

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	5 th SUNDAY LENT - Year B	16 th / 17 th March 2024
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
Monday 18 th March		NO MASS
Tuesday 19 th March <i>St Joseph</i>	10.00	Tina & Tony Rato (RIP) / Joseph Arnfield (sick)
Wednesday 20 th March	10.00	Requiem Mass: Patrick Francis Beck
Thursday 21 st March	10.00 13.30	Sina Borg (birthday remembrance) / Fr Jonathan (RIP) Lenten Service: St Anne's Primary School
Friday 22 nd March	10.00 19.00	John Gillooly/ William Brindle (anniversary) Stations of the Cross: St Mary Magdalen's, Penwortham
NEXT WEEKEND PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Year B		
Saturday 23 rd March	17.00 -17.45 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Doug Morphey (RIP) / Margaret Coan (RIP)/ Parishioners
Sunday 24 th March	10.00	Cath & Harry Minshull (RIP) / Les Chase (RIP)

Offertory Collection Total £700.43 Standing Orders £602.30

St Mary's Charity Fund £146.27 Thank you.

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 11 300 CLUB - Congratulations! To C Meldrum (No.86) Agent: J Stevenson

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: Penelope Janice Booth

PLEASE pray for all the departed: Patrick Francis Beck and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maureen Walkden, Dorothy Crosbie, Hilda Waive, Moya Ainsworth, George Cross, Margaret Mary Corcoran, Martin Braford, Tony O'Reilly and Mary Braithwaite.

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.

Alpha Course: Alpha is a series of weekly sessions where you can experience the Christian faith in an open-minded and welcoming environment which runs over six weeks. Each session includes a short talk and a time of discussion. It will take place in St Mary's Community Centre for six weeks beginning on Wednesday, April 10th at 7.00pm. Contact **Julie (07943-874257)** or **Sr Dorothy (07530-238222)** or Facebook: "Alpha Course in Leyland, Preston & Chorley Area".

Eucharistic Ministers – visits to the sick: Once you have placed the required number of altar breads into your pyx, please place it onto the silver tray next to the chalice on the credence table. Please do not place your pyx into the Communion bowl on the offertory table.

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.

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, 22nd 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 Egg Appeal: Please help with prizes for the Easter bonnet parade by donating Easter eggs. Please put in the box in the narthex or bring to the parish office any weekday morning.

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 £495.00.

Dates for your diary:

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

Wednesday, 20th March 11am -2pm: Warm Space with soup, at St Mary's Community Centre.

Friday, 22nd March at 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross at St Mary Magdalen's, Penwortham.

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

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

Tuesday, 18th June 7.00pm: Confirmation Service.

Thursday, 20th June 7.00pm: Confirmation Service.

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.