

Parish of Ribbleton

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

Wednesday 13th January

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ 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 (Hebrews 2:14-18)

Since the children share in blood and Flesh, Jesus
likewise shared in them,
that through death he might destroy the one who has the
power of death, that is, the Devil,
and free those who through fear of death had been
subject to slavery all their life.
Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants
of Abraham;
therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters
in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful
high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people.
Because he himself was tested through what he suffered,
he is able to help those who are being tested.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9)

The response to the Psalm is:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the nations his deeds.
Sing to him, sing his praise,
proclaim all his wondrous deeds. **R/**

Glory in his holy name;
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
Look to the LORD in his strength;
seek to serve him constantly. **R/**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants,
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the LORD, is our God;
throughout the earth his judgments prevail. **R/**

He remembers forever his covenant
which he made binding for a thousand generations--
Which he entered into with Abraham
and by his oath to Isaac. **R/**

GOSPEL (Mark 1:29-39)

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.

They immediately told him about her.

He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset,

they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.

The whole town was gathered at the door.

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons,

not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.

Simon and those who were with him pursued him

and on finding him said,

"Everyone is looking for you."

He told them,

"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also.

For this purpose have I come."

So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Please pray for

Those who govern and guide the nations, and all who work for peace, justice and healing.

The government and people of The United States during this period of transition.

The people of Syria, of Yemen and of Lebanon, and all who are separated from home, family and loved ones'

Those working in our hospitals and emergency services, as extra demands are made of them in the face of the rapid spread of coronavirus.

Those caring for the elderly, frail and vulnerable in our parish. The staff of our residential and nursing homes, and those working in the community.

Our the key workers who keep our society functioning and our pantries filled,.

Those who will struggle with the demands of this lockdown, with the separation from family and friends and the loneliness it may cause

The families using the Community Pantry and foodbanks in our city, and those struggling with debt and poverty.

The staff and pupils of the schools in our parish.

Our congregations until we can worship together again.

Those named on our prayer list.

Fr Keith, as he serves our parish and makes decisions about his future

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