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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		4th SUNDAY OF LENT		Year A
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	MEETINGS / EVENTS		
Saturday 21st March	Mass behind closed doors	There is a Pastoral letter from the Archbishop for today. The Parish / Myers/Halliwell/Cowdall family intentions		
Sunday 22nd March (Mothering Sunday/ Nugent Sunday)	Mass behind closed doors	Sacramental programme /EBC /Healing mass / Vaughan Atkinson, Bill Pilkington, Maggie Talbot, all died recently. No Journey in Faith or Youth group closed until further notice. Family Rota of Prayer Leigh Family 8 Kirkham close without statue. Churches Together in England National Call to Prayer because of the Corona Virus. Please light a candle at 7pm in a front window and pray: See on p.4.		
Happy mother's day to all mums and to all those who are like mums				
Monday 23rd March	Mass behind closed doors	No Mass Barry Frankland RIP		
Tuesday 24th March	Mass behind closed doors	(Schools) Jim & Eileen 59th Wedding Anniversary Sisters of mercy intentions (Gort and Galway)		
Wednesday 25th March (The Annunciation of the Lord)		Mass behind closed doors	Eamon Hilliard 58th and Lewis Rawlinson 5th birthdays / Alan Donnelly RIP	
Thursday 26th March	Mass behind closed doors	David Ormesher Anniversary		
Friday 27th March	Mass behind closed doors	Joe & Nelly Boland RIP 13.30 Funeral service for Peter Snell in our cemetery. <i>The Lent Reconciliation Service has been cancelled</i>		
NEXT WEEKEND		5TH SUNDAY OF LENT		Year A
Date	MASS INTENTIONS	MEETINGS / EVENTS		
Saturday 28th March	Mass behind closed doors	John Sykes Fr Abbots Intentions /Jen Baxter sick		
Sunday 29th March	Mass behind closed doors	Cox Family Intentions (Barrie 80th RIP)/ The Parish		

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 £271.47 Gift Aid £388.80 any thanks.

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Giving - We wish everybody a safe passage in these difficult times. Be sure you will be remembered at masses even if you are unable to attend. Our church will still have most of the overheads to pay, if you can remember us and save your offertory we will be most grateful. If anyone wishes to donate by internet banking please contact Lesley 455955 or John Baggaley 432683.

Week 11 **500 CLUB** Congratulations! to A Mooney £100 Winner (No145) Agent: Lesley Raven

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK The Congregation says:

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

Red Mission Boxes in 2019 we raised £3145.46 much appreciated. Thank you to all those who collect for the Missions in the Red Boxes. Please note due to Corona virus collectors are advised not to visit anyone in their own homes. Any queries contact Teresa on 452745.

Mass Intentions at the moment there are only a few mass intentions, if you wish to put in an intention your mass will be said quite soon.

Fr Jonathan's Lap top died last Friday. Hence a delay (and maybe it will be quite long) in putting the bulletin on to the Parish website. If anyone has a laptop that is available even to borrow please contact Fr Jonathan: or to purchase it needs these features: An Intel Processor I5; Memory of 8 GB; SSD hard drive; and a screen of 14 to 15 inches, with preferably an HDMI outlet, then please contact the Priory House.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Walter Stone, Mary O'Brien (Sr Veronica's sister) Keith Croasdale, 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, Tony Kerrigan, 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, Derek Taylor, Catherine Breen, Eileen Hilliard, Peter Beatty. Connected with us; Joe Busby, Margaret Dixon, Shaun Shaw, Lily Burrows, Elaine Brown, Malcolm Wright, Kevin Barnes, and for all sick people.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DEPARTED: Peter Snell and Peter Dickinson and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time Marian Derbyshire, Robert Gardner, John Robert Edmondson, Barbara Brown, Joan Evelyn Willson, William Crichton, Cyril Schultz, Elizabeth Randall, Peter Blackwell, Frank Harrison, Daniel Bonner, Maureen Courtney, and Caron Kennedy-Noblett. Let us pray for all who died recently in violence, poverty or war: and those dying from epidemics such as the Coronavirus and all the bereaved.

Widows welcome Now cancelled until further notice.

OUR WAY OF LIFE. The blind man in St John's gospel Chapter 9 is any one of us. Jesus will come and open our eyes and God willing we can all say to Jesus without a shadow of a doubt "Lord I believe" and we can worship him as well.

A REFLECTION. Our time of prayer should be the most beautiful and happy parts of the day. We are in communication with our greatest friend, Jesus. Today the letter to the Ephesians states Ch 5 the 2nd reading states: *Try to discover what the Lord wants of you*

Consecration by Individuals to renew their allegiance to England as the Dowry of Mary. A website gives the meditation and prayer to be said each day up to Sunday 29 March, next Sunday and the Sunday after the Annunciation the day of consecration. You sign up and you will receive daily the prayers to join in the 33 day prayers. Do not worry if you are coming to it a bit late! <https://www.behold2020.com/prayer>

WORD OF LIFE In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. Ramiro was one on the longest standing workers in his team. He heard that new colleagues were about to join them in their office.

He asked himself, "If I were to enter this office for the first time, what would I like to find? What would make me feel at ease?" He began to create more space and involved other colleagues in finding more desks. They worked together to create new and welcoming workstations so that when the newcomers arrived, they found a positive atmosphere and a united working community.

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

How to be as positive as possible about no more services in Church

We realise that there is great suffering for some who will feel that they are without the Eucharist. It is also a suffering for us monks celebrating the Eucharist each day not to have a congregation. The mystery is that this is God's clear will. He lets us know his will in this clear way when it is the Church who directs us, because in the Church it is Christ who guides us. He does so like a mother, with a perfect Love that comes from the source of all motherhood. So we speak about "Mother Church".

The suffering I and others feel is sharing in the sufferings of Christ; by linking our suffering to that of Jesus, we contribute to the growth of this world towards the Kingdom of God. The key to enter is to embrace with joy every aspect of the cross when suffering comes in thousands of different ways to each person. And then in that moment do whatever Act of Love you can do, even if it means passively listening to another or whatever...

To watch Mass on your computer search for: "watch online holy Mass". you will find a mass available for you at any time.

The Church is suggesting for those who understand these things that **people make a spiritual communion.** Again the great saints have taught us that when we cannot receive Holy Communion then the graces that are being shared are the same as before. Mass is being said with no congregation each day and the intentions are those in the bulletin.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if your were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

St Alphonsus Ligouri in the 18th Century.

If you feel too busy to make time for our Lord an act of Spiritual communion as above can help! No matter what you day is like, Jesus can help to make it better or at least more bearable. You can make such a prayer often during the day, not just once.

Changes in our liturgical arrangements Because of the **Corona Virus** our Archbishop has said there will be no public masses or services at present. See the statements from him on the website. There will be no baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confessions or Marriages. Funerals will be a very short service at the Graveyard or Crematorium. As we have to keep to the rules of "social distancing" out of love for others only those very close to the deceased should come to a funeral. Some crematoriums are allowing a maximum of 25 people at a Crematorium Service.

The same applies if a wedding takes place.

Baptisms will be postponed unless there are very special circumstances.

Visiting the sick will happen only in danger of death. But this does not mean we should not be in touch with the elderly, and those alone by telephone, or drop in a note and ask if they need anything doing for them. **If anyone needs help to get shopping or medication please let us know in the Priory House. We will try and get a volunteer to drop it in for you.**

Anyone doing an Online Shop please add in a few things for the Food Bank and drop it off at the Priory, Monday to Thursday between 10.

What are you going to do in Lent? Consider doing something in Lent that puts you out - a sacrifice; Consider extra cutting back on luxuries like alcohol or other things out of love for God or fasting on Fridays and Wednesdays, the traditional days in England for centuries.. Read some scripture; acquire a prayer book; think of the consecration of self to support England as being Mary's dowry. Pope Francis recommends turning off the internet or TV and opening the Scriptures.

But also people are needing help in the Learning Hubs at school for those like helping NHS workers to have their children in school. **See the notice below this Bulletin**

The leaders of Churches Together in England urge us to light a candle in a window of our house on Sunday coming 22 March as a sign of common Christian prayer in our present Corona Virus Crisis. See the letter added to the bulletin

Emergency Services Hub

The head teacher of Seven Stars School Mike Mitchell, he has asked if we can source people from within our networks to help with the Emergency Services Hub. I am asking whether we as ministers and church leaders in Leyland, and part of Churches Together in Leyland could send me names and contact details of any contacts from our churches who may be available and suitable for this type of work. I will hold the list of people and will pass on to Mike when he requests it.

Sandra Crawford Minister at the Baptist Church on Leyland Lane.

The email from Mike says:

I am attempting to organise an Emergency Services Hub for children of NHS workers and emergency services personnel in case the government announce school closures so we can keep the NHS working during this critical time.

Initially it would be at Seven Stars school.

We are looking for as many hands on deck as possible from across the schools and community to be on stand-by in case they are needed.

Do you have anyone fit and healthy in your congregation or 'contacts book' who could support if necessary?

We may also need people to deliver food for those families in isolation who are running out of food.

If anyone has a DBS certificate they could bring it in and if they don't then we would need to ensure they are supervised at all times (desperate times) - most of the volunteers would be from schools but if they are not then we will ensure they supervised and if it is a longer term commitment then I will see if someone from our school can do a quick on-line check

I will keep in touch to let you know if it goes ahead: we are getting sports coaches in but we are looking for volunteers to do baking activities, art & craft activities, singing/dance etc etc or just supervision and hearing readers and telling stories

Please could you let Fr Jonathan know by emailing him on stmary.leyland@rcaol.org.uk if you are aware of anyone who may be available. Thanks Sandra Crawford

The Presidents of Churches Together in England a National call to prayer

in the light of the Corona virus pandemic. This is for all churches and people of prayer to join on Sunday 22nd March, Mothering Sunday. They write....

This Mothering Sunday, 22nd March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. Whether you are continuing to worship as congregations or not, we have the great privilege and freedom to be able to call upon God, wherever we are, individually and corporately, for healing in our nation. We would pray for all in leadership at this time, making decisions about the containment of the COVID-19 virus, for those working in health and social care, and especially for the most vulnerable, whether elderly or those with underlying health conditions. There are already stories being told of wonderful acts of kindness across neighbourhoods. Alongside your prayers, take the opportunity to telephone or email someone who is isolated, buy some additional food for your local Foodbank, or offer to deliver shopping for an elderly neighbour. We may not be able to touch physically, but we can make connections in so many other ways. In the meantime, do please attend to all the government health advice that will be issued, and look out for resources from your specific church governing bodies. At least for those of us in the global North, we do seem to be in unusual times, and wisdom and flexibility about worship gatherings are a key part of our Christian discipleship during this period. We note that this call to prayer and action comes on Mothering Sunday: a time of thankfulness, remembering especially mothers who have served us, often in very costly ways. It is also a very mixed day for many. For some the remembrance is painful, and for others Mothering Sunday is a reminder of disappointment or loss. In many ways, this period under the shadow of the corona virus will be prompting similarly diverse reactions and so it seems especially appropriate that the call to prayer is made this Sunday. At this time of uncertainty join in with the National Day of Prayer and Action, lighting a candle of hope. "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you" 1 Peter 5:7

Presidents of Churches Together in England Archbishop Justin Welby, The Archbishop of Canterbury Cardinal Vincent Nichols, The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster Revd Dr Hugh Osgood, The Free Churches Moderator Archbishop Angaelos of London, CTE President for the Orthodox Churches Pastor Agu Irukwu, CTE Pentecostal President

Pastoral Letter For Sunday 22 March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want”

I send my best wishes and prayers to you and those you love at this time of uncertainty, unprecedented in modern history. We are living in challenging times and as such are called to live as the Church in a different way in these days. We are unable to gather for the Holy Eucharist and other times of prayer and praise in our communities and parishes but our hope and trust in the Lord Jesus' presence continues.

With the threat of Covid-19, the English and Welsh bishops have unanimously agreed to suspend all public celebrations of Mass and other liturgies in the Cathedrals and Churches up and down the land from Friday March 20th. This is done to protect us all. Your priests will continue to offer the Holy Mass without a congregation physically present to ensure our prayers and concerns are offered to God as always. We are seeking new ways to express and live our faith in these trying times. But we should remember that as God's holy, faithful people we are filled with hope and the belief that Christ always walks by our side and accompanies us in our trials and tribulations. The Lord is present to us; He hears our prayers; He understands our concerns. You and I are being called now, more than ever, to pray, to place ourselves in His presence in these days and walk humbly with our crucified and risen God.

I know that you understand that we must do everything we can in the battle against Covid-19 and to offer this necessary sacrifice of gathering as the Church for a short while in order to assist with this. This will also mean doing other things differently but social distancing and limiting gatherings with others does not mean that we close in on ourselves and forget others, rather our faith turns us outwards to those in need. There are those in our community who are more vulnerable to Covid-19. We can telephone them to ask how they are doing and if they need shopping or medication. We can all do our part to be the hands and eyes and ears of Jesus Christ as St Teresa of Jesus suggested in her prayer. These new circumstances allow us to be closer through social media. Holy Mass will be live-streamed from the Metropolitan Cathedral, St Anne's, Overbury Street, St Gregory's, Chorley and St Mary's on the Isle of Man; and the archdiocesan website will keep you abreast of new initiatives which will unite us in our prayer.

In these strange and peculiar circumstances let us ask the prayers of Our Lady;

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Once again, assuring you of my spiritual closeness at this time.

May God bless you and your families,

Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool