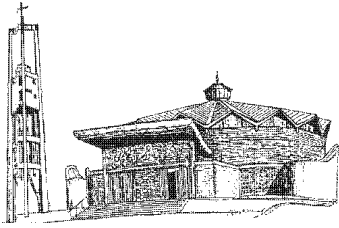


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What is the greatest gift
God gives to you? Be
thankful for it and use it
wisely!

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS

Please fill in our new Record Form, or if you move house within the parish please amend a new form.

Saturday 27th November

6.00 (Vigil Mass) E.B.C.

Sunday 28th November 1st Sunday of Advent

9.30 South Ribble Catenian deceased brothers/
Elizabeth Kitching recently deceased

11.00 The Parish

Monday 29th November

9.00 Joyce Jennings (MS)

12.15 One who is sick (CF)

Tuesday 30th November St Andrew

8.00 With Schools John Dodd

12.15 Requiem Mass for Mary Howard

Wednesday 1st December

9.00 Frank Dever

12.15 Tom Barnes



Thursday 2nd December

8.00 E J Whelan's intentions

12.15 Bill Smith

Friday 3rd December St Francis Xavier

9.00 Michael Molloy

12.15 Rose and Terence Muckian

7.15 Recently Bereaved



Saturday 4th December

9.00 Hilda Murphy

6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish

Sunday 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30 Kath and Barrie's intentions / Mary Howard recently dead.

11.00 Rhoda Fletcher/E.B.C.

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. (or when they end) and 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £519.84 Gift Aid £363.04

Parish Ceilidh raised £260 (letter on Notice Board)

National Youth Sunday £202.39 Many thanks!

For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002/John Baggaley 432683

Holy Communion for the Sick May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Adoration in the Special Chapel when you can come. Come and spend some time with the risen Lord in peace and quiet, hallowing God's name and praying for all.

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner C & A Leigh Week 45 No. 339 Agent E Ellison

Potential new members contact Eizabeth Ellison on 422544

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SUNDAY 1st Sunday of Advent

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Theme: Stay awake so that you may be ready

THE PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:

Melissa Emily Rimmer and Elicia-Rose Congiu-Hill

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Lee Derbyshire, Gaynor Hilliard, Eric Woof, Lynn Hamer, Annie Kelly, Gordon Cottle, Patricia Thompson, Hayden Nicole (2 years old), Alan Newby, Vincent McFarlane, Mary Stromberg, Robert Williams, Gerry Walsh, Joan Walmsley, Jimmy Doherty, Anne Smith, Henry Deacon, Sheila Latham, Kathleen Heywood, Maria Whitfield, Imogen Stafford (Primary School), Elle Miller (High School), John Southworth, Winifred Parkinson, John Kelly, Barbara Jakiemczuk, Terry Donnelly, Steve Jones, Mary Magee, Mary Douglas, Tracey Anne Holly, Joe Breen, Jenny Finch, Paul Hewitt, Jim McKay, Dot Reynolds, Susan McCarthy, Walburga Hall, Danny Bonner, Gerald Ralphs, Graham Halstead, and connected with us, Thelma Walmsley, May Watson, Simon Thompson. *Long-term sick are prayed for each day at mass. Please tell us those for prayers by Thursday. If we do not hear for a long time then names are put on the long term sick occasionally.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially those who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Joseph Heyes, Don Hardman, Marcel De Clercq, Chris Banks, Jack Lane, Gina Cooper, Pat Schofield, Marie Taylor, Joseph George Fenton, Elizabeth Miller, Winifred (Freda) Lawrenson, Louis Penzer, William Stanley Allen, Gordon Bruce Kimber and John Dever.

THIS WEEK Today: 1st Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children appeal for new members today

Broadfield Community Forum at Northbrook Primary School, today 28th November from 1.15 - 2.45 pm. See poster

Journey in Faith 5-6pm **Youth Group** 7-9pm

Family Rota of Prayer: M Richards, 15 Westgate

Monday: Church cleaning 9 am 'B' team

Tuesday: Cardinal Newman College Advent Vigil (see over)

Leyland St Mary's CTC Dance Festival 7.15 pm in school

Wednesday: Youth Group cinema trip 5.30 pm

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S.V.P. Abbot H Room 8 pm

Thursday: South Ribble Scouts carol service rehearsal 6.30 pm

Holy Hour (Renewal Prayer Group) 7 pm.

Advent reflection evening with Fr Stephen (Library) 7.30 pm

Scripture Sharing in Alverna 7.30 pm

Friday: Divine Mercy prayers 11.00 am in the Adoration Chapel.

St Mary's Primary School Christmas Fair 5 pm

St Anne's Primary School Christmas Fair 6 pm

Mass for the Recently Bereaved 7.15 pm – all are welcome to

share in the offering of this Mass for bereaved Parishioners and all who mourn for family or friend.

Saturday: Living Nativity Scene (see over)

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Cake sale today for HCPT

Children's Craft Afternoon in the Library 2 – 4 pm (see over)

Journey in faith 5-6pm

No Youth Group Youth Alive depart 5.30 pm

Advent a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord There are three comings of the Lord to celebrate: his coming at Bethlehem, his coming to us each moment, his coming on the last day. They all require preparation, and it is a good moment to take stock and begin again. We all need support and help on our journey to heaven, so anything that involves a small group is to be encouraged. Also anything that deepens our prayer life and helps us to grow in charity. Please consider what you might do! There are suggestions in the bulletin this week.

Parishioners' Christmas Cards will be put up on the boards in the Narthex this year, saving money and allowing those who wish to donate to his or her chosen charity. Appropriate ones only will be displayed! If you would like to participate please write on the envelope "For display on the shared Christmas card board" and either pop through the Priory letter box or place on the collection plate from the 1st Sunday of Advent onwards.

The notice boards are now cleared in the main for these cards. Long term notices are in a black folder that is at the back of the Church until we display them again in the New Year.

Planning for Christmas @ St. Mary's Leyland

- Tuesday 21st December Reconciliation service 7pm rite 2 - the user friendly way to celebrate the sacrament.
- Extra confessions Wed, Thurs & Frid before Christmas from 9.30am till they finish and 11.30am-12.15pm. Also Friday 24th December, Christmas eve from 6-7.00pm.
- Sung vigil Christmas mass 7pm Friday 24th December.
- Midnight mass preceded by carols 11.15pm Friday 24 Dec.
- Christmas day masses: 8.00 and 10.00am
- Christmas vespers in our Church 3.30pm
- Sunday 26th December Boxing day. One morning mass 11am with our altar servers. Extra mass 5pm

Youth Group this year will help and support the Fox Street Community at Christmas, 20 adult homeless men who have nothing and who are looked after by the shelter. Goods needed by 19th December. See the hand out for what is needed.

Piety shop - Advent begins today. Don't miss out on our wonderful cards and gift ideas.

Benedictine Year Books on sale in the Piety Shop priced £3.75

Parish Diaries - we have chased up the distributors for the 2nd time and they have promised delivery in December. We are sorry for the delay but it is beyond our control.

Christmas Candles - it is not possible to fulfill all the Mass intentions round the season so as usual we will be having candles around the Church. If you would like one or more please use one of the multi-purpose envelopes, mark it "Christmas Candle" and put on the name or intention. £5 per candle and please hand in as soon as possible so we can process them. Many thanks.

Fomo bags - Ethel Singo will be selling these shopping bags. Each bag costs £3 and each one sold will pay for a mosquito net.

Ministers of Holy Communion - the new rota, beginning weekend 4th/5th December, are ready in the Sacristy. A separate list for the Christmas services is being prepared.

Parishioner needing a lift - one of our Parishioners is moving into Buckshaw Retirement Village and would like a lift to 11 am Mass. Can anyone help? Please contact the Priory 01772 455955

CTIL furniture scheme desperately needs washing machines. Will pick up anywhere, anytime. Please contact Mike on 07864 055069 or Lesley on 455955. Thank you

Christmas Flowers - we are now accepting donations towards the Christmas flowers. Please use one of the multi-purpose envelopes, mark it "Christmas Flowers" and write on your intention. Enclose your donation and place on the offertory plate or hand into the Priory House. Thank you.

Forthcoming Events

Cardinal Newman College Advent Vigil on Tuesday 30th November at 7 pm in the College, followed by festive refreshments. See poster on the Notice Board

Advent - There will be Scripture sharing in Alverna at 7.30 pm each Thursday in Advent starting this week on 2nd December, then on 9th, 16th and 23rd. Also there will be an Advent Service at Jubilee Court on 7th December at 2.30 pm

Advent Evenings A time of prayer, music and talk on Advent themes with Fr. Stephen in the Priory Library: 7.30 - 9.00pm Thursday 2nd and 9th; Friday 17th December.

St Mary's with C.T.L.: Living Nativity Scene 4th December at Leyland Market. Three teams from St Mary's have gallantly agreed to take part in the Living Nativity Scene. Please give them your support - go to see them! The Cubs at 10.30 am, the Youth Group at 12.30 pm and the Drama Group at 1.45 pm

Children's Christmas Craft Afternoon on 5th December, from 2 - 4 pm in the Library. Children from 2 to 92 welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex to give an idea of numbers.

The One Voice Choir Sunday 5th December 6pm with music, reflection and readings for Advent and Christmas. Lasting approx 1 hour, at St Leonard's in Penwortham.

St Catherine's Hospice Carol Service - St John's Minster, Preston on Sunday 5th December at 4 pm. See poster

St Catherine's Hospice Light up a Life on Monday 6th December from 5.30 pm. See poster

Leyland Band Christmas Spectacular on Sunday 19th December here in Church at 7 pm. See poster.

WORD OF LIFE

Nothing is impossible to God (Lk 1:37)

When Mary asked the angel at the Annunciation: "How can this be?" the answer was: "Nothing is impossible to God" and, as proof of these words, she was given the example of Elizabeth, who in her old age had conceived a son. Mary believed and became the Mother of the Lord. God is almighty. This name 'Almighty' is often found in Holy Scripture and is used when expressing God's power in blessing, in judging, in guiding the course of events and in achieving his plans. There is only one limit to God's all-powerfulness, and that is human freedom. It can oppose his will, making the human being powerless, when instead he or she is called to share in the very power of God.

*Copies of the full text are on the table in front of the Piety Shop.
Please help yourself*

**HAVE A JOYFUL AND BLESSED ADVENT
ASK GOD AND OTHERS YOU TRUST FOR ADVICE AND
HELP IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING.**