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Confirmation Day: are the gifts of the Holy Spirit alive in you?
Wisdom, Understanding,
Right Judgement, Courage,
Knowledge, Reverence,
Wonder & Awe in God's presence

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 13th March

6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish / Winifred Jolly recently deceased



Sunday 14th March Laetare Sunday and Mothers Day / 4th Sunday of Lent

9.30 EBC / Joan Dunne recently deceased / Sacramental Programme Mass
 11.00 Teresa Smith's Intention
 5.00 **CONFIRMATIONS** with Bishop Tom Williams. All welcome

Monday 15th March

8.00 Elizabeth Thompson (nee Cank)
 12.15 Alan Donnelly

Tuesday 16th March

8.00 With Schools William Dawe
 12.15 Special intention

Wed 17th March St Patrick, Patron of Ireland

8.00 O'Neill & Benson family intention
 12.15 Vinnie Clarke RIP



Thursday 18th March

8.00 Sophia McGuire
 12.15 Barbara Musgrave

Friday 19th March St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Patron of the Diocese

8.00 Jim Jones
 8.15 (High School) David Markland
 11.30 Stations of the Cross
 12.15 Golden Wedding Anniversary
 7.15 Joe Martin



Saturday 20th March 9.00 Kitty Dempsey
 6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish



Sunday 21st March 5th Sunday of Lent

9.30 A sick relative
 11.00 EBC
 6.00 Youth Mass

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. (S) (or when they end) and 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. (A) Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a convenient time with a monk. (NB S = Fr. Stephen, A = Fr. Ambrose)

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £718.45 Gift Aid £295.78**
 For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002 **Many thanks!**

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Steve i.c. Youth 07977249636 **Website** leylandstmarys.org.uk
SUNDAY 4th of Lent P.80

Theme: My son, you should rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.

THE PARISH FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Martin Glancy, Tracey Anne Holly, Mark Sach, Norah Platt, Joe Breen, Jenny Finch, Frank Worthington, Frank Barton, Michael Taylor, Pauline Hughes, Bernard Turner, Lee Derbyshire, Clara Hall, Paul Hewitt, Rita Bleasdale, Maggie Ashbolt, Maire Jones, Jim McKay, Agnes Bennett, Lynn Hamer, Joe Copeman, Mark Clements, Toni Gannon, Dot Reynolds, Patricia Duffy, Susan McCarthy, Walburga Hall, Gordon Cottle, Moyra Haynes, Joyce Wilcox, Danny Bonner, Annie Kelly, Eve Hankin, Evelyn Swarbrick, Gerald Ralphs, Eileen Kenyon, Edith Rice, Alice Ogden, Graham Halstead, and connected with us, Teresa O'Hanlon, Chad McDonald, Andrew Liddell, Susan Davey, Betty Thompson (Canada) - Mum of Doreen Houghton, Joan Madden (Fr Abbot's mother), 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: Neil Anthony Lewis, Alan Terence Donnelly, Agnes Brophy, Ron Hedley, Olive Pilkington, Margaret Waidson, Florence Lee, Harry Mawson, George Anthony Johnstone, Joan Goldsmith, Margaret Burke, Keith Owen McDonagh and Jack Muldowney,

THIS WEEK Today: Laetare Sunday and Mothers Day. 4th Sunday of Lent

CONFIRMATIONS with Bishop Tom Williams 5 pm
No Journey in Faith No Youth Group

Flowers on the Altar are for all Mothers on their special day



Family Rota of Prayer: Myerscough Family, 15 Western Drive

Monday: Church cleaning 9 am 'A' team
The Practice of the Presence of God Fr Paul 11 am - 12 noon
The Word of Life 7 pm

Tuesday: Living Faith in Library with Fr Tony Slingo 7.15 pm
Engaged Couples in Dining Room & Cafefactory 8 - 9 pm

Wednesday: Update Collating 9 am following Mass at 8 am. All welcome. No previous experience needed.
Lent Session with Fr Stephen 7.30 pm
Senior Youth Group outing

Thursday: Meditation on Reconciliation for 1st time in Church 6.30 - 7.15 pm
Living Life to the Full with Fr Ambrose 7.30 pm

Friday: Divine Mercy prayers 11.00 am in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone welcome.
Lent Scripture Course Alverna 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
All night vigil - Youth Group

Saturday: Gift Aid Presentation during Mass

NEXT SUNDAY: Gift Aid Presentation during Mass
Journey in Faith 5-6pm *Youth Mass* at 6 pm followed by Pizza

SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WITH 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 the Special Chapel when you can come

Confirmations Today at 5pm concerns our candidates, their families and the whole Parish. Think and pray about your own Confirmation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We thank the catechists and all who have helped in making this day special, those who produce our booklet and the overheads, those who print them and those who make music for the ceremony and serve.



Question: What Is Laetare Sunday?

Most Catholics today are used to the Mass being conducted in English, and they hardly ever think about the fact that Latin remains the official language of the Catholic Church. But occasionally, Latin reasserts itself, as it does in the case of Laetare Sunday.

Answer: Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. *Laetare* means "Rejoice" in Latin, and the entrance antiphon is from Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "*Laetare, Jerusalem!*" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem"). Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar. Traditionally, the organ was never played during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday. Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, and it has a counterpart in Advent: Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones. The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.

"Are you a 20something Catholic?" You are invited to join the twentysomethings on retreat, pilgrimages & holidays. The next local events are: Wed 24th March - Bible Alive Cafe group, 6pm Costa Coffee, Arndale Centre, Manchester. (using David Payne's CaFE program run in local cafe's) Sunday 28th March - Retreat in Stockport Further details about the above plus more info about other events can be found at www.twentysomethings.eu or ring Jenny on 07590057813.

Ministers of Holy Communion - the new rota is now available from the pigeon-hole in the Sacristy.

Playgroup need a stair gate as theirs has broken. If anyone can donate one, please ring the Priory. Thank you

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.

Forthcoming Events

Faith on Draught-at 'The Swan with Two Necks, Chorley. 17th and 24th March at 7.30 pm. Informal faith discussion: buffet tea included. See the poster on the Notice Board.

St Patrick's Night Dinner & Ceilidh - Wednesday 17th March at 7.45 pm at The Leyland Hotel. Tickets £20. See poster on the Notice Board.

Questionnaire on Priesthood: Answers from Parishioners were so thought provoking that the PPC wants to present the findings next Sunday 21st March. All knew that only a priest can preside at mass, hear confessions and anoint the sick.

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner M Charnock Week 8 No. 273 Agent H Gardner

Chorley & South Ribble Find Out Day - the annual free information event for parents of children with disabilities or additional needs, will take place here at St Mary's on Wednesday 24th March 2010 from 9.30 - 2.30 pm. Book your place now! See poster on the Notice Board for more details.

There will be a half day of recollection on Thursday 25th March starting with 9 am Mass (not 8 am), including rosary, talk by Father Paul, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and ending at 12 noon. Please come and pray for Priests and vocations to the Priesthood.

Parish Family Gig / Boogie Night - Friday, 26th March. We are having a family Disco / Gig Night from 7:30pm on Friday 26th March in the Priory Club. There will be a disco from 7:30pm with 'Live Band' from approx 8pm. Short break for a rest & raffle etc c.9pm then disco / band on again from 9:30pm onwards. This is not a concert, all songs are chosen accordingly 'to get down & boogie!' Live acts include 'Radioactive Mutton', 'Top Marks' & Jimmy O'Donnell !! Tickets: £2.00 adults £1.00 concessions & £5.00 family. Proceeds shared between Leyland Scouts, Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage & Folk Group funds



Good Friday Walk of Witness 2nd April 2010 starts at Leyland Methodist Church, Turpin Green, at 9.30 am. Walk to St Mary's Church, Broadfield Drive, for a short service at 10.30 am.

Easter Sunday Garden Party On Easter Sunday 4th April we are planning to hold a Parish Easter Celebration. There will be one Mass at 10am and afterwards we will meet in the garden, weather permitting, for a 'Jacobs Join' and various games including an Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet parade, races and craft activities. A list will be available shortly to organise food for the Jacobs join. Categories for the Easter bonnet parade are as follows, Little Church age group, Junior church age group and Teens so please start planning your bonnets. As with last year we would be grateful if parishioners could donate Easter eggs of various sizes. Anyone wishing to help organise this celebration there will be a meeting in the library after the 9.30 mass this Sunday. We hope this year will be just as successful as last year!

WORD OF LIFE

For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you (Mt 17:20)

If you are assailed by doubts or reservations about your faith, it means your trust in God is not yet total: your faith is weak and not very effective, and still depends on your own strength and on human ways of thinking. On the other hand, the one who trusts in God completely, lets God himself act and . . . for God nothing is impossible. The faith Jesus wants from his disciples is, in fact, that attitude of total trust which allows God himself to manifest his power. And this faith, which can therefore move mountains, is not reserved for certain exceptional people. It's possible and it's a requirement, for all believers.

Full text of the Word of Life is available on the cupboards just outside the Piety Shop. Please help yourself.