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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS

If you are new to the parish or have moved house within the parish please ask a collector for a Record Form, complete it and return it to the collector

THIS WEEKEND		3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		Year A
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 14th December	6pm	Kearney family intentions / The Parish		<i>Note that to ENTER church only we will come in via the side door.</i>
Sunday 15th December	10am 7pm	Adams family intentions / EBC <i>Leyland Band Christmas Concert</i>		Journey in faith 4:00 to 5:00 pm Youth group 18:30 to 20:30 Family Rota of Prayer Sullivan family 35 Atherton Road
Monday 16th December	9am 12.15	No Mass John Knight (25th anniversary)		Church Cleaning 9am 'A' team Life After 11.30-1pm library
Tuesday 17th December	07:50 12.15	(Schools) James Hilliard birthday remembrance Coomer family		
Wednesday 18th December	9am 12.15	Elizabeth Welch, John, Agnes & Thomas Dandy Requiem Mass Michael Riley		KSC meeting 7:00 pm in the Library Word of Life 7pm Priory House.
Thursday 19th December	8am 12.15 12.30	(Alverna) Edward and Hilda Murphy RIP Wilson family intentions Funeral Margaret Edmondson (Crem only)		
Friday 20th December	9am <i>About 11.15 am</i> 7pm till ends	Frank Calderbank anniversary High School end of Term mass <i>All welcome</i> <i>No Mass at 12:15</i> Confessions in the House (wait in the library)		Divine Mercy 11am Scripture Sharing to prepare for Christmas 7.30-8.30 Alverna
NEXT WEEKEND		4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		Year A
Date		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS / ADDITIONS
Saturday 21st December	9am 9.30 till ends 5-6:00 pm 6pm	Bridget McNulty Confessions (B) Confessions (B) Hodgson family / Margaret Edmondson recently died / EBC		
	10am 4 - 5pm	Almond and Jolly family intentions / The Parish / Michael Riley recently died Confessions in House (wait in the library)		No Journey in Faith Youth group 6.30-8.30pm Parish House Family Rota of Prayer Jackson Family 4 Long Moss

FOR THE TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES and CONFESSIONS PLEASE SEE ON p. 3 on the website

Confessions are available at any time. Ring to arrange
Adoration in church, St Joseph's Chapel You are welcome to pop in any time

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £574.86**

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Gift Aid £454.70

Many thanks

Week 49 500 CLUB Congratulations to E Currie £100 Winner (No49) Agent: W Courtney

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK The Congregation says:

May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.



Rosary for the Unborn The Knights of St Columba and SPUC pray the rosary

December Intention For those facing a crisis pregnancy at this time.



An experiment. There will be no access into church through the main doors as you arrive for mass for a few Sundays, but they will be open as you leave church. Go to the side door. This is for a trial period to see if it makes the heating better, saves money and works to prevent climate change.

Safeguarding Thank you to all those who have completed their DBS checks. If you have not yet done this please can you fill in the necessary paperwork and bring in to us Passport, driving licence, utility bill or bank statement dated in the last three months, as soon as possible. Help to fill in the necessary forms is available.

THE PARISH PLEASE PRAY FOR Colin Armer, Gordon Moore, Dorothy Knight, Geordie Adams, Olivia Catterall, Fr. Cassian, Chris Macro, Pamela Ball, Brian Reed, Glenda Kelly, Anne George, Bernie Wilson, Gaynor Hilliard, Patricia Hayes, Harry Embery, Carol Wright, Tony Kerrigan, Monica Maguire, Bernadette Clarke, Colin Bennett, Frank King, Vanda Brown, Pat McMahan, Bernadette Thompson, Matthew Cox, Tony Loftus, Eileen Standing, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, Margaret Evans, Allen Withnell, Carol Parkinson, Marjorie Parr, Margaret Booth, Rebecca Coates, Vi Gardner, Joan Sullivan, Philip Watson, Derek Taylor, Catherine Breen, Eileen Hilliard, Peter Beatty. Connected with us; Margaret Dixon, Shaun Shaw, Lily Burrows, Elaine Brown, Malcolm Wright, Alison Gardner, Kevin Barnes, and for all sick people.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED Pauline Robinson, Maree Flood (former teacher at St Mary's PS) and connected with us Mark Williams (Christine Lemmon's nephew) and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time; Bernard Derry, Ellen Coupe, James Phillips, Pat Foster, Barbara Stoney, Leo Blackhurst, Evie Lomax, John Alan Leatherbarrow, Agnes Chester, Mary Lathope, Natalie Hardy, Frank Calderbank, Madison Louise Alston-West, Ann Woodacre, Barbara Anne Littler and Jennifer Ann Wilson.

Bidding Prayer rota is ready for collection from the sacristy. Thank you to all contributors.

URGENT REQUEST -The Faith in Action children are helping the homeless this Christmas by collecting jumpers, coats, hats, scarves and gloves, no longer needed by you. Both male and female items would be greatly appreciated. Please leave any donations in the container in the Narthex, labelled Faith in Action Collection for the Homeless, or drop off anytime at the Priory House. There should not be people living on our streets in 2020, so these young people are trying to be 'the Church God is calling them to be.'

Food Bank Thank You We have been overwhelmed by the support there has been for the Food Bank. During **November** use has increased, your donations helped us to support an average of **81** households every week by giving out **112** food parcels. We have ample supplies of pasta, baked beans, soup & cereal. However, help with the following would be greatly appreciated: *Tinned meat, Rice, Tinned fruit and Milk.*

Thank You from Tony Lakin's family for all your kind words, masses and prayers on the occasion of his funeral. £220 has been raised for Rosemere Cancer foundation.

Candles and Flowers for Christmas There is still time to put in donations, please do so as soon as possible. Envelopes in the narthex. It is your generosity that enables us to decorate our church with flowers and remember our loved ones with candles. Thank you

Dementia Friendly Carol Service Liverpool Cathedral Thursday 19th December at 2pm. No need to book just come along everyone is welcome.

Lancashire Sings Christmas 7:00pm Thursday 19 December at The Café, Tesco Extra, Towngate.

Find a friend, Christmas Dinner - Are you an older person spending Christmas day alone? Do you know of an older person that will be alone on the 25th? If so pick up a flyer from the Narthex about a special lunch that is being organised. It is important to book in as explained on the flyer.

Confirmations 2020 If your child is in year 8 and does not attend a Catholic High School and is not confirmed as a Catholic and would like to be confirmed in 2020 then please sign up for a Preparation Day that will be run by ANIMATE the Archdiocesan Youth team. It takes place on Saturday 29 February 2020. Please contact Fr Simon Gore on 01774 740461 / 467 or by email on s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk

OUR WAY OF LIFE. Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. The Lord is near! Let us be joyful on Rejoicing Sunday because our salvation is at hand. Nobody can take away our faith that all will be well and all manner of things will be well.

A REFLECTION. To have a strong faith, we need to be like John the Baptist. It *seems he doubted if Jesus was the Messiah.* But a doubt does not mean that faith is lost. He simply in faith found it hard to understand whether Jesus was truly the one to come or not, and Jesus reassured him. Later Jesus in his humanity would learn from John the Baptist how his own life would also end. Jesus and John the Baptist both know that even though we may suffer all will be well for those who follow the way of the Gospel. Be strong in faith.

WORD OF LIFE *Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming*

Reflecting on this Word, Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare Movement, wrote, "Have you noticed how generally we don't live life but muddle through it waiting for "later" when something "beautiful" will happen? The fact is that this "beautiful later" will come anyway but it will not be what we are expecting. A divine instinct makes us wait for someone or something that can make us feel satisfied. Instead, we might be thinking of a special celebration, some free time or someone we are going to meet, but then, once these have happened we are still not satisfied, at least not fully. We carry on with a humdrum existence that isn't lived with conviction, because we are always waiting. The truth is that, among the factors that make up our life, there is one from which no one can escape: it is our personal meeting with the Lord who comes. This is the "beautiful thing" towards which we are unconsciously tending, because we are made for happiness. And only he can give us full happiness."

Find the full commentary in New City, or the pamphlet or on the website under the bulletin tag



"Marriage Matters" This online Word.doc book **MARRIAGE MATTERS** is a collection of 60-word snippets, adapted from the Sunday Mass Scripture Reading reflections to support married couples.

Cherish the gift: John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus' coming. When Jesus came, the Magi brought gifts. We are preparing gifts for family and friends. When you married, and every day since, you have gifted yourself...entrusted yourselves ...to each other; do you still cherish the gift? How much has trust helped you on your journey together? Thank the Lord!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR - CONFESSION AND MASS TIMES

(We have confessions in the house sometimes to save the cost of heating the Chapel)

Date	Time	Event	Place
20th December	7pm till ends	Confession	Priory House access via glass corridor. Wait in the library
21st December	9.30 till ends 5-6:00 pm 6pm	Confession Confession Mass	Blessed Sacrament Chapel Blessed Sacrament Chapel Church
22nd December	10am 4 - 5pm	Mass Confessions	Church Priory House access via glass corridor. Wait in the library
23rd December	7pm till ends	Confession	Priory House access via glass corridor. Wait in the library
CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December	5-6pm 6pm 9pm 9.30pm	Confession First Christmas Mass Vigil Carols before Mass (<i>Organ & singers</i>) Night Mass	In church (St Anne's chapel) Church Church Church
CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December	8am 10am	Christmas morning Mass with the Bromiley family. (<i>Brass instruments</i>) Family Mass (<i>Piano, flute & guitars</i>)	Church Church
BOXING DAY 26th December	11am	St Stephen's Mass	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
29th December	10am	Guild Mass of St Stephen	Church
NEW YEAR'S DAY 1st January 2020	11am	First Mass of the New Year Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Blessed Sacrament Chapel