

Parish of Saint Mary, Leyland

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Liverpool (Reg Charity 1199714): www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk



THIS WEEKEND		31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year A	4TH/5TH November 2023
Saturday 4 th November	17.15-17.50 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Merrill & Blackburn family (RIP) / Ken Holmes (anniv) / Parishioners	
Sunday 5 th November	10.00	Les Chase (RIP) / Minshull family / Pious list	
Monday 6 th November		NO MASS	
Tuesday 7 th November	10.00 19.00	William Catherine & Roy Hodgkinson (RIP) / Pious List Photographic Remembrance Service	
Wednesday 8 th November	10.00	Barney Sullivan (RIP) / Ambrose & Bernadette O'Brien	
Thursday 9 th November Lateran Basilica	10.00	Wilf & Tess Cole (RIP) / Tracey Gibson (sick) / Pious list	
Friday 10 th November St Leo the Great.	08.00 19.00	High School: Eileen Standidge (Anniv) All welcome Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Holy Land	
NEXT WEEKEND		32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year A	
Saturday 11 th November	17.15-17.50 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Michael Taylor (anniversary) / Pious List	
Sunday 12 th November	NB 09.00 12.00	Tracey Steventon (b'day rem'brance) / Ambrose O'Brien (RIP) / Parishioners Civic Remembrance Day Service	

Offertory Collection Total £721-86 Standing Orders £602.30

Donations to the Parish Go to <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-mary-leyland>

Gift Aid For information contact John Baggaley 07763 423230.

Thank you to those taxpayers who do Gift Aid. Please use an envelope unless you have a Direct Debit.

Week 44 300 CLUB - Congratulations! To K Baggaley (No 188) **Agent: L Raven**

If you would like to become a member or have another number, please contact E Ellison 422544

A Prayer for Peace:

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild. Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them, guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

PLEASE pray for all the departed: Bernadette Gilkes and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Derek Kedward, Bernadette Marland, Shirley Abram, Barbara Ellen Williams, Jenny Irene Finch and Barbara Butterworth.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Peter Gardner, Anne Holden, Geoff Craven, Dave Marshall, Eileen Dempsey, Pat Rogers, Julie Fitzpatrick, Duncan Neilson, Kathleen Heywood, Patrick Cahill, Fr Jonathan Cotton, Gerald Benson, Margaret Anthony, Brian Pooley, Terry and Ann Smith, Matthew Cox, Maurice Green, Evelyn Berry, Joanne Poulter, Dylan Agnew, Tom Dacosta, Paul Jackson, Barbara Stirzaker, José Davis, Rhoda Fletcher, Frank King, Georgia Martin, Kathryn Boulton, Paul Kabrna, Des Hatton, Sharon Girgenti, Bill Clarke, Elaine Hunter, Michael McLaughlin.

Communion for the Sick: The Congregation says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Remembrance Sunday: We need a couple of volunteers to assist Peter Hollinhurst at the Civic Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November from 11.00 am to welcome those coming to the service in our church. If you can help, please let Fr Joe or Lesley know thank you.

Pious List: Pious List: November Dead List envelopes are available at the back of church. Mass will be celebrated three times a week during the month of November for all those on the Pious List. Completed envelopes can be put in the collection. Any offerings will be paid into the parish bank account.

A Prayer for Peace: Instead of the LiveSimply prayer we will pray the Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land which has been composed by CAFOD.

Vigil of prayer for peace in the Holy Land: We cannot be untouched or unmoved by the news and scenes of violence and devastation that are occurring in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel. On October 28th, Pope Francis implored the prayers of the Virgin Mary *'that she would: touch the hearts of those imprisoned by hatred; convert those who fuel and foment conflict; dry the tears of children, be present to those who are elderly and alone; strengthen the wounded and the sick; protect those forced to leave their lands and their loved ones; console the crestfallen; awaken new hope'*.

Pope Francis calls us to pray for peace in the Holy Land, especially in this time of unprecedented violence and tension. We will have a **Vigil of Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land** on Friday, 10th November at 7.00pm in church which will last no longer than 40 minutes. Please come and pray for peace for all those affected.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNODAL COUNCIL: Following on from the Archdiocesan Synod which took place in 2020/21, the Archbishop has formed an Archdiocesan Synodal Council to support him in carrying out the recommendations. The Council is made up of lay members from each Deanery as well as members from the priests and the deacons. The members from the Lancashire Deanery are as follows:

Fr Graeme Dunne, Fr Mark Beattie, Deacon John Sargent, Mr Adrian Dugdale, Mr Kevin Flanagan, Miss Francesca Vause, Mrs Eileen Howard, Mr Noah Chapelle-Elgie.

Also, in each Deanery, families of parishes have been formed; in our Deanery they are as follows:

1. St Gregory's, Weld Bank; St Oswald's Coppull; St Mary's Euxton; SS Peter & Paul's, Mawdesley; St Agnes' Eccleston.
2. St Mary's Chorley; Sacred Heart, Chorley; St Joseph's, Anderton.
3. St Joseph's, Chorley; St Chad's, Whittle-le-Woods; St Bede's, Clayton Green; St Joseph's, Withnell; St Joseph's, Brindle.
4. St Mary's, Leyland; St Catherine's, Farington; St Oswald's, Longton; St Mary Magdalen & St Teresa's, Penwortham; Our Lady Help of Christians, Tarleton.

As each family of parishes needs to review the resources of each individual parish, Mr Kevin Flanagan, the Synodal Council member from our parish, would like to begin this process by inviting parishioners to an initial meeting on Wednesday, November 8th at 7.00pm in the Coffee Lounge of the Community Centre.

Family of Parishes - A New Youth Group: Following a hugely successful Confirmation programme locally over the last few years we are hoping to launch a youth group for young people who are of confirmation age (Year 8- Year 11) in the local area. To do this, we are looking for adult helpers to accompany the group. The youth group will meet once a month on a Sunday evening initially at St Teresa's Catholic Church, Penwortham and should be a great way to connect the young people in our schools with the local parishes. Training will be provided for all willing volunteers. No special skills required, just willingness and enthusiasm to accompany our young people. For more information, or to volunteer please, contact Kate Wilkinson (All Hallows' School Chaplain, and parishioner of St Mary's) on: kwi@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk.

Christmas Fair Saturday 18th of November 11am to 1 pm: New volunteers most welcome. We are now collecting unwanted gifts and bottles, Christmas gifts, new or nearly new toys, chocolate. Donations can be left in the box in Narthex. **Raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair Main draw now on sale.**

Dates for your diary:

Weekend 4th / 5th November: Collection after Mass for St Mary's Local Charity Fund.

Tuesday 7th November: Photographic Remembrance Service at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 8th November: Parish Synod Meeting in Coffee Lounge, Community Centre at 7.00pm.

Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Day at Leyland Cross at 11.00am followed by Service in St Mary's Church. Mass on this **Sunday will be at 9 am and not 10 am.**

Thursday 16th November: St Mary's High School Awards Evening at 6.00pm in church.

Saturday 18th November: Parish Christmas Fair 11.00am – 1.00pm in the Community Centre.