



New Church 1964 – 2014  
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**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS**

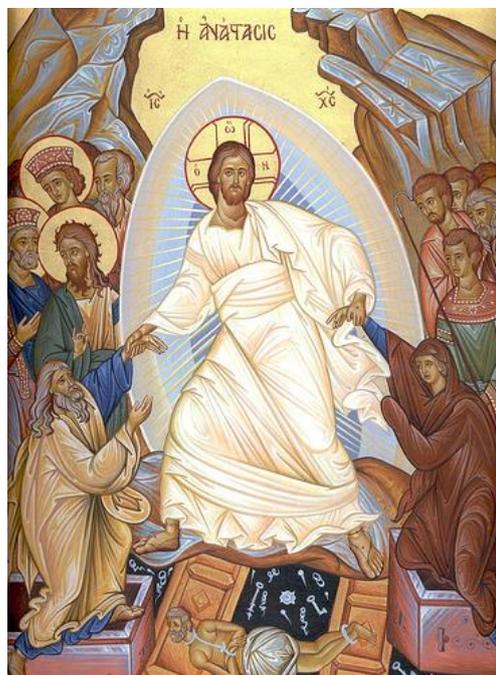
*If you are new to the parish or have moved to a new house within the parish please contact the church by phone or email*

THIS WEEKEND		EASTER SUNDAY		Year A
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday	<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>	<i>Easter Vigil</i> - EBC / For Kim, Stuart, Dan and Samantha who would have entered full communion with our Church this evening:		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Day	<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>	The Parish / For NHS workers and volunteer / Monica Marshall died recently		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>	Katy Phillips anniversary / Brendan Agnew anniversary		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Mass behind closed doors 3pm</b>	Ethel and Edward Murphy anniversary / Vincent Rice anniversary Funeral Service Zak Jnr Cain-Jackson		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>	Thomas Dandy RIP		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>	Julie Jordan anniversary		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>11.30 am Mass behind closed doors</b>	Service at the Crematorium for Joan Harman Frank Kellett RIP		
NEXT WEEKEND		2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER		Year A
Date		MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>	Newton family intentions / The Parish		
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April (Divine Mercy Sunday)	<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>	English Benedictine Congregation / for the parents and family of Zak junior / Joan Harman recently died		

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

**Last Sunday: Offertory Gift Aid £95** Many thanks.

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683



**Christ is Risen Alleluia He is Risen Indeed Alleluia**

*The icon is about the deep joy of the first to meet the risen Jesus and some it seems yet to discover that joy and peace on Jesus's left. Also, how he will always help us.*

**A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO EVERYONE**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Churches Together in Leyland for the first and very beautiful GOOD FRIDAY service on Radio Leyland. It was well crafted and represented our different denominations. Our prayers with our Christian brothers and sisters are a prophetic sign that one day we will be organically united, **Unity in Diversity**.

**Each day** feeling privileged Fr Bernard and Fr Jonathan have celebrated the liturgy of the mass or the liturgy of the Triduum on your behalf and of the whole world. Your Angels have been with us each day. Below is a prayer that our Cardinal Vincent Nichols found from Walsingham that you may like.

**Dear Guardian Angel,** go for me to the church this day. Kneel there at the Eucharist for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer him my service; who I am, what I do and what I have. At the Consecration adore our Saviour praying for those who love us, for those who have offended me and others, for any I have offended and for those now deceased. May the Body and Blood of Jesus purify them all. At Holy

Communion bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting him with me in spirit so that I may become his dwelling place. Plead with him that through his sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved and feel the joy of Love. As mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen

**Thank you** for your spontaneous generosity to us in the parish house: the cards, the many 'phone calls, the messages, and gifts that have arrived for us. We are blessed to be able to serve in this parish.

**Covid 19 hearts** We have been asked by some of the nurses in our parish to make pairs of small matching hearts 6.5 cms either knitted, sewn, crotched or patch worked. The idea is one heart is left with the patient and the other is sent to the family to maintain connection between them when physical closeness isn't possible. The finished hearts can be posted to Safeguarding Team, Royal Preston Hospital, Preston PR2 9HT.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** 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, 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, Icolm Wright, Kevin Barnes, and for all sick people, especially from the covid-19 pandemic.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DEPARTED:** Joan Harman and Lily Clayton and connected with us Walter Stone, Alec Chodasiewicz and Margaret Gough (Phil Gough Methodist Minister's mother) and for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time Brendan Agnew, Katy Phillips, Donald Bond, Thomas Augustus Hardy, Vincent Rice, Eileen Josephine Whelan, Kay Williams and Lena Timms. 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.

**Anyone doing an Online Shop** please add in a few things for the Food Bank and drop it off at the Priory Parish Centre, Monday to Thursday between 10am -12 noon.

**The Parish:** Our church has a lot of overheads to pay. If you can, remember us and please save your offertory envelopes unless you are struggling. We will be most grateful. If anyone wishes to donate by internet banking please contact Lesley 455955 or John Baggaley 432683. The SVP continues to do its work as well, and they have some spare will run out. Thank you to all who have made a contribution to the parish and the SVP.

**How to be as positive and realistic as possible about no more services in Church.** There is an interview made by an English Journalist with Pope Francis in these recent days about this question and much more besides, relevant to us today. The full interview is on our Parish website on the Bulletins tag, scroll down to Inspirational Thoughts. It is 7 pages, but well worth reading.

Below is a very small part of Pope Francis' response about how he feels this Lent and Eastertide has gone.

*You speak of the isolated elderly: solitude and distance. How many elderly people there are whose children do not go and visit them in normal times! I remember in Buenos Aires when I visited old people's homes, I would ask them: And how's your family? Fine, fine! Do they come? Yes, always! Then the nurse would take me aside and say the children hadn't been to see them in six months. Solitude and abandonment ... distance.*

*Those who have been impoverished by the crisis are today's deprived, who have added to the numbers of deprived of all times, men and women whose status is "deprived". They have lost everything, or they are going to lose everything. What meaning does deprivation have for me, in the light of the Gospel? It means to enter the world of the deprived, to understand that he who had, no longer has. What I ask of people is that they take the elderly and the young under their wing, that they take history under the wing, take the deprived under their wing....."*

**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.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Eucharist. 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 Ligouri in the 18th Century.

You can make such a prayer often during the day, not just once.

**People in Need and Visiting the sick** Visiting will happen only in danger of death. But this does not mean we should not be in touch with those in need by telephone or drop in a note and ask if they need anything doing for them. **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.**

**Our Way of Life** Our way of seeing all things renewed after Jesus rose from the dead is the same as St Peter in this first epistle – by his faith. All St Peter saw that Sunday morning was an empty tomb; and by faith he saw that Jesus was alive again. Everything had changed.

**A Reflection** This faith is real knowledge. We know it is true because of what happens in our lives. We can find a peace that the world does not know or understand.

**WORD OF LIFE** Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe (Jn 20: 29).

*To live this Word it is helpful to recall a passage written by Focolare founder, Chiara Lubich: "He wants to confirm in us – and in everyone who did not live at the same time as Jesus – the belief that we all share in the same reality as the apostles. Jesus wants to tell us that we are not at a disadvantage in comparison with those who saw him. The fact is we have faith, and this is the new way of "seeing" Jesus. With faith we can approach him, understand him and meet him in the depths of our heart. With faith we can discover him when two or more people are united in his name, or in the Church which is his continuation [...]"*

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

**Bloopers to make you smile** -. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.