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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS

*If you are new to the parish or have moved to a new house within the parish
please contact the church by phone or email*

THIS WEEKEND	3 RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Year A
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 25 th April	Mass streamed 10.00	Fr Abbot's intentions / Lucy Clayton recently died
Sunday 26 th April	Mass streamed 10.00	The Parish / Kirk family Intentions
Monday 27 th April	Mass streamed 10.00	Alec Chodasiewicz RIP
Tuesday 28 th April	Mass streamed 10.00	Margaret Thornton RIP (BM)
Wednesday 29 th April (St Catherine of Sienna)	Mass streamed 10.00 2.30pm graveside service	Brigid Rawlinson 51 st birthday Kathleen Antoniuk at St Mary's Cemetery
Thursday 30 th April	Mass streamed 10.00 1.30pm crematorium service	Terry Warren 2 nd anniversary Harold Clitheroe at Charnock Richard
Friday 1 st May	Mass streamed 10.00	KSC Intentions
NEXT WEEKEND	4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Year A
Date		MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 2 nd May (St Athanasius)	Mass streamed 10.00	Newton family intentions / Harold Clitheroe recently died
Sunday 3 rd May	Mass streamed 10.00	The Parish / Kathleen Antoniuk recently died / Harold Clitheroe recently died

Confessions – if desperate please contact us; otherwise make a perfect act of contrition.

<p>Last Sunday: Offertory Loose plate £50 Gift Aid £110 Many thanks. For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683</p>
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PLEASE PRAY FOR Allen Withnell (in hospital), Faith Higham, 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, 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, especially from the covid-19 pandemic.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DEPARTED: Joe Kealey, Sister Anna Greenfield RNDM (Our Parish Sister), Stella Commons and Harold Clitheroe and for the following whose anniversaries occur currently Velda Libreri, Thomas Doran, Kathleen Dillon, Marjorie Brady, Kieran Mannion and Sheila Anne Barton. Let us pray for all who died recently in violence, poverty or war: and those dying from the Coronavirus and other diseases and all the bereaved.

The Parish: If you would like to help our Parish while we are in lockdown, you could make payments to the parish We will be most grateful. If anyone wishes to donate by internet banking please contact Lesley 455955 or John Baggaley 432683. We hope that those who wish will be able to use a safe method to give regular payments by bank transfer, until the Churches open again.

The SVP continues to support the needy, and with no income their funds will eventually run out. Please contact Martin Smith on 018772 452745 if you wish to help the SVP.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the parish and the SVP.

People in Need and Visiting the sick Visiting even in danger of death is impossible in the time of lock down. Yet if people are willing to use social media, priests can receive a spiritual anointing just as we can receive spiritual communion. This was what happened before Joe Kealy died in Lostock Grove Nursing Home.

If anyone needs help to get shopping, medication or anything that it is possible to do please let us know in the Priory House. We will get a volunteer to help.

500 Club The 500 Club continues to be suspended under the current circumstances. Any money in credit at the end of March will be carried forward and be used to pay the same number of weeks from the re-start date. Thank you for your support, which we hope will continue after the present circumstances are all over.

Spiritual communion. 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.

A Spiritual Communion Prayer. *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I long to receive you. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart and my life. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you, Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

You can make such a prayer often during the day, not just once. It is the prayer we make at mass from the chapel in our Priory House each morning at 10.00 (in the main at 10.00 am. but check on the bulletin) for all who are receiving Spiritual Communion. It is on Facebook at

Our Way of Life Our way of life leads us to discover that Jesus is with us personally and together; the only condition is that we do our part to let Jesus, who is Love, into our lives.

A Reflection The gift of being of one heart and one soul as in the Acts of the Apostles is reflected by St John in his gospel when he prays that all may be one as I am in you Father and You are in me.

WORD OF LIFE ***Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.***

The Gospel of John was written after the eyewitnesses to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus had died. The transmission of the Gospel message to subsequent generations was based on the testimony of those who, in their turn, had received the proclamation. At the beginning were those like Mary Magdalene and the women, the Apostles and the disciples of Jesus who saw him risen after his cruel crucifixion. They passed on the message which was not just a memory of what happened when for instance Jesus appeared to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. Those first Apostles and disciples began to realise something amazing: Jesus was always with them, not just a past memory as important as that was. By the Holy Spirit, Jesus lives in them personally and among the disciples in the Church. That was a realisation at the forefront of the minds and hearts of the first Christians. It is the centre of our faith today.

Jesus is present in many ways in his Church. He is present to me individually when I pray. Jesus is present in those who represent him and serve others in Him; the Bishops, priests and those consecrated to God. He is present in the Word of God, and in a very special way in the Eucharist. He is present among us when we are truly gathered in his name; that means that we make our own with others his new commandment to love each other as Jesus has loved us. And that has very wide consequences as although we may not be united juridically as Christians and with others of different faiths and with those who have other convictions, we can be united in loving each other.

The 2nd Vatican Council had this reality at its heart. The Council took place in the 1960's, 60 years ago. Christians by their faith knew him. The people of God are those who continue to proclaim the message of Jesus by faithfully transmitting and living his word and so it goes on today. We too have met Jesus, the Gospel and the Christian faith through the words and witness of others and we have believed. For this reason, 'we are blessed'. ***Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.***

Find the full text of the Word of Life on the website under the bulletin tag

A poem and song composed by Kevin Quigley that gives an insight into the tragedy for those who have caught Covid 19 and who have died leaving behind grieving relatives.

1 Last night I had the strangest dream
I've ever dreamt before.
I dreamt that Science had found the way
Corona Virus was no more.
I dreamt I saw a mighty room
Which never seemed to end,
The people there had seen us through
Their sacrifice at an end

2 And when the vaccine was all made
With millions of samples prepared,
They clapped their hands and raised their heads --
So grateful they had dared
To put their lives upon the line

In service to us all
They are the heroes, mark my words,
Who responded to the call.

3. To leave self behind
For the common good
Of our human family
At a time of loss and suffering
Endangering you and me
But for the hope that fills us all
We say with grateful hearts
A big Thank You to all of those
Who played the major part!

Kevin Quigley 16th April 2020

Original by Ed McCurdy going back to the 1950's.