

Theme: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God,

THE PARISH FAMILY - BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:

Harvey Jay Elsdon and Jacob James-Millers

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Paul Hewitt, Doris Lakin, Margaret Miller, Peter Barron, Rita Bleasdale, Maggie Ashbolt, Maire Jones, Jim McKay, Agnes Bennett, Lynn Hamer, Joe Copeman, Mark Clements, Toni Gannon, Brian Pooley, Dot Reynolds, Patricia Duffy, Susan McCarthy, Walburga Hall, Gordon Cottle, Moyra Haynes, Joyce Wilcox, Danny Bonner, Annie Kelly, Eve Hankin, Tracey Anne Holly, Evelyn Swarbrick, Gerald Ralphs, Eileen Kenyon, Paul Bruce, Edith Rice, Alice Ogden, Graham Halstead, and connected with us, Andrew Liddell, Susan Davey, Mary Mueller, Robert Salisbury (Brian's brother), Betty Thompson (Canada) - Mum of Doreen Houghton, Jim & Joan Madden (Fr Abbot's parents), Eric Woof, Ami Froehlick, Audrey Padmore, Alicia Middlemas (friend of Maria, Brenda) Malcolm Pyman and Frank Dever

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Marie Hunter, Alan Sutch, Betty Donbavand, Ernie Bentham, Harry Stanton, Margaret Blackhurst, Jeanne Duckworth, Mary Howard, Simon Miller, James Grundy, Michael Swash and Jeanette Martin.

THIS WEEK Today: Retiring collection for Youth foundation **Cake sale** after Mass for HCPT.

Send a card to a victim of violence or someone facing daily persecution. Cards are available in the porch. Take one; add your greeting and a stamp to the value shown. Thank you!

No Journey in Faith till Sunday 10th January

Youth Group Youth Alive Mass. Depart 5.30pm from Church

Family Rota of Prayer: Leigh family 8 Kirkham Close

Monday: Church cleaning 9.00 am 'A' team

Pram Service 10am in Blessed Sacrament Chapel (see over)

Four Last Things Fr. Paul in the Priory House (see below left)

Scouts Carol Service 6.30 pm in Church

Tuesday: Confirmation Candidates 1st meeting 4 pm in the Parish Centre

Lourdes Pilgrimage meeting 7.30 pm in the Narthex

Wednesday: Fr. Jonathan visit to the Holy Land Slides and short talk 7.30pm Priory Library.

Friday: Divine Mercy Prayers 11.00am in the Adoration Chapel everyone welcome.

Bingo Night 7.15 pm at Leyland St Mary's CTC

Talk by Fr Stephen about Priesthood 7.30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Christmas Craft afternoon 2-4 pm

No Journey in Faith

Youth Group Christmas Bingo 7 pm Fr. Christmas calls numbers!

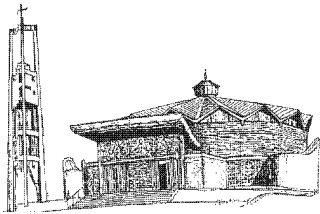
Christmas Services

Reconciliation service Tuesday 22nd Dec. 7.00pm

Christmas Day Masses: 7pm (vigil) - Folk Group

Midnight with Choir (Carols 11.15 pm.)

Day Masses 8.00am and 10am (Family mass)



Prepare
the way of the Lord
in our hearts and minds

**WELCOME TO NEW
PARISHIONERS / VISITORS**

Please fill in our new Record Form, or if you move house within the parish please amend a new form.

Saturday 5th December St John Almond

6.00 (Vigil Mass) Burke family intentions/EBC

Sunday 6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent (Bible Sunday)

9.30 Duckworth/Mills family intention/The Parish

11.00 Fr Abbot's intentions

Monday 7th December St Ambrose

9.00 Margaret Blackhurst

10.00 Pram Service (see over)

12.15 Josephine & Charles Kelday



Tuesday 8th December The Immaculate Conception

8.00 (with schools) Ronnie Holroyd

12.15 Harry Stanton Anniv

Wednesday 9th December St John Diego

9.00 Sheila Mackenzie

12.15 Mary Howard



Thursday 10th December

8.00 (Alverna) Jimmy Farrelly

12.15 Terence Muckian

9.00 Special intention (EH)

10.00 Leyland Primary Schools Carol Service

12.15 Jack Derbyshire

Saturday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe

9.00 Marion Kirk

6.00 (Vigil Mass) Safe journeys/The Parish

Sunday 13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30 Ormesher family intentions/EBC

11.00 Knight & Rogerson family intentions

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. (or when they end) and 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £501.87 **Gift Aid** £451.06

Gift to Fr. Martin £300.00

For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002

Many thanks!

Holy Communion for the sick: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Website Log in and see what you find.

Stop Press!!! The four last things. Fr Paul will give a talk on one of the Four Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) hoping to start a discussion, and starting with a cup of tea or coffee, in the Priory, 11am - 12 noon, on MONDAYS 7, 14, 21 December. Everyone welcome.



Invitations to our Parish Christmas celebrations We have printed 1000 cards giving details and a welcome. Please take a number and put them through the letter boxes of every house in your immediate area. Thank you very much.

CHRISTMAS UPDATE: Many thanks to ALL those people involved, including those volunteers who came to "collate" the pages last Wednesday, and those who deliver. Our Parish Magazine is now ready for distribution. Please take your bundle or look to see if there are any without names on them and distribute them to the addresses indicated. Many thanks again.

Christmas flowers and candles - please place donations for flowers in the multipurpose envelopes. Christmas candles £5; again please use the multipurpose envelopes. Don't forget to put family name or who the candle or flowers are for. Many thanks. We would be glad to get them in ASAP.

Fusion Charity Shop - has opened no 7 Hough Lane, first Fusion shop in Britain! They need goods. See the poster

Advent 2009: See the website link to: www.sundaygospel.co.uk

Parishioners in hospital - please let us know if family or friends are in hospital and then the Priests can visit them when they are in hospital. Let us know the hospital ward. It is also helpful to let us know when they come home.

Do you enjoy singing? If so, your Parish Choir needs you! Please come and join our friendly group as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. You will be most welcome to turn up this Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in Church, or contact Delia on 01772 422565 for more information.

Thank You from Samaritan's purse for the 300 shoe boxes and money and a further £200. They were very impressed by the efforts made by everyone encouraged by our Youth.

Wheelchair for Malawi Appeal. If you have (or know someone who has) a spare wheel-chair which they are willing to donate to a very worthy cause *The Poor People of Malawi* we would be interested to hear from you. Our target is 10 wheel-chairs in working order. Collection will be arranged later. Contact Vincent Rice on 424256

Visit the Piety Shop for lots of wonderful Christmas cards and gifts. The Benedictine Yearbook and the Liverpool year book for 2010 has arrived.

The Universe and The Catholic Times - the issues dated 27th December 2009 & 3rd January 2010 will be double issues and will be priced at £2.40 for *The Universe* and £2.00 for *The Catholic Times*. The issues dated 10th January will return to the normal prices. The price of *The Catholic Life Magazine* will increase with effect from January 2010 to £3.50.

Forthcoming events

Pram Service - Monday 7th December at 10 am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Children under school age and those who look after them will be most welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

The year of the Priest Third talk of Fr. Stephen on the priesthood for advent Friday 11th December at 7.30pm

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner Fr Jonathan Week 46 No. 324 Agent E Ellison

Amnesty - drop in for tea & cakes & see some of the work of Amnesty International. Send a greetings card to a prisoner of conscience overseas. Friday 11th December 2 - 4 pm at Leyland United Reformed Church. See poster on the Notice Board

Leyland Primary Schools together annual Carol Singing in Church on Friday 11th of December at 10 am. If you've never been it is a treat!! Church is full of young people

Come Celebrate Christmas with the One Voice Choir at St. Mary's Cop Lane Penwortham on Sat 12th December at 4 pm.

Christmas Craft afternoon - on Sunday 13th December there will be a free children's' Christmas craft afternoon in the library from 2 - 4 pm. Crackers, Christmas cards and other Christmas goodies will be made. Adults welcome, if accompanied by children!

Aglow International- Leyland Chapter would like to invite all ladies to our Christmas turkey dinner on Monday 14th December at Farington Lodge Hotel from 7pm onwards. This is a members' testimony evening with our main speaker being Maria Gough. Please ring Diane for other dietary requirements. **Please book by today.** All booked places must be paid for. For further details and booking please contact Diane Barnard. Mob: 0791 229 5949 or email diane@mailconnect.co.uk. Thank you

Please give blood on Tuesday 15th December 2 - 4 pm and 5.30 - 7.30 pm at the Civic Centre. See poster on Notice Board for more details

C.T.L live Nativity Scene - Churches Together in Leyland has organised an event to promote the real meaning of Christmas. Groups of people will take part in a live Nativity Scene in Parkinson's shop window on Hough Lane on Saturday 19th December, from mid morning to afternoon. We hope you will come along to support us in our efforts and tell neighbours and friends about it.

Boyce and Stanley 'The Promise' Christmas Concert 2009 Concerts will take place on 18/19/20 December. See poster on notice board for venues, times and prices.

WORD OF LIFE

Let your work shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Mt 5:16)
The light is manifest in 'good works'. It shines through the good works that Christians do. Perhaps you'll tell me: but Christians aren't the only ones who do good works. Others work for progress, build homes, promote justice. . . You're right. Christians should do good works with a new spirit, that spirit which means it is no longer themselves who live in them, but Christ in them.

Copies of the full text are on the table in front of the Piety Shop
Word of Life Meeting Monday 7-8pm Priory House; all welcome

