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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		5th SUNDAY OF LENT		Year A	
DATE				MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 28th March		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		Fr Abbots Intentions / Jen Baxter sick	
Sunday 29th March		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		Cox Family Intentions (Barrie 80th RIP)/ The Parish Peter Dickinson and Peter Snell recently died.	
Monday 30th March		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		Maureen Courtney RIP	
Tuesday 31st March		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		Sister Angelus Keane	
Wednesday 1st April		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		Patrick and Mary Hilliard anniversary Terry Jordan RIP	
Thursday 2nd April		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		Barry Frankland RIP	
Friday 3rd April <i>Day for survivors of sexual abuse.</i>		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		Brian Boardman / KSC Intentions	
NEXT WEEKEND		PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION		Year A	
Date				MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 4th April		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		The Parish /For the sick and the elderly	
Sunday 5th April		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		E B C / Bernadette and Tony's intentions	

**Confessions** are available at any time. Ring to arrange

**Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £0 Gift Aid £427** Many thanks.  
 For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

**Giving** - We wish everybody a safe passage in these difficult times. Be assured 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 standing order or internet banking please contact Lesley 455955 or John Baggaley 432683.

Week 12 **500 CLUB** Congratulations! to Ann Ward £100 Winner (No9) Agent: A Anthony

**500 club suspended** during current crisis. Those who are in credit will have this carried forward when we resume. Those who have direct debits we will contact at the end of the crisis to offer them their contributions for that period back'. If anyone at that time is happy for the parish to keep this money we will be very grateful because we are going to be in a very dire financial time. We understand some peoples circumstances may have changed with the crisis and they will need the money back. God bless you and yours and thank you for all the amazing jobs we have done around the church together and will do in the future. *Thank you the 500 club team.*

**Email addresses. if you have one** please can you let us have your email addresses here at the Priory so we can keep in touch. Send to administratorstmarysleyland@btconnect.com

**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 on Friday 20 March.** Thanks to a parishioner who has taken the hard drive and saved all the files, and a kind friend has donated his laptop to tide over the period until a more modern one can be purchased. If anyone has access to such a modern laptop (which will be unusual as there are very few in any stores with the present situation) then this is the spec that has been recommended to Fr Jonathan: 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 and Fr Jonathan will be very interested to purchase it.

**Support your local SVP group** With no masses currently taking place, the wonderful support you give to help the needy and disadvantaged in our town through the SVP boxes is no longer available. If you would still like to help and are able to set up a standing order or donate by electronically, please contact Martin Smith for bank details. Thank you for your help and support.

**TO be in touch with local news of the Liverpool Archdiocese:** Given the fact that we cannot pick up the Catholic papers the Catholic Pictorial (Liverpool) can be found online <http://www.catholicpic.co.uk> Another website gives the Catholic Pictorial as well as many other diocesan newspapers that you can read: [www.ChurchPaper.co.uk](http://www.ChurchPaper.co.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DEPARTED:** For the following whose anniversaries occur at this time Mary Masheter, Henry Rooney, Herbert Taylor, Ruth Chatburn, William Dominic Rice, Josie de Palma, Brian McGrath, Harold Sach, Paul Kelly, Kelly Webster, Lauren Thornton, Br Denis Albert Kerins, John McDermott, Michael Joseph Waite and Bill Hargreaves. 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.

**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.

**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 10am -12 noon.

**Changes in our liturgical arrangements** At funerals please keep 2 metres apart: only 10 maximum at present at the crematorium and not too many at the cemetery. Always apart. No other Church services. **There will not be any public Holy Week Services this year either.** There will be more on our website about suggestions. **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.**

**Our Way of Life** The Scriptures for today: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ezekiel 37: 12-14. *God will put his spirit in us and we will live.* The psalm 129 Out of the Depths: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Romans: 8. 8-11. *The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.* The Gospel John: chapter 11. *The Raising of Lazarus from the dead by Jesus.* Open your bible and read and be inspired by the Word of God.

**A Reflection** It is so important to have a relationship with Jesus personally. A parishioner I talked to yesterday said "we should have live-streaming in our parish." This person also said: "on the bulletin we should have some thoughts of the Spirit to help us". In response using events that have happened, there will be on the front of the website "Inspirational Thoughts." Please send to the website (contact us) any you have. Fr Jonathan has put one on that he wrote to some friends recently.

**Personal Consecration to renew their allegiance to England as the Dowry of Mary.** This we will do in Church on Sunday at 12 noon. To join in spiritually you will see the explanation and prayers on the St Mary's Leyland website on the bulletin tab. You can follow on Sunday in Walsingham on <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

**WORD OF LIFE In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.** This Word encourages us to be creative and generous, to take the initiative for the benefit of everyone and to build bridges even towards people who we do not count as friends. Jesus himself said and did just this. It asks us to avoid being closed in ourselves so that we can be credible witnesses of our faith.

Chiara Lubich encouraged us to do this when she wrote: "Let's try. A day lived this way is worth a lifetime... We will be filled with a joy we have never felt before...God will be with us because he is with those who love... Sometimes we may slow down and feel discouraged and be tempted to stop... But no! Have courage! God gives us the grace we need and so we can always start again. If we persevere we will see the world around us slowly change. We will understand that the Gospel makes life fascinating. It brings a light into the world, it gives flavour to our existence and contains the principle for solving all problems. And we will not feel at peace until we communicate our extraordinary experience to other people - to friends who can understand us, to relatives, to anyone with whom we feel compelled to share. Hope will be reborn."

*Find the full commentary on the website under the bulletin tag*

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

It has been strange for Fr Bernard and Fr Jonathan celebrating mass in an empty Church. But each day we are doing that and praying for your intentions. The masses are complete and over in 25 minutes! Please think about making a Spiritual Communion as below. And any suffering we feel we offer up to God with Our Lord knowing that he will give us all the graces of being at mass as this is God's will.

All of us should watch out as it is in some ways lovely NOT to make the effort to come to mass when it will be available again. Hopefully we will long to receive Holy Communion after not being able to do for so long. But even for Fr Jonathan it has another side not to have to worry about so many things when the congregation is present.

**To watch Mass on your computer search for:** "watch online holy Mass". You will find a mass available for you at any time. Many have found great consolation watching the local masses from other parishes. They are doing a great service for us all.

The Church is suggesting for those who understand these things that **people make a spiritual communion.** Below is the prayer to be said.

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 you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen  
St Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th Century.

**See over the page for the Re-Dedication by personal choice to England being the Dowry of Mary**

On **29 March 2020 – at midday** – England will be re-dedicated to Mary in Cathedrals, parishes and Catholic Institutions throughout the country.

### **Why is England called the Dowry of Mary?**

On the Feast of Corpus Christi 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary in a ceremony at Westminster Abbey in thanksgiving for his kingdom being saved at the time of the Peasants' Revolt. England received the title 'Mary's Dowry'; meaning that England was 'set aside' as a gift – a dowry – for Our Lady under her guidance and protection.

### **How can I take part?**

Well, we'd like you to join us as we give ourselves, as the people of this country, to Mary. On the day of Re-dedication we can respond in two ways; by making a personal promise and a communal entrustment.

#### *Personal Promise*

Our personal promise brings us closer to Mary, the first disciple of Christ. In this we unite in her joy by following her openness to God's call. The Angelus Promise is a prayer of commitment in which we proclaim our own "Yes" in union with Mary through the words of the Annunciation.

## **THE ANGELUS PROMISE**

The Angelus Promise is a spiritual exercise created to assist you to embrace the message of Our Lady, as expressed in the Angelus. It invites you to "share in the joy of the Annunciation" by following Mary's openness to God's call, through her faith-filled "yes". Through your own faith-filled "yes", the Lord will work wonders in your life.

**R: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary**

**V: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit**

*As God once chose Mary to become the Mother of His Son through the message of an angel, so He chooses me this day, and invites me through the ministry of the Church or the example of another, to seek and do His Will at this moment in my life.*

**Hail Mary full of Grace...R: Behold the handmaid of the Lord**

**V: Be it be done unto me according to thy Word**

*Mary's response to her invitation, "let it be done to me according to your Word", opened her heart to God's grace and all things became possible. Let my "yes" today take away fear, as I embrace God's Will, and like Mary "ponder these things in my heart".*

**Hail Mary full of Grace... R: And the Word became flesh (Bow or genuflect)**

**V: And dwelt among us**

*At a moment in history, Mary's faith-filled "yes" conceived Him, first in her heart, which then led to the birth of our Saviour. Through accepting Him in my heart, enable me to recognise my role in bringing Christ to my sisters and brothers today.*

**Hail Mary full of Grace...**

**R: Pray for us most holy Mother of God**

**V: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ**

Let us pray: O Holy Mother of God, pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day. Your Yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that "the Word was made flesh and lived among us." May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our sisters and brothers in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### *Communal Entrustment*

Our communal entrustment unites us together as the people of our country in prayer, by renewing the vows of dedication made to Mary by our ancestors. The *Act of Entrustment of England to The Virgin Mar* is a prayer of profoundly historic and spiritual nature, bringing together the prayers of surrender and dedication that have echoed through our history.

# **ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT OF ENGLAND TO THE VIRGIN MARY**

*Based on Prayer of Erasmus 1532, Dedication of England to the Mother of God 1893, Prayer for England, Cardinal Griffin's Act of Consecration 1948, Act of Consecration St John Paul 1982*

## **Prayer**

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

## **Response**

We your faithful people assembled here offer you this country in which we live. Once it was yours, all its children were your children and you were honoured throughout England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust it to your maternal care.

## **Prayer**

By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world;  
and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

## **Response**

To you we entrust the Church, which invokes you as Mother. On earth you preceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the sign and instrument of intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race.

To you, Mother of the human family, and of the nations, we confidently entrust the whole of humanity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace.

Enable all to meet Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

## **Prayer**

Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross,  
O sorrowful Mother.

## **Response**

Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of heart of the people of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may prevail.

## **Prayer**

Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold  
they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

## **Response**

May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not

at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour

## **Prayer**

Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all  
deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

## **Response**

May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of Gods generous love

V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God

R: That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

O alone of all women, Mother and Virgin, Mother most happy, Virgin most pure, sinful as we are, we come to see you who are all pure, we salute you, we honour you as how we may with our humble offerings. May thy Son grant us, that imitating thy most holy manners, we also, by the grace of the Holy Spirit may deserve spiritually to conceive the Lord Jesus in our inmost soul, and once conceived never to lose Him. Amen