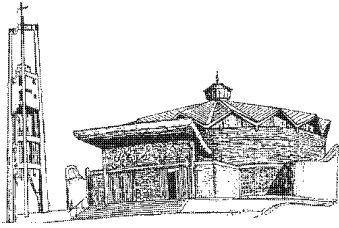


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Reject the devil, i.e. all that goes against God, and his evil tricks as Jesus did

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 20th February

6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish

Sun 21st Feb 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30 EBC / Osborne & Sullivan family Mass

11.00 Catenians Vocations Mass

Monday 22nd February

The See of Peter the Apostle

8.00 Ann Richardson

12.15 Paul Bruce

6.30 Thinking Day Service

Tuesday 23rd February

8.00 (schools) Dave Vernon (K & K)

12.15 Requiem Mass Audrey Devine

Wednesday 24th February

8.00am Catherine Laws

12.15 John Hampson (Snr) *anniv*

7.00pm Mass to celebrate 150 years of Sts Peter and Paul's school in Mawdesley at Sts Peter and Paul's Church.

Thursday 25th February

8.00 (in Church throughout Lent) Paul Bruce

12.15 Fletcher family

Friday 26th February Family Fast Day

8.00 Marian Kirk (anniv) followed by Stations of the Cross

11.30 Stations of the Cross

12.15 Ann McHugh RIP

7.15 Jimmy Jones

Saturday 27th February

9.00 Roselyn Holmes

6.00 (Vigil Mass) Fr Abbot's ints / Burke family intentions

Sunday 28th February 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.30 Special intention / The Parish / Addison-Jones family intentions

11.00 EBC / Audrey Devine lately dead.

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

Confessors for individual confessions: We realise it may be helpful for Parishioners and others to know who is hearing confessions. There will be the initial letter of the monk as above: Fr. Jonathan J; Fr. Ambrose A; Fr. Stephen S; Fr. Paul P.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £667.60** **Gift Aid £305.50**
For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002 **Many thanks!**

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

The Congregation says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

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Steve i.c. Youth 07977249636

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SUNDAY 1st of Lent

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Theme: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

THE PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:

Carter James Yates and Rhys William Yates

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK

Norah Platt, Joe Breen, Jim Blackledge, Jenny Finch, Frank Worthington, Frank Barton, Michael Taylor, Francis Dever, Pauline Hughes, Bernard Turner, Lee Derbyshire, Clara Hall, Paul Hewitt, Rita Bleasdale, Maggie Ashbolt, Maire Jones, Jim McKay, Agnes Bennett, Lynn Hamer, Joe Copeman, Mark Clements, Toni Gannon, Dot Reynolds, Patricia Duffy, Susan McCarthy, Walburga Hall, Gordon Cottle, Moyra Haynes, Joyce Wilcox, Danny Bonner, Annie Kelly, Eve Hankin, Evelyn Swarbrick, Gerald Ralphs, Eileen Kenyon, Edith Rice, Alice Oden, Graham Halstead, and connected with us, Teresa O'Hanlon, Chad McDonald, Andrew Liddell, Susan Davey, Betty Thompson (Canada) - Mum of Doreen Houghton, Joan Madden (Fr Abbot's mother), Eric Woof, Ami Froehlick, Audrey Padmore, Alicia Middlemas (friend of Maria, Brenda) Malcolm Pyman and Frank Dever *Let us know those who you wish to pray for by Thursday*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Audrey Devine who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mary Bibby, Cody Phillip Evans, Rosina Mary Cottam, John Charnock, Frederick Carter, James Cowburn, Marian Kirk, Ida Bamford and Brenda Hughes.

THIS WEEK Today: 1st Sunday of Lent Lenten Alms Box is in the Narthex. CAFOD family fast day envelopes available **Fairtrade Fortnight** 22nd Feb – 7th March. *See Lesley for Ideas. Journey in Faith* 5-6 pm Youth **Group** 7-9 pm **Family Rota of Prayer:** Sullivans, 35 Atherton Road

Monday: Church cleaning 9am 'B' team

The Practice of the Presence of God Fr Paul 11am - 12 noon
Confirmation Meeting: 4.00- 5.30pm Parish Centre.
1st Holy Communion Meeting - 6.30 – 7.30pm in the Club

Tuesday: S.V.P. 8 pm Abbot H Room

Engaged Couples 8 – 9.15 pm

Wednesday: Snr Youth Group cinema trip 5.45 pm

Lent Session with Fr Stephen 7.30 pm

150th Anniversary of Sts Peter and Paul's School in Mawdesley. Mass at St. Peter and Paul's 7.00pm

Thursday: Wymott Focolare Meeting depart. 5.45pm

Living Life to the Full with Fr Ambrose 7.30 pm

Friday: Divine Mercy prayers 11.0 am in the Adoration Chapel.

Lent Scripture Course Alverna 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Saturday: Launch of the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation

Friends meeting House, Euston, London.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Journey in Faith 5-6 pm

Youth Group 7-9 pm

Adoration in Church. St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel

Exposition is at any time that you can make it. You are welcome to pop in any time. -Contact the Priory for enquiries

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS! £100 Winner A Holden

Week 5 No. 5 Agent A Anthony

Michael and Pat Taylor would like to thank Fr Ambrose, Fr Jonathan, Parishioners, Family and Friends for their many cards and words of comfort and encouragement both during and after Michael's recent operation. He is now home after a bit of a difficult time, and on the road to recovery. He hopes to be back with the Parish Family in the next few weeks. God bless you all.

The Importance of Lent

"People in Lancashire are systematically emptying the Christian content of their lives" would be the conclusion of a recent statement by a thoughtful Catholic leader, Cardinal Vlk of Prague of the Czech Republic. The 77-year-old cardinal made his remarks in an interview to mark his retirement after spending 19 years as the leader of the Czech Church. He was referring to all Europeans. He said "Europe will pay dearly for having left its spiritual foundations and this is the last period when it may still have a chance to do something about it," those who do believe strongly in God are our Muslim brothers and sisters who are growing in strength and numbers all over Europe. Cardinal Vlk feels Islam will almost "rightly" fill the vacuum there is because so many in Europe have exchanged their Christian culture for an aggressive secularism that embraces atheism.

On Friday last, visiting, a very sick parishioner in RPH, there was a devout young Moslem girl opposite the Leyland person. She clearly had a strong faith in God, the same God that we worship. We would benefit if we learned to dialogue in love with all those believers in God of other faiths, as well as other Christians, both to learn from them and to give to them.

This depends on us having a strong Catholic faith!

Lent is a very graced time when all would do well to think and pray carefully about their own situation as Catholic Christians. This is the value of the different courses being offered this year in Lent. Thoughtful people say that unless we "belong" in some stronger way to God and the Church than Sunday Mass alone, we will find it difficult to maintain our Catholic Faith in the face of the "aggressive secularism and atheism" that surrounds us. Please consider this Lent:

- Daily Mass / Devotions such as the Stations
- Prepare for the PA celebration of reconciliation: Rite B Monday 28th March at 7.00pm in Church
- Prayerful spiritual reading (especially Wednesday Word or the Word of Life or the Scriptures)
- Meeting with Fr. Paul Mondays 11am-12noon
- Living Faith Sessions on Tuesdays of March 7.15 - 9.15pm, organised by the Archdiocese; Leaders are Fr. Tony Singo and Steve Atherton. (see leaflets and you must book; only 8 places left; for our Pastoral Area)
- Wednesdays 7.30pm with Fr. Stephen
- Wed. 24th Feb & 3rd March 7.30pm with Fr. Terence at St. Mary's Brownedge Church on the Parables. Wed. 17th, 24th, 31st March with Fr. Augustine on the Suffering Servant songs in Isaiah. (see the board)
- Thursdays 7.30pm "Living Life to the Full" with Fr. Ambrose (see below)
- Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm Leyland URC Church Hough Lane: The Passion. 6 weeks of discussion based on the acclaimed BBC series. (see board)
- Friday's 7.30pm Scripture course with Sister Veronica at Alverna.

Life to the Full: 5 sessions on the 5 Thursdays of Lent at 7.30 p m. We may be faithful Catholics, but it is easy to miss the real richness of our Faith and the value of the Scriptures.

EASTER UPDATE. This weekend marks the closing date for the submission of articles for the next issue of 'Update', but perhaps there is still time to get those last minute ideas into print? Send them in by all means - but as soon as possible, please. Thank you for those already received. The Editor.

Forthcoming Events

Please give blood on Tuesday 23rd February from 2 - 4 pm and 5.30 - 7.30 pm at SRBC, West Paddock. See poster on the Notice Board. The Blood Donation service have written to thank all who have given blood in the cold winter period.

Readers Renewal of Vows at Holy Hour, 7 pm Thursday 4th March with Benediction.

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 5th March at St Andrew's Church, Leyland at 6.30 pm. Followed by refreshments. All welcome - men, women and young people. See poster on notice Board.

The Christian Aid Quiz will be held on Monday 8th March 2010 at 7.30pm in the St Mary's Parish Centre Tickets £5 including supper Call Margaret Ward on 01772 452015 or pay on the door

Catholic Training Partnership - discovering teaching and leading in a Catholic School - is it for you? A one day conference for Catholic teachers and students interested in teaching or returning to teaching in Catholic schools and colleges will take place at Liverpool Hope University on Saturday 13th March from 9.30 am - 3.30 pm. Cost £15 per delegate. See poster on the Notice Board for more details.

St Patrick's Night Dinner & Ceilidh - Wed 17th March at 7.45 pm at The Leyland Hotel. Tickets e £20. *Poster on the Board.*

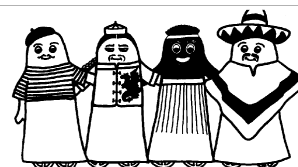
Ampleforth Ladies Retreat 7-9th May. If you wish to come on this very enjoyable and always fruitful weekend please contact Kate Jordan on 435721. Those who have never been before would be very welcome indeed.

WORD OF LIFE

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture (Jn 10:9)

Yes, he is present in everything that speaks of suffering. Every suffering of ours bears his name. So let's try, then, to recognise Jesus in every hardship, life's tough situations, in all the darkness, our personal tragedies and those of others, in the sufferings of humanity around us. They are all him, because he has made them his. It's enough to say to him, with faith, "You, Lord, are my only good" (see Psalm 16 (15):2). It's enough to do something practical to lessen 'his' suffering in the poor and the sorrowful, so as to go through the gate and find beyond it a joy never experienced before, a new fullness of life.

Full text of the Word of Life and the Feb. one are available on the cupboards just outside the piety Shop. Please help yourself



Mankind consists of different kinds of people—God understands them all