

***Parish of Ribbleton***

St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) The Ascension (ASC) -Longsands (LS)

***Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September***

***Alleluia, alleluia.***

Rejoice and leap for joy!

Your reward will be great in heaven.

***Alleluia, alleluia.***

***Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.***

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever..  
Amen.

**FIRST READING** (1 Corinthians 7:25-31)

Brothers and sisters:  
In regard to virgins, I have no commandment from the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.  
So this is what I think best because of the present distress:  
that it is a good thing for a person to remain as he is.  
Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek a separation.  
Are you free of a wife? Then do not look for a wife.  
If you marry, however, you do not sin, nor does an unmarried woman sin if she marries;  
but such people will experience affliction in their earthly life, and I would like to spare you that.  
I tell you, brothers, the time is running out.  
From now on, let those having wives act as not having them,  
those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing,  
those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully.  
For the world in its present form is passing away.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 45:11-12,14-17)

*The response to the Psalm is:*

**Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.**

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,  
forget your people and your father's house.  
So shall the king desire your beauty;  
for he is your lord, and you must worship him. **R/**

All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters;  
her raiment is threaded with spun gold.  
In embroidered apparel she is borne in to the king;  
behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you. **R/**

They are borne in with gladness and joy;  
they enter the palace of the king.  
The place of your fathers your sons shall have;  
you shall make them princes through all the land. **R/**

**GOSPEL** (Luke 6:20-26)

Raising his eyes toward his disciples Jesus said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

*Please pray for*

*Our parliament and government as they make decisions affecting the future of our country.*

*The refugees and migrants crossing the North Sea and English Channel in small and inadequate boats.*

*The people of Syria, Yemen and of Lebanon.*

*Our hospital, emergency service and health care staff*

*Our shop workers, delivery drivers and refuse collectors – the key workers who keep our society functioning.*

*The children and young people of our parish.*

*The families using the Community Pantry and foodbanks in our city.*

*The staff and residents of The Glades and the other residential, nursing and care homes in our parish.*

*The social services and home care staff, caring for the elderly and vulnerable in our parish.*

*Our congregations whether worshipping together in church or alone at home.*

*Those named on our prayer list.*

*Fr Keith, as he makes decisions about his future*

*Capt. David and Linda, and our parish wardens, as they seek to keep in touch with our congregations*

*Zachary Cranshaw, to be baptised this month.*