

Parish of Ribbleton

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

Wednesday 12th January

Epiphany 1

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

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
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 (1 Samuel 3:1–10, 19–20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli.
The word of the Lord was rare in those days;
visions were not widespread.
At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;
the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.
Then the Lord called,
‘Samuel! Samuel!’
and he said,
‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said,
‘Here I am, for you called me.’
But he said,
‘I did not call; lie down again.’
So he went and lay down.
The Lord called again,
‘Samuel!’
Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said,
‘Here I am, for you called me.’

But he said,
‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’
Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.
The Lord called Samuel again, a third time.
And he got up and went to Eli, and said,
‘Here I am, for you called me.’
Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.
Therefore Eli said to Samuel,
‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say,
“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”’
So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before,
‘Samuel! Samuel!’
And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’
As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.
And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 40:1–4, 7–10)

The response to the Psalm is:

The Lord shall deliver the poor that cry out.

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He brought me out of the roaring pit,
out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing
sure.. **R/**

He has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.. **R/**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire
but my ears you have opened;
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not
required;
then said I: ‘Lo, I come.’ **R/**

‘In the scroll of the book it is written of me
that I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.’
I have declared your righteousness in the great
congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips,
and that, O Lord, you know.’ **R/**

Please pray for

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

*The people of Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria, and
Ethiopia*

*Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh
Ashoori, held in Iran*

*All who are separated from home, family and
loved ones.*

*Those working in our hospitals, emergency
services and vaccination centres.*

*Those caring for the elderly, frail and vulnerable
in our parish.*

The staff and residents of The Glades

GOSPEL (Mark 1:29–39)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the
house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a
fever, and they told him about her at once.
He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.
Then the fever left her, and she began to serve
them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who
were sick or possessed with demons.

And the whole city was gathered around the door.
And he cured many who were sick with various
diseases, and cast out many demons;
and he would not permit the demons to speak,
because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got
up and went out to a deserted place, and there he
prayed.

And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

When they found him, they said to him,
‘Everyone is searching for you.’

He answered,

‘Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I
may proclaim the message there also;
for that is what I came out to do.’

And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the
message in their synagogues and casting out
demons.

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

The children and young people of our parish.

*The staff and pupils of Holme Slack and St
Gregory’s schools.*

*The 598 people in our parish, diagnosed with
covid last week.*

Those named on our prayer list.

*The person who is called to be our next
incumbent, and those who will select them.*

*Fr Chris, Fr John, Capt. David and Linda,
and our parish wardens and the members of our
PCC*