

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 WEEKEND PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Year B 23rd /24th March 2024		
Saturday 23 rd March	17.00 -17.45 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Doug Morphew (RIP) / Margaret Coan (RIP)/ Parishioners
Sunday 24 th March	10.00	Cath & Harry Minshull (RIP) / Les Chase (RIP)
Monday 25 th March		NO MASS
Tuesday 26 th March	10.00 14.15	NO MASS Lent Service: St Mary's Primary School
Wednesday 27 th March	12.15 19.30	High School Mass: in church Mass of Chrism: Metropolitan Cathedral
Thursday 28 th March <i>Holy Thursday</i>	19.00	Mass of the Lord's Supper: Helen Jones (sick) /Anne Holden (RIP)
Friday 29 th March <i>Good Friday</i>	13.30 15.00	Children's Stations of the Cross: Passion of Our Lord:
NEXT WEEKEND EASTER SUNDAY - Year B		
Saturday 30 th March <i>Holy Saturday</i>	10.00 20.00	Blessing of Easter Food: Easter Vigil: Parishioners/ Peter Foster (RIP)/ Margaret Anthony (RIP)
Sunday 31 st March <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10.00	Maureen Courtney (RIP) /David Ormesher (anniversary)

Offertory Collection Total £541.33 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 12 300 CLUB - Congratulations! To H Halliwell (No.104) 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.

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

Martin Bradford, Tony O'Reilly, Mary Braithwaite, Peter Blackwell, Monica Mary Marshall, Frank Harrison, Daniel Bonner, Maureen Courtney, Caron Kennedy-Noblet, Fr Michael O'Dowd, Ruth Chatburn, Mary Stalker and Tony Rato.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Helen Jones, 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, Tom Dacosta, Paul Jackson, José Davis, Rhoda Fletcher, Frank King, Georgia Martin, Kathryn Boulton, Des Hatton, Bill Clarke, Elaine Hunter and Michael McLaughlin.

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

Good Friday Collection: There will be the usual retiring collection for the Holy Places of the Holy Land.

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.

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.

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.

Red Box/Missio: The Red Box has been around for a hundred years. Currently parishioners are collecting the mission money. There is research being undertaken and Missio would like to hear from you. Please contact them at [mission.org.uk / research](http://mission.org.uk/research) or 020 7821 9755.

SLEAP: Leaflets and a poster about this local charity helping young homeless people are at the back of church.

Divine Mercy Devotions: Leaflets about the devotion and Novena are available at the back of church.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday, 27th March 11am -2pm: Warm Space with soup, at St Mary's Community Centre.

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.

Sunday, 7th April 2.45pm: Lancashire Deanery Divine Mercy devotions at Sacred Heart, Chorley.

Weekend, 13th & 14th April: Collection after Mass for St Mary's Local Charity Fund.

Saturday, 20th/Sunday 21st April: Mission Appeal and second collection by Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuike of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ. Her congregation is Nigeria's first indigenous Religious Order, founded in 1937.

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.