

Parish of Saint Mary, Leyland

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Safeguarding: Contact Lesley Raven or John Mills via the Parish Office or in an emergency ring 999

Schools: St Mary's High 01772 421909, St Anne's Primary 01772 422769, St Mary's Primary 01772 422431

Community Centre: www.stmaryscentre.net & email: smccb21@gmail.com

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



THIS WEEK		3 RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year B	20 th / 21 st January 2024
Saturday 20 th January	18.00	Margaret Anthony (RIP) / Anthony Henry (RIP)	
Sunday 21 st January	10.00	Geraldine and Peter Keane (RIP) / Frank Calderbank (RIP)	
Friday 26 th January <i>St Wulston</i>	10.00	Magdalene McGhee (RIP) / Special Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND		4 TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year B	
Saturday 27 th January	17.15-17.50 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Mitchell and Simpson family / Susan Turner (anniversary)	
Sunday 28 th January	10.00	Agnes Goulding (b'day remem) / Les Chase (RIP)	

Offertory Collection Total £654.71 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 3 300 CLUB - Congratulations! To M Glynn (No. 50) *Agent: J Purse*

If you would like to become a member or have another number, please contact E Jackson 07902 098798

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

Parish Prayer:

We believe in God the Father who gave us a world to share in friendship, equality and peace.

We believe in Jesus Christ, living, suffering, dying and rising - the life force in the whole of creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who calls us to listen to each other in love, faith and trust as brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

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

Robert (Bob) Howard, Terence Penzer, Angela Hughes, Kathleen Sheila Hardwick, Alan Schofield, Paul Borg, Harold Gardner, Luke Thomas Rodgers, Gerard Robinson, Sally Livesey and Ronnie Hubbersty.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Mary MacBride, Sheila Holmes, Nichola Atkin, Dave Marshall, Eileen Dempsey, Pat Rogers, Julie Fitzpatrick, Duncan Neilson, Patrick Cahill, Gerald Benson, Terry and Ann Smith, Matthew Cox, Maurice Green, Dylan Agnew, Tom Dacosta, Paul Jackson, José Davis, Rhoda Fletcher, Frank King, Georgia Martin, Kathryn Boulton, Des Hatton, Bill Clarke, Elaine Hunter, Michael McLaughlin.

Welcome: This weekend we welcome Fr Seán Riley who will be celebrating the weekend Masses.

Fr. Jonathan - A message from Fr Joe

"It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Fr Jonathan passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 17th January. He had such an impact on the lives of so many people in our parish over so many years due to his faithful, generous service to the Lord. His legacy will live on in our lives and hearts for many years to come.

Once the funeral details are available I will let you know."

A prayer: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of Jonathan, your servant and priest, whom you honoured with sacred office while he lived in this world, may exult for ever in the glorious home of heaven. Amen.

Weekday Mass: For weekday Masses from 22nd – 25th January please refer to the parishes in our family:

St Catherine's, Farington:

offerimustibidomine.blogspot.com

St Mary Magdalen & St Teresa, Penwortham:

St Oswald, Longton:

Our Lady, Tarleton:

www.catholic-penwortham-longton.co.uk

The Peru Mission: Last year, it was agreed at the Parish Council, that we would adopt The Peru Mission as an official parish charity. The Peru Mission was established on 8th February 2012, with the express objective of contributing to the bettering of conditions for the poorest and most disadvantaged members of society in Peru. The Projects Coordinator is **Joe Plumb MBE** who will speak about The Peru Mission at both Masses next weekend. He is known personally to Fr Joe who has seen some of the wonderful work that he enables to take place in and around the city of Iquitos in the Amazon jungle. For more information, visit: www.theperumission.org.uk There will be a retiring collection after the Masses on the 27th/28th to support this vital work.

St Anne's Catholic Primary School: Congratulations to the school on the wonderful outcome of their recent R E Inspection. Mrs Darnell, Headteacher, said 'I am extremely privileged to lead St Anne's Primary School where we have amazing children, and we are so proud of their behaviour, attitudes, and hard work. We feel the report accurately recognises and celebrates all the hard work, dedication and support provided by all the Staff, Leaders, Governors and the Parish family'.

Mary's Meals: A very special 'Thank You' for all the recent donations to Mary's Meals. We have been able to send £952 from the parish including an amazing £602 raised by the children of St. Mary's Primary School during Advent. We don't know how much has been donated online but it will certainly significantly increase this total. All donations will be doubled until 31st Jan which means we are currently able to feed 97 children a meal a day for a year. A magnificent achievement. Thank you for such generosity.

Diamond Jubilee Committee: To help with the organising and planning of the 60th anniversary of the consecration of the church in April, Fr Joe would like to set up an organising committee. There will be a meeting in the Community Centre on Friday, February 9th at 7.00pm for anyone who would like to be part of the group.

Help please: Two ladies who live on Croston Road would like a lift to Mass, could you bring them? If so, please contact the parish office.

Job Opportunity: SLEAP is a Christian organisation working with 16–25 year-olds who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. For nearly 30 years we have been a practical expression of God's love and care for hundreds of local young people and families in our community.

We will be recruiting very soon for a new worker whose responsibility will be to directly work alongside these young people. We think this is an amazing job – fun, challenging, busy and so rewarding.

But why not come and find out for yourself?

We are looking for someone full of energy and joy, with a heart for God and a heart for those who are vulnerable and in need.

This January, we are offering the opportunity to have a go and do a paid trial run for a short period of time.

Interested? Get in touch and come find out more – Email stela@sleap.co.uk

Our website is www.sleap.co.uk if you want to have a look and you can follow us on Facebook @SLEAPLancashire, Instagram @sleaplancashire or X @SLEAP_Lancs

Dates for your diary:

This Weekend 20th / 21st January 2024: Collection after Mass for St Mary's St Vincent de Paul.

Wednesday 24th January 2024: 11.00 - 2.00pm Warm Space, at St Mary's Community Centre.

Friday 2nd February 2024: 7.00pm Parish Helpers Social, in St Mary's Community Centre

Friday, 9th February 2024: 7.00pm Diamond Jubilee Committee in St Mary's Community Centre