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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		FEAST OF EPIPHANY		Year A
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 4th January	6pm	Newton family / English Benedictine Congregation		
Sunday 5th January	10am	In thanksgiving for the gifts we each bring to the parish / The Parish		No Journey in Faith Youth group 6.30-8.30pm Family Rota of Prayer Boulton family 36 Woodville Street
Monday 6th January	9am 12.15	No Mass Janice Wardley RIP		Church Cleaning 9am A' team
Tuesday 7th January	07.50 12.15	(schools) Bernadette Davis RIP & Bridget Lane RIP Requiem Mass Frank Winward		
Wednesday 8th January	9am 12.15	Margaret Pollard RIP In Thanksgiving		Inseus (Diabetes) 9.30-12 Library Pastoral Council 7pm
Thursday 9th January	9am 12.15	(Church) Agnes Goulding birthday remembrance Fr Simon's intentions		Benedictine Charism 7.15pm
Friday 10th January	8 am 12.15 2pm	(High School) Tony Lakin RIP (M Kn) Barrie Cox RIP Funeral Service Jean Bull		
NEXT WEEKEND		BAPTISM OF THE LORD		Year A
Date		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 11th January	9am 9.30 till ends 5-6:00 pm 6pm	Martyn Rogers intentions Confessions (B) Confessions (J) In Thanksgiving (BM) / Frank Winward recently died		
Sunday 12th January	10am	Intentions of Kathleen Brennan & Bridie Dempsey / Jean Bull recently died		Journey in Faith 4:00 – 5:00 pm Youth group 6.30-8.30pm Family Rota of Prayer Smith family 20 Cross Street

Confessions are available at any time. Ring to arrange

Adoration in church, St Joseph's Chapel You are welcome to pop in any time

Christmas and Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £1679.47 Gift Aid £714.95 Many thanks
Aid to the Church in Need (Christmas) £866.57 For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Week 52 500 CLUB Congratulations to £100 Winner M and B Walmsley (No 43) Agent: M McNulty

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK The Congregation says:

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

Safeguarding Thank you to everyone who has filled in the online or paper form. Two more to go!

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.

Pope Francis each year writes a message for the 1st of January about Peace in our world. His message has four sections about the Holy Journey of Life and peace. He writes: Peace is a Journey of **Hope: Dialogue: Reconciliation** and **Ecological Conversion**. This message is on the website; scroll down under the Bulletin tab and find IMPORTANT ISSUES. If anyone wants a hard copy of this 4 page document, ask Fr Jonathan

A very Happy, Holy and Peaceful New Year to everyone from Fr Jonathan, Fr Cassian, Fr Bernard, Sister Veronica Lesley Raven our administrator and all who work closely with us in the Priory house.

THE PARISH PLEASE PRAY FOR 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 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, 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 Frank Winward, Vi Gardner, Linda Clement, Eileen Devanny, Barry Frankland, and connected with us, Jean Dowson (wife of Jack Methodist Minister of Leyland Methodists) Jean Bull and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time; Ted Harte, Matthew Kevin Miller, Jean Horrocks, Pamela Lofthouse, Eddie Kemp, Mary Magdalen McCall, Cecilia Kathleen McSherry, Eileen Snape, Fred Thistlethwaite, Eric Beech, Edward Kemp, John Quaine, Frank Kellett and Martin Lacey.

David Dewhurst writes: Dear, Fr Jonathan, Fr Bernard, fellow parishioners, friends and members of my family, On Sunday, 29th December at the 10 am mass, I was awarded the St Stephens 50 year gold medal award for long service as an altar server. While I agree 50 years is a long time, as a member of the guild of St Stephen, it has brought me great pleasure, a greater understanding of the mass and strengthened my faith. Thank you and God bless you all, David Dewhurst.

I cannot miss an opportunity to promote the altar servers guild and increase our numbers, young (Over year 4) or old if you are interested in becoming a server please speak to Howard, Peter, Fr Jonathan or myself.

(PS from Fr Jonathan: as far as we know nobody else has ever had a gold St Stephen's guild medal in our parish)

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. **Keynote speakers:** **Archbishop Bernard Longley**, Birmingham, **Dr Mohammad Ali Shomali**, Director of the International Institute for Islamic Studies, **Bhai Sahib Ji**, leader of the GNNSJ Sikh community and **Prof G Pillay**, Vice Chancellor & Rector of Liverpool Hope University. The entry is free but tickets are required by booking via Eventbrite (search 'Journeying in Dialogue'). This event illustrates what we are praying for in our Synod Prayer.: to become the Church God is calling us to be.

Stop Human Trafficking – A New Year Resolution: Join forces with other local organisations to learn about Human Trafficking and what you can do to recognise and combat it in your parish. 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

OUR WAY OF LIFE. *Epiphany:* this word indicates the *manifestation* of the Lord, who, as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading (cf. Eph 3:6), makes himself known to all the nations, today represented by the Magi. In this way, we see revealed the glory of a God who has come for everyone: every nation, language and people is welcomed and loved by him

A REFLECTION. The prophet addresses a challenging summons to everyone: "Arise, shine" (60:1). We need to *arise*, to get up from our sedentary lives and prepare for a journey. Otherwise, we stand still, like the scribes that Herod consulted; they knew very well where the Messiah was born, but they did not move. The three Wise men did move and made a long journey. We are on that journey too in life.

WORD OF LIFE They showed us unusual kindness. (Acts 28:2)

Two hundred and seventy-six shipwrecked people reached the shores of a Mediterranean island after two weeks adrift. They were soaking wet, exhausted and terrified. They had experienced their powerlessness before the forces of nature and had a near brush with death. Among them was a prisoner on his way to Rome where he would be subjected to the judgment of the emperor.

This isn't one of today's news stories. It happened to St Paul the apostle, who was being taken to Rome to crown his mission as an evangelizer through the witness of martyrdom. He was sustained by his unshakable faith in Providence. Despite being a prisoner himself, he managed to support and encourage all his companions who were also involved in this misfortune until they ran aground on a beach in Malta.

They were welcomed by the people of the island who lit a big fire so that they could gather round it and warm up. The islanders then looked after them during the winter for about three months, after which they gave them all they needed to continue their journey safely.

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

"Marriage Matters" *Give every fibre of our being* The gift we can give to Jesus and to one another is ourselves. No matter how long we have been married, let us still enjoy unwrapping the gift of self. Just as, through the grace of God, the 'wise men' went another way, not the world's way, so can we, by giving our whole selves, every fibre of our being.