

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 WEEKEND	EASTER SUNDAY - Year B	30 th /31 st March 2024
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)
Monday 1 st April		NO MASS
Tuesday 2 nd April	10.00	Elaine McGoldrick (sick) / Barrie Cox (Birthday remembrance)
Wed 3 rd April	10.00	Requiem Mass: Linda Pascoe
Thursday 4 th April	11.00	Anne Holden (RIP) /Brian Pooley (RIP)
Friday 5 th April	10.00 14.30	KSC intentions / Phil Johnston (RIP) Funeral Service: Ian Kinsella
NEXT WEEKEND	2 nd SUNDAY of EASTER - Year B	
Saturday 6 th April	17.00- 17.45 18.00	Exposition and Confessions Kathleen Brennan (RIP)
Sunday 7 th April	10.00	Diamond Jubilee Mass: Parishioners

Offertory Collection Total £692.10 Standing Orders £602.30

Lenten Alms (for the Children of Gaza) £791.23

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 13 300 CLUB - Congratulations! To J & D Pope (No.87) Agent: M Halliwell

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: Ian Kinsella and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Josie de Palma, Brian McGrath, Harold Sach, Kelly Webster, Lauren Thornton, Brother Denis Cain-Jackson, Joan Harman, Michael Joseph Write, Bill Hargreaves, Emma (Betty) Kelly, John Graham Halstead, Edith Rice and Ron Brindle.

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.

Happy Easter: Fr Joe would like to wish a very Happy and Holy Easter to all parishioners, and their friends and family. Sincerest thanks all those who worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure that the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum were celebrated in such a beautiful and dignified way.

Diamond Jubilee Mass: At 10.00am next Sunday, 7th April, Archbishop Malcolm will be joining us as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the consecration of our church. After the Mass refreshments will be served in St Mary's Community Centre and a special cake will be cut. Also, in the Coffee Lounge, there will be an historical video presentation of images of the church from the days of its construction up to the present day. An official photographer will be taking photos on the day, and details of how to access the photographs will be in next week's newsletter.

Saturday Evening Mass: From 6th April we will have an organist to help celebrate the liturgy.

Baptismal Font: At long last the font has been relocated to the entrance of the church where it will serve as a reminder to us all of the day when we were baptised into the family of the children of God.

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".

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.

Special Request: If anyone has a china tea service – cups, saucers, side plates etc. that they no longer need, St Mary's Community Centre would be grateful for any donations to help deliver the Afternoon Tea events, which are becoming more popular. Donations can be brought to the Community Centre Monday to Friday 9 -12 noon.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday, 3rd April 12 noon: Community Lunch, at St Mary's Community Centre.

Sunday, 7th April 10am: Diamond Jubilee Mass.

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 2.00pm: Scouts St George's Day Service and Parade in church.

Friday, 26th April 7pm: 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.