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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		BAPTISM OF THE LORD		Year A
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 11th January		6pm	In Thanksgiving (BM) / The Parish / Frank Winward recently died	
Sunday 12 th January	10am	Intentions of Kathleen Brennan & Bridie Dempsey / Jean Bull recently died (<i>Sister in law of Joyce Bull RIP our sacristan who died in May 2011</i>)	Baptismal renewal service 2.30 pm in Church Journey in Faith 4.00 5.00pm Youth group 6.30-8.30pm Family Rota of Prayer Smith family 20 Cross St	
Monday 13th January	9am 12.15	No Mass Knowles & Bilsborrow family	Mindfulness 10.00 Church Cleaning 9am 'B' team Sacramental prog (4) 6.30pm	
Tuesday 14th January (St Kentigern)	07.50 12.15	(schools) Tony Lakin RIP (T&MS) Requiem Mass Vi Gardner	Baptism course 8pm	
Wednesday 15th January (St Maurus & Placid)	9am 12.15	Pat Sheridan RIP Requiem Mass Linda Clements	Life after group 9.30-12 Mindfulness (new group) 10-12	
Thursday 16th January	8am 12.15	(Alverna) Eileen Hilliard's intentions No Mass (<i>Deanery clergy meeting</i>)	Mindfulness 10.00	
Friday 17th January (St Anthony of Egypt)	8 am 12.15 2pm	(High School) Noel McCoy RIP For priests and religious Funeral Service at the Crem for Eileen Devaney		
NEXT WEEKEND		2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		Year A
Date		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 18th January	9am 9.30 till ends 5-5.45 pm 6pm	Maree Flood RIP (MK) Confessions (B) (Note the times) Confessions (B) Fr Abbots intentions / Eileen Devaney and Linda Clements recently died	Journey in Dialogue event in Birmingham The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today: for services through the week see the poster in Narthex or below.	
Sunday 19th January	10am 3pm	Sacramental programme / Mary Fleming (sick) / The Parish / Vi Gardner recently died <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> Main Service at St James church Slater Lane	Journey in Faith 4:00 – 5:00 pm Youth group 6.30-8.30pm Family Rota of Prayer Connolly family Crosslands, Wigan Road	

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 £394.26 Gift Aid £408.90 Many thanks.
For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Week 1 500 CLUB Congratulations to A Frankland £100 Winner (No 41) Agent: J Lee

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK The Congregation says:

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

Found in St Anne's Chapel (Cry Room) A child's soft toy. If you have lost this please see Lesley.

'MINDFULNESS' is an opportunity to enhance wellbeing. A 3rd group beginning at St Mary's, Wednesday January 15, 10-12 in the Priory. Taste and see.

Finance committee the next meeting has been postponed and a new date will be arranged.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th -25th January. Theme: *Unusual Kindness* prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo (Christians Together in Malta). For services see the posters in narthex. The main service is in St James' Church Slater Lane at 3: pm on Sunday 19 January. **Tuesday 21st January**, 12 noon– St John's Church, Leyland, **Thursday 23rd January, 7.00pm** – Leyland Baptist Church and **Saturday 25th January, 12 noon** – St Mary's Church, Leyland. There are light refreshments available after each of these services.

THE PARISH PLEASE PRAY FOR Richard Daniels, Josette Bradbury, 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 McMahon, Bernadette Thompson, Matthew Cox, Tony Loftus, Eileen Standing, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, Margaret Evans, Allen Withnell, Carol Parkinson, Marjorie Parr, Margaret Booth, Rebecca Coates, 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 Deacon Jack Woodruff (Liverpool) and Maureen Boothman and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time; Teresa Hayes, Teresa Tully, Eve Westwood, Beatrice Doyle, Angela Battersby, Keith Gary Shepherd and Leli Bonnici.

Christmas Flowers 2019 Thank you from the flower arrangers to everyone who very generously made donations for the decorations in our church. The main altar, the narthex, communion table, link corridor (outside and in) and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Thank you also to all the willing helpers who installed and decorated the Christmas tree and the Crib. Your donations allowed such a beautiful display, a list of those who donated is in the narthex and link corridor.

Thank you also to the KSC for the outside Crib and the Star on the Priory House.

Foodbank - Thank you for your kindness We have been overwhelmed by your support. During the **FESTIVE PERIOD** you helped us to support an average of **82** households each week. Your donations enabled us to give out **550+** food parcels, along with Christmas treats e.g. mince pies, selection boxes, Christmas pudding etc. We have ample supplies of pasta, baked beans & soup. We would appreciate the following: *Tinned meat, rice, tinned fruit and vegetables and milk*. All your help is greatly appreciated.

Journeying in Dialogue Celebrating Chiara Lubich, the founder of Focolare 100 years since her birth.

See Fr Jonathan or Julie Dickinson for any more information

Local, national and international personalities will share experiences of building unity, inspired by the spirituality of the Focolare Movement. Saturday 18 January at the Elgar Hall, University of Birmingham, 11am – 4pm. This is an open event and you can book a seat on a coach from Leyland leaving at 06:30. Return fair is £12. See the notices on the board if you wish to come. Please bring some food to eat as a picnic. This event would be good for those seeking new ways of being the Church today as we pray in our Synod Prayer.

Stop Human Trafficking – A New Year Resolution: Kevin Hyland OBE, who was the UK's first independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and is a member of the Pope's Santa Marta Group to combat Human Trafficking, will be giving the Memorial Lecture at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA on Sunday 19 January 2-4pm. Please come along to see how you and your parish can help to stop this deadly trade in your area. Info: s.atherton@rcaol.org.uk

Confirmations 2020 If you have a child not in a Catholic High School who is not confirmed and would like to be confirmed this coming year, contact the Priory house as soon as you can before the end of January.

OUR WAY OF LIFE. Baptism makes each baptised person a priest, prophet and king. Baptism unites all Christians into the One Body of Christ.

A REFLECTION. An Anglican lady recently led a prayer with a group in the Churches Together One Voice Choir. Only God himself could have inspired that woman to share that beautiful prayer. It is good to see the Holy Spirit working in others without compromising our own Catholic identity. It is also good to join in the prayers during the Week of Prayer for Christian unity. We can anticipate the unity we are praying for when we are together in prayer with other Christians.

WORD OF LIFE *"They showed us unusual kindness."* (Acts 28:2). Paul and the others involved in the shipwreck experienced warm and practical kindness from people who had not yet received the light of the Gospel. The reception they received was not rushed and impersonal but was genuinely helpful to the visitors and showed no cultural, religious or social prejudice. This can only happen through the involvement of all members of a whole community. The capacity to accept others is part of every person's DNA because we all bear within us the image of the merciful Father. This is the case for Christians and those who do not follow the Christian faith. It is a law written in the human heart, which the Word of God has brought to light and developed, from the time of Abraham, right up to Jesus' striking revelation, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me". The Lord himself gives us strength through his grace, so that our fragile will can reach the fullness of Christian love. Through this experience, Paul also teaches us to trust in God's providential intervention and to recognize and appreciate all the good we receive through the concrete love of many people who cross our path.

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

"Marriage Matters" *You are my chosen one.* Today, Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being 'the Chosen One' and 'the Beloved'. So often, we are aware of the times when our partner annoys us. We need to develop a sensitivity so that, when we are tempted to be critical, we remember that this is my 'chosen one' and look for ways to affirm our partner, our 'beloved'.