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Sunday 25th December 2016 Christmas Day

"Stay with us, Lord on our journey."

MINISTERIES

Week beginning Monday 26th December 2016

Cleaning Christmas Cleaning. All welcome. Readers Sat Noel Stack Sun Tom Robson

Eucharistic Ministers Sat Janet Moxham, Tom Holt, Felix Odudu, Sarah Doolan **Sun** Agnes Corban, Chris Bolton, Fred Arkwright, Stella Arkwright. **Offertory Procession Sat** Allen Family **Sun** Volunteers **Flowers** Christmas Flower arrangers.

Music 1st Week Sat 6.00pm

Sun 10.00am

Childrens Liturgy Holidays

SERVICES THIS WEEK Mass Mon.10.00am, Tue.10.00am, Wed.10.00am, Thu.**10.15am (Requiem)**, Fri.10.00am. **Sat 6.00pm, Sun 10.00am. Confessions Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION. Gift Aid £ 475 Loose £65 Total £ 840. Thank You for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS John Gallagher (90th birthday), Aspin and Lavin Families, Bradley Family, Maylor Family, Helen Jameson, Elizabeth Dwyer, Kevin O'Hara (5), Kevin O'Hara from the parish, Maureen Baker, Bruce Jackson, George and Thomas Warden. Eileen and Ken Coddington. Bill and Elizabeth Doherty. Alan Robinson.

BLACKBURN FOOD BANK. The request this week is for tinned meat, tinned vegetables plus the usual items. The box is in the church porch. Thank you for the very generous support you have given to the FoodBank week by week during the year. It has been a great help to those who are struggling to make ends meet. **TAI CHI** in the parish centre on Fridays from 1.30 - 2.30pm.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS We are in need of some new ministers to help our rota run efficiently. If you would like to volunteer your services for either the 6.00pm Saturday or 10.00am Sunday Masses can you please see Fr. Leo. Training will be given. A temporary rota covering January and February is now available in the church porch for existing ministers.

READERS new rota now available in the church porch. Thank you for the valuable swervice you give week by week.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION A new rota has been drawn up incorporating the new families who have agreed to join the rota. Copies will be available next week.

"THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY" is the dedication of our church under its old English Title of "St. Mary Assumed into heaven". It was a very popular dedication in 1836 when our parish was founded. The painting is now in place on the back wall of the church. Thank to Catherine Moran the artist for her skill and hard work. Thank to Fred and his helpers for fixing the painting on the back wall. The cost of the painting has been met from the estate of the late Marion Addy. It is a fitting tribute to her faith and devotion.

A.P.F.-MILL HILL RED BOXES The collection for this year is now complete. A total of £1182.00 was collected from the Red Boxes. Thank to all box holders and collectors. And thanks to Patrick Walsh for his hard work and dedication.

THANKS to all who worked hard at church cleaning and flower arranging curing the week. Thanks also to the music group, the technicians, readers, ministers, servers, apparators, welcomers and all who give their services week by week and especially at Christmas.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all of you and your families. Thank you for your support for the parish. **CONDOLENCES** to Susan O'Hara and family on the death of Kevin, one of the great supporters of our parish. His Requiem will be celebrated here on Thursday at 10.15am followed by cremation at Burnely.

We remember in our prayers Father Norman Arkwright, Jean Wilson, Joan Robson, Margaret Whip, Raymond Marsh, Linda Pannuzzo, Kathleen Gooden, Martin Gooden, Jenny Kenny, Joe Kemp, Philip Broadbent, Steven Grimes, Eileen Matthews, Eamon Byrne, Toby Qigg, Nafees Bhatti, Rani Bhatti, Margaret Bolton, Bryn Roberts, Bernard Hargreaves, James Murphy, Mike Bagley, Patricia Grimshaw, Bert Handley, Joseph Smith, Michael Lupton, Harry Tomlinson, Rita Tomlinson. We pray for Kevin O'Hara and all who died recently. We also remember Fr. Peter Birmingham, Stanislaw Szezepanczyk, Helen Jameson, Maureen Baker, Tom Kennedy, Mary Cooper, Gerard Littler and those whose anniversaries are at this time.