

Parish of Saint Mary, Leyland

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Liverpool (Reg Charity 1199714): www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk



THIS WEEKEND		3RD SUNDAY of EASTER - Year B	13TH/14TH April 2024
Saturday 13 th April	17.00- 17.45 18.00	Exposition and Confessions Katy Phillips (anniversary) / Liberato Godinho (RIP) / Parishioners	
Sunday 14 th April	10.00	Roy Smith (RIP) / William Salisbury	
Monday 15 th April		NO MASS	
Tuesday 16 th April		NO MASS	
Wednesday 17 th April	10.00	Anne Holden (RIP) / Margaret Coan (RIP)	
Thursday 18 th April	10.00	Kathleen & Walter Smith (Diamond Wedding Anniversary) / Mary McKeown (100 th birthday)	
Friday 19 th April	10.00	Margaret Anthony (RIP) / John McDermott (RIP)	
NEXT WEEKEND		4TH SUNDAY of EASTER - Year B	
Saturday 20 th April	17.00- 17.45 18.00	Exposition and Confessions Kevin Ryan (RIP) / Brendan Agnew (RIP)	
Sunday 21 st April	10.00 14.00	Susan Crook (anniversary) / Parishioners St George's Day Service: (Scouts)	

Offertory Collection Total £826.54 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 15 300 CLUB - Congratulations! To M Todd (No.78) 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.

PLEASE pray for all the departed: and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Vincent Rice, Eileen Josephine Whelan, Kathleen Antoniuk, Jean Brennand, Leana Timms, Harold Clitheroe, Moira Whitfield, Alban Schultz and Sr Mary Higney.

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.

Diamond Jubilee Mass: There are not adequate words to express my thanks and appreciation to all the parishioners who worked so hard behind the scenes to make last Sunday's Diamond Jubilee celebration such a beautiful occasion. I know that we all felt very proud to be part of this wonderful parish that is St Mary's, Leyland. The Archbishop's words in his homily, in which he referred to us a "community gathered around the altar, but looking out to the world", will stay with me for a long time. Once again, my thanks to everyone for all your hard work. Here's to the next 60 years! (*Fr Joe*).

A pictorial story of the building of our church: This video, which was shown on Sunday in the Community Centre, is available to view via this link: https://youtu.be/Q_RQoD0StyA
If you would like a copy on DVD, please contact Paul Boys (01772 422229) or Catherine Sullivan in the parish office. Cost will be £5 each.

Slideshow of the Mass:

<https://wetransfer.com/downloads/d6a67dc9253f70256828307260410ae820240409153854/a4b92bee ba096cbcc59e5787222a188520240409153910/3a6018>

Photographs of the Mass and buffet:

<https://cahillphotography.pixieset.com/solemndiamondjubileemass>

Some facts and figures: Our parish was founded in 1845. The foundation stone of the new church was laid by Archbishop Heenan on 15th September 1962 and the church was consecrated by Archbishop Beck on 4th April 1964. In today's money the cost of the church would be £8 million.

Some of the best artists and architects of the 1960's were employed:

Architect	-	Jerzy Faczynski.
Tapestry in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	-	Jerzy Faczynski.
Lettering in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	-	Ralph Beyer.
Wooden statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel	-	David John.
Stations of the Cross	-	Arthur Dooley.
Candlesticks and tabernacle	-	Robin Mc Ghie.
Hanging crucifix and external ceramic mural	-	Adam Kossowski.
Stained glass	-	Patrick Reyntiens.
Pews	-	Robert Thompson ('The Mouseman').

The "ceremonial mallet" that was used to lay the foundation stone of the extension of the old church in 1919, and that of the new church in 1962, has been restored and is now displayed in a cabinet at the back of church.

Saturday Evening Mass: We now have an organist to help celebrate the liturgy.

Mission Appeal and Second Collection: On April 20th/21st Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuike of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ will be making an appeal for the work of missionary Sisters of England and Wales to support the poor and marginalized. They work in different countries of the world serving the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows, and elderly people. Her congregation is Nigeria's first indigenous Religious Order, founded in 1937.

Dates for your diary:

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

Wednesday, 17th April 11am -2pm: Warm space and soup St Mary's Community Centre

Wednesday, 17th April 7.00pm: Alpha Course in St Mary's Community Centre.

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.