

Parish of Saint Mary, Leyland

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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	4 th SUNDAY LENT - Year B - Laetare	9 th / 10 th March 2024
Saturday 9 th March	17.00 -17.45 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Doug Morphey (RIP) / Mitchell Simpson families / Parishioners
Sunday 10 th March <i>Baptism Presentation</i>	10.00	Rev Simon Hoare (RIP) / Agnes Salisbury (RIP)
Monday 11 th March		NO MASS
Tuesday 12 th March	10.00	Catherine, William & Roy Hodkinson (RIP) / Fr Jonathan (RIP)
Wed 13 th March	10.00	Margaret Anthony (RIP) / Elizabeth & Lisa Beardsworth (RIP)
Thursday 14 th March	10.00	Anne Holden (RIP) / Margaret Watson (RIP)
Friday 15 th March	08.00 19.00	High School Mass / Anthony Henry (RIP) Stations of the Cross: St Mary's Leyland
NEXT WEEKEND	5 th SUNDAY LENT - Year B	
Saturday 16 th March	17.00 -17.45 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Peter Noade (RIP) / Gerald Benson (RIP)
Sunday 17 th March	10.00 12.00	Martin Haythornthwaite (RIP) / Katy Phillips (birthday remembrance) / Parishioners Baptisms

Offertory Collection Total £570.01 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 **A Boardman** (No.51) Agent: E Ellison

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: Denis Chatburn, Theresa Dean, Tony Benfold, Bill Evans, Joyce Simmonds, Sister Teresa Ryan, Derek Francis Melling, Peter James A Snell, Baby Elizabeth May Tattersall, Peter Herbert Dickinson, Eileen Burke, Tony Lever, Mary Newsham, Jack Moran, Eddie Purcell, Patricia Clensey, Vi Rigby, Teresa Hayes.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Joseph Arnfield, Michael Lee Fitzpatrick, 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 and 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.

Children's Choir: The next practices for the Jubilee Mass will be Sunday 17th & 24th March after the 10 am Mass.

A Few Updates: Historic Churches England has granted permission for the baptismal font to be relocated to the top of the central aisle. This work will take place as soon as possible. Tenders have been received for the work on the carpark and church steps and we are waiting for the Finance and Buildings Departments of the Archdiocese to arrange a start date.

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 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.

Run 15 in February 2024: Tim Sullivan would like to thank everyone who donated to Run 15 in aid of Brain Tumour Research. The amount raised was £475.00.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday, 13th March 11am -2pm: Warm Space with soup, at St Mary's Community Centre.

Friday, 15th March at 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross at St Mary's.

Next weekend, 17th & 18th March: Collection after Mass for St Mary's St Vincent de Paul group.

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.

Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st April: Mission Appeal by Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuike.

Sunday 21st April: Scouts St George's Day Service and Parade in church.

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

Saturday 11th May 10.00 am: 1st Communion Mass.

Saturday 8th June 10.00 am: 1st Communion Mass.

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.