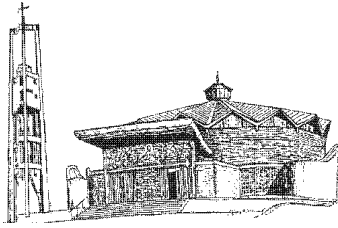


# Regenerating the Parish



When you are feeling worried, try and go out of yourself and help someone in need, instead of focusing on your own problems.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> May St Athanasius**

6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9.30 EBC  
 11.00 Wilkinson Family intention / Sheila Mackenzie RIP  
 6.30 Youth Alive Service in the club

**Monday. 4<sup>th</sup> May The English Martyrs – Pray for us!**

9.00 NO MASS  
 10.00 William Blore Anniv.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00 (with Schools) Paul Boys (A)  
 12.15 Harry Minshull

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00 Thomas family intentions.  
 12.15 Tony Bell Anniv.



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May St John of Beverley**

8.00 (Alverna) Sheila Mackenzie  
 12.15 Eoin McBride Anniv.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

9.0 Special Intention  
 12.15 Walton family intentions.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00 Gerald Hoyle (Anniv)  
 6.00 (Vigil Mass).In Thanksgiving (BM)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.**

9.30 The Parish  
 11.0 Fr Abbot's 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 £678.51 Gift Aid £208.63**

The "Right to Life Walkers" so far c. £150  
 For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002 **Many thanks!**

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK**

(After Holy Communion of the Congregation) **The Congregation says:** May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

**Adoration in Church. St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel**

Exposition is at any time that you can make it. We have the rota for watching and we hope it covers much of the week. You are welcome to pop in any time. -Contact the Priory for enquiries

**455955 CHURCH**

Steve i.c. Youth 07977249636 **Website** leylandstmarys.org.uk  
**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter P.137**

**Theme: Jesus the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.**

**THE PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:**

Caleb Ryan Christopher Murphy-Jackson and Aimee Elisabeth Robinson.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK** Maria Brennan, Susan

McCarthy, John Hampson, Margaret Wallbank, Marie Harris, Walburga Hall, Gordon Cottle, Moyra Haynes, Joyce Willcox, Danny Bonner, Annie Kelly, Jack Derbyshire, Eve Hankin, Frances Rice, Mary Dever, Tracey Anne Holly, Evelyn Swarbrick, Gerald Ralphs, Eileen Kenyon, Tegan Hyslop (5yrs), Helen Meldrum, Paul Bruce, Martin Glancy, Edith Rice, Harris Iqbal, Alice Ogden, Margaret Wallbank, Graham Halstead, Baby Casey Cross, Baby Liam Hodkinson, & connected with us, Tom Riordan, Joan Lunney, Agnes King, Ashley Smith, Marilyn Riordan, Andrew Liddell, Anne Brien, Louie Baines, Stephen Leah, Marian Littlechild, Malcolm Pyman, Peter Mee, Baby George Bushell, Frank Dever, Stephen Taylor and Thomas Edens. *Long-term sick are prayed for each day at mass. Let us know by Thursday of each week about the sick.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED:** Especially

Maria Ashworth and Sr Mary Thomas who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Lillian Higgonson, William Woods, Alice Norris, Mary Duckworth, Ronald Walley, Clare Rowe, Anthony Bell, Mary O'Neill, Jeffery Halton, Tom Dickinson, Robert Owens, John Jolly and Glenys Burns.

**THIS WEEK Today: 4<sup>th</sup> of Easter World day of Prayer for**

**Vocations.** Retiring Collection for Priests' Training Fund.  
**Bucket Collection** to sponsor Right to Life walkers  
**Youth Foundation** has missed its collection for 2 months because there are so many other calls on the giving of the parishioners. If anyone wishes to give to the Youth, then do it separately using a Parish envelope.  
**Jean Westbourne from Irenaeus** to speak at all masses this weekend about the Come & See conference in September.  
**Renewal Prayer group meeting** at Alverna 3pm all welcome.  
**Journey in faith** 5-6pm  
**Youth Alive Celebration 6.30pm** in the club for the Youth Group and other young people visiting  
**Family Rota of Prayer:** Julie Harrison 24 Mosley St.

*Flowers on the Altar are in Loving Memory of Tony Bell.*

**Monday Church cleaners 'B' team 9.00am**

**Tuesday: 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation 6.30pm** – church St Mary's Primary  
**Prayer meeting 7.30pm** at Alverna *everyone welcome.*

**Baptism programme 8-9pm** Library.

**SVP meeting** Abbot Herbert room 8pm.

**Street Pastors meeting 8.00 pm** in Leyland Methodist Church.

**Wednesday: - Parish Pastoral Council 7.30pm** Priory library

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation 6.30pm**–Church St Anne's Primary

**Friday: - Divine Mercy prayers 11.00am** Adoration chapel for all

**Saturday PAWG-Pastoral Area working group 10.30 – 12.00**  
**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Fernyhalgh** from 1-4pm, (See over)

**NEXT SUNDAY** Christian Aid Week begins

**Rosary in the Cemetery 3.30 – 4 pm** – bring a portable chair.

**World Day of Prayer  
for Vocations to the  
Priesthood and  
Consecrated Life:**

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel we hear Jesus speak of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. That is why it is the day chosen as World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and the



Holy Father has written to us on this day inviting us to pray trustingly to God for those called to share in the Good Shepherd's ministry of caring for his flock. *Pope Benedict has also invited us to celebrate a Year for Priests, beginning on 19<sup>th</sup> June - the feast of the Sacred Heart. It is to be dedicated to promoting the spiritual perfection of priests and to recognising more fully the irreplaceable value of priestly ministry at the heart of the Church. The Pope says we should not allow ourselves to become discouraged by accepting as inevitable that a time will come when we have to do without priests. Once again, we entrust the whole Church to the providence of God in our prayer for and encouragement of priestly vocations.*

Fr. Stephen Langridge, a leading director of vocations has written this week: IF MEN AND WOMEN ARE NOT RESPONDING TO THE CALL TO PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE TODAY, HOW CAN WE BE SURE THAT THOSE ENTERING MARRIAGE ARE CHOOSING THAT WAY OF LIFE AS A PATH TO HOLINESS, A SUPERNATURAL VOCATION?

**Month of May, Month of Mary, Month of the Rosary** The rosary was Pope John Paul II's favourite prayer. It is a way of praying that some people find easy, some hard, and it provides a way to meditate on the mysteries of Jesus as revealed in the scriptures. For anyone who does not know them, the new luminous mysteries (of light) begun by Pope JP 2 are below. Next Sunday, rosary in our cemetery at 3.30pm - bring along a chair if you have one!

**Luminous Mysteries** 1. The Baptism of Jesus. 2. Jesus at the wedding of Cana in Galilee. 3. Jesus proclaims the Kingdom. 4. The Transfiguration. 5. The institution of the Eucharist.

**Mariapolis 2009** -a five day summer event open to people who know or would like to find out more about the Focolare's spirituality of unity. At the Mariapolis the message of love contained within the gospel is put into practice, in the great and small things of everyday life. This year it will be held in York from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. If you wish to know more and for a booking form, see Lesley.

**SVP** If any parishioner has a spare automatic washing machine or vacuum cleaner in good working order please let us know in the Priory house. The SVP always has need of these items for needy people. A big thank you to the anonymous donor! We have managed to purchase two reconditioned washing machines for needy families.

**500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS!**

**£100 Winner C Chase Week 15 -No. 117 Agent V Rigby**

**Forthcoming Events**

**First Confessions** take place *this week* at 6.30pm in Church for our St. Mary's Primary School children on Tuesday and for our St. Anne's children on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please pray for God's gifts of healing and reconciliation to come to all involved.

**St Anne's Nursery Open Afternoon** - Would like to invite any parents and children to come and visit their Nursery on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 1.30 to 3.00 p.m. There will be the chance to explore the Nursery environment and to meet the Nursery Staff. This year's intake and future ones are welcome.

**PPC Meeting** 7.30pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Minutes and agendas are available in the Sacristy PPC slots.

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Fernyhalgh** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 1-4pm, mass at 3pm led by Archbishop Patrick (*see the board*)

**Leyland and district Street Pastors Project.** This new project is to bring hope and love to those who may be lost on our Leyland and district streets at night. A street pastor is over 18, is willing to engage people where they are, and works in a team. Find out more, at an open meeting at Leyland Methodist Church, this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. Nina Woodfield, a-54-year-old-grandma-of-two who does this in Preston said: "*We don't pretend to have all the answers. But that one bit of kindness for a minute can make all the difference - and that is all we can do. If you can engage with them it is easier to explain to them how residents feel about their activities outside their homes and that is a double success*". This new initiative is supported by our Church, other Churches, by the Police, the Local Councillors. In many towns in Britain Street Pastors are making a difference and you might have even seen them with their distinctive fluorescent jackets at night.

**Cartmel Races - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** We have actually filled the coach now but there are a few places left on the minibus. Please book as soon as possible if you are interested. We need those who have booked to pay for their coach fare and racecourse entry fee as soon as possible. Many thanks!

**WORD OF LIFE**

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Pt 4:10*

Edith was from Sardinia. She had been blind from birth and lived in a home for the blind. The chaplain was no longer able to celebrate mass because his legs were paralysed, so it was decided to remove Jesus in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament from the house. Edith went to the Bishop to ask that the one light in their darkness be left them. She gained permission and at the same time was appointed an extraordinary minister for the distribution of Holy Communion to the chaplain and the other residents. She wanted to make herself useful and managed to get several hours broadcasting time on a local radio station. She used the radio to offer the best things she had: advice, helpful ideas, explanations of moral issues. She gave support to those who suffer by sharing her experience. Edith was blind yet suffering gave her light. But how many other examples I could give! Goodness exists yet makes no noise. Edith put Christianity into practice. She knew that each of us has gifts and she put hers at the service of others.

*Copies of this word of life are available from the back of church.*