

Parish of Saint Mary, Leyland

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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	2 nd SUNDAY LENT - Year B	24 th / 25 th February 2024
Saturday 24 th February	17.15-17.50 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Marian Kirk (anniv) / Margaret Morphey intentions / Parishioners
Sunday 25 th February	10.00 12.00	Pat O'Hare (RIP) / Gordon Moore (RIP) Baptisms
Monday 26 th February		NO MASS
Tuesday 27 th February	10.00	Mike and Coral Fitzpatrick (RIP) / Sheila Ward
Wednesday 28 th February	10.00	Requiem Mass: Gerald Benson
Thursday 29 th February	10.00	Peter Foster (RIP) / Holy Souls
Friday 1 st March <i>St David</i>	10.00 19.00	KSC Intentions / Fr Jonathan (RIP) Stations of the Cross: St Catherine's Farington
NEXT WEEKEND	3 rd SUNDAY LENT - Year B	
Saturday 2 nd March	17.15-17.50 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Paddy Burke (b'day remembrance) / Anne Holden (RIP)
Sunday 3 rd March	10.00	Margaret Anthony (RIP) / Tony Lyonette (anniversary) / Parishioners

Offertory Collection Total £608.32 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 8 300 CLUB - Congratulations! To M Hollinghurst (No.180) Agent: L Raven

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.

By Baptism we welcome: Luca Morris and Lyra Rose Disley-France.

PLEASE pray for all the departed: Gerald Benson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Andrew John Hayes, Tony Kelly, Fred Stableforth, Bert Bleasdale, David Bullock, Matthew Andrew Clark, Michael Fitzpatrick, Frank Ashton, Bernie Wilson and Lillian (Pibby) Heyes.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Andrew Rowett, Mary MacBride, Sheila Holmes, Nichola Atkin, Dave Marshall, Eileen Dempsey, Pat Rogers, Julie Fitzpatrick, Duncan Neilson, Patrick Cahill, 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.

Lenten Alms: There is a Lenten Alms box at the back of church during Lent. Our charitable donations will go to support the suffering children of Gaza.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for a sick or deceased person, in thanksgiving, or for a special intention, envelopes are available at the back of church. Please fill in the details as indicated and place the envelope in the collection or through the letterbox of the parish office.

Stations of the Cross: We will gather as a family of parishes to pray the Stations of the Cross on the **Fridays of Lent at 7.00pm:**

Friday 1 st March	-	St Catherine's, Farington
Friday 8 th March	-	St Oswald's, Longton
Friday 15 th March	-	St Mary's, Leyland
Friday, 22 nd March	-	St Mary Magdalen's, Penwortham

There will also be Stations of the Cross each Friday morning in Lent at **10.30am** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Świeconka: This is a Polish tradition for the blessing of Easter food which will take place in our church on **Holy Saturday at 10.00am**. Traditionally the items that people bring in their Easter baskets to be blessed are: bread, eggs, lamb, salt, sausage, horseradish, and Polish Easter cake. Everyone is welcome.

Easter Bonnet Parade: On **Easter Sunday, 31st March**, following the 10 am Mass we are hosting our Easter Sunday Celebration in the Community Centre. There will be our usual egg hunt and Easter bonnet parade; the theme will be the Diamond Jubilee, along with Easter crafts and dancing. We are appealing to the generosity of our parishioners to donate Easter eggs that can be given as prizes. Catherine will be available after Masses or in the parish office to collect donations. Volunteers are also needed, if you would like to help, please contact Catherine in the office on 01772 455955.

The anointing of the sick: "Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church" (Letter of St James 5:14-16). Over the past twelve months Fr Joe has visited the sick of the parish and has given them the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. As a Sacrament of healing, it ought not be left until the final days of a person's life but is to give comfort and healing throughout illness and time of weakness. If you know of any parishioner who would like this Sacrament, please speak to Fr Joe, to a Eucharistic Minister, or to the Parish Office.

Criminal Justice Bill: From the end of February, it is likely that the Criminal Justice Bill will return to Parliament and that amendments will be tabled to decriminalise abortion up to the point of birth.

As well as a direct attack on the dignity of the unborn, it is highly likely that these amendments, if passed, will have unforeseen consequences which could be very serious for both unborn babies and their mothers, especially given the increase in home abortions following the legalisation of the provision of abortion pills by post.

We are invited to lobby our Member of Parliament to support **an amendment to lower the abortion time limit from 24 to 22 weeks**. Please fill in the postcards available at the back of church and send to **Katherine Fletcher MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA**.

Archdiocese of Liverpool – 2024 Confirmations: Any baptised young person in Year 8 or above can register for Confirmation preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Run 15 in February 2024: Tim Sullivan is taking part in aid of Brain Tumour Research. Tim has been inspired to participate in this sponsored run as some of our parishioners have been affected by this disease. To donate go to justgiving.com and search for Tim Sullivan.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday, 28th February 11am -2pm: Warm Space with soup, at St Mary's Community Centre.

Friday, 1st March at 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross at St Catherine's, Farington.

Next weekend, 2nd/3rd March: Collection after Mass for St Mary's Local Charity Fund.

Sunday, 31st March: Easter Bonnet Parade, after 10.00 am Mass.

Sunday, 7th April 10.00am: Solemn Diamond Jubilee Mass with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. Refreshments in the Community Centre.

Friday, 26th April: Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner at Leyland Golf Club.

Saturday, 18th – Friday, 24th May: Diamond Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome.

Saturday, 22nd June: Diamond Jubilee visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool with Mass and a tour of the Crypt and Museum.

Saturday, 13th July 12.00: Ordination to the priesthood of Martin Fyles, Peter Ross, James Finegan, and Lister Tonge at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool.