to live out Christ’s call to love and serve one another.

Well done, Harvey!!! An inspiration to us all.”

Congratulations to Harvey from his friends in Rishton.

Please make a note that Mass next week will be on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. at 09.45**, as usual, but the following week our Mass will be on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. at 09.45**. This will be our last Mass in Rishton until school reopens in September, following the summer break. It will also be the last Mass in St. Charles’ School for Year 6, who will be moving on to start the next phase of their education. Mr. Kennedy has asked for as many parishioners as possible to attend this Mass to support The School Leavers and I am confident you will respond as you usually do, and show these kids that we are, indeed, one parish family. They have welcomed us to many Masses and events in school during the past year or more and I am so grateful for that as we would otherwise have had nothing in Rishton. Let’s return the favour for this last Mass of this academic year. Thank you. That’s the end of this sermon!!!!!!!

I also thought that those of us who remember Father Mac as fondly as we do, might like to see the completed headstone on the family grave in Bolton. May he and his Mum and Dad rest in heavenly peace.



The anniversaries for next week, are as follows. Please pray for the repose of their souls and that Our Father may comfort those who mourn.

- Harry Wearden
- William Harry Eagles
- James William Turner
- Helen Kay
- John Gildert
- Annie Sanderson

William Coolican  
Mrs. May Grimshaw  
Janie Mullaney  
Gertrude Griffin  
Brian Manning  
Winifred Winkley  
G. Kevin Duckworth  
Edith Mary White  
Terence Hill  
Raymond Newell  
Robert Haworth  
James Raith  
Richard Gallagher  
Jean Cunningham  
Presel James Owen

Although we are never told anything at all, officially, from The Diocese, Colin understands that the demolition of our church, scheduled to start in July 2023, will probably **NOT** now take place this year. There may be various factors why this has been decided, one of them appearing to be financial as the Bishop has put a stop on all unnecessary spending. Whether it will now go ahead in July 2024 is anyone's guess. I might ask next door's cat if he knows!

Last week the food bank helped 15 families with a total of 39 big bags of food plus extras. Thank you so much to all who donated food at any of our three churches, the box in the school front foyer or the box marked "Our Food Bank" in Rishton Co-op. We are having to buy quite a lot of food to meet current demand, so all donations are so very welcome. Thank you.

### Anne's Saturday Sillies.

How do you make a bandstand?  
Take away their chairs....

In my local pub quiz last night the quizmaster said "Ok ladies and gentlemen, it's time for the Bird of Prey Quiz".  
"Fingers on your buzzards"..

I rang the health centre up and said "I need a doctor's appointment please "  
She said "How about 10 tomorrow?"  
I said "No, I only need one thanks..."

I've had my eardrum replaced with pigskin.  
My hearing is fine now, apart from a little crackling...

Don't blame me. I don't write them!!!!

Have a good week and hope to see you on Friday.

Love and God bless.

Anne. x