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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 4 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		The Parish /For the sick and the elderly	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		E B C / Bernadette and Tony's intentions	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		John McDermott RIP	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		Charlotte Hilliard	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		Vaughan Atkinson RIP Funeral of Monica Mary Marshal at Mawdesley.	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April Feast of the Lord's Supper		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		7.00 pm Grandson's 7 <sup>th</sup> birthday	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)		<b>Service behind closed doors</b>		10am Good Friday Worship Radio Leyland (see below) 3 pm Good Friday Service	
NEXT WEEKEND		EASTER SUNDAY		Year A	
Date				MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		The Easter Vigil, EBC / For NHS workers and volunteer	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00		<b>Mass behind closed doors</b>		The Parish/Monica Marshall recently deceased.	

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

**Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £0 Gift Aid £20** 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 internet banking please contact Lesley 455955 or John Baggaley 432683.

**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.

**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. Funerals and Crematoriums are allowing a maximum of 10 people. 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.

**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.

**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.

**St Mary's Leyland has new Facebook account** thanks to Mike and Eileen Jackson. It has 2020 at the end. Find it by searching St Mary's Catholic Church Leyland on Facebook. Another website is inactive. Please make use of it, and spread the word to others.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** 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:** For Joan Harman, Gordon Yates and Monica Mary Marshall, and connected with us, Fr David Sanders op (Oxford and friend of Archbishop Malcolm), Alec Chodasiewicz and Walter Stone; also the following whose anniversaries occur at this time Bernard Turner, Agnes Cayton, Graham Halstead, Edith Rice, Kai Southworth, Tony Masterson, Trevor Loring, John Peter Baldwin, James Doherty, Betty Ryan, Thomas Dandy, Stephen Bennett and Dorothy Ratcliffe. 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.

**Thank You** from the KSC. The donations to the Well in the narthex have been a large proportion of the £1,600 that has come in. We began some time ago with a coffee morning and cake sale, thank you also to all the cake bakers. God Bless you all. (The money will be sent to Water Aid this week).

**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. This is one prayer you might like to use; or make up your own.

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 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 your 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.

**The Liverpool website** will give plenty of information: Look at Prayer and other resources. Our cathedral has a congregation of 500 at mass on Sundays. In this period over 9,000 people are following many from the USA.

**The Ampleforth website** at <https://www.ampleforth.org.uk/abbey/> will give you the chance to share with the monks at prayer or Mass from Ampleforth. The monks have many followers all over the world.

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

The Gospel of John describes the occasions when the risen Jesus appeared to the apostles, to Mary Magdalene and to the other disciples. Jesus bore the marks of the crucifixion but his appearances filled the hearts of those who saw him with joy and hope again. On one of these occasions, the apostle Thomas was missing. The others, who had seen the Lord, told him about this wonderful experience, perhaps because they wanted to transmit the same joy to him. Thomas, however, could not accept the testimony of others; he wanted to see and touch Jesus for himself. And this is what happened a few days later: Jesus appeared again to a group of disciples when Thomas was present. The latter proclaimed his faith, his total belonging to the risen one, by saying, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus answered him: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.*

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

**Archbishop Malcolm invites us to pray this prayer with him as we journey together through Lent to the Light of Easter:**

God Our Father,  
each person is precious to You.  
You are the Giver of life.  
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,  
as the coronavirus threatens health and life.  
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.  
Watch over those who are suffering,  
give strength to those who are aiding the sick  
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.  
We ask this of you in the name of your Son.  
Jesus Christ.

Bloopers to make you smile - *The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.*

# **May your Holy Week be blessed and give you a lot of strength and encouragement**

**Holy Week and Palm Sunday** The Holy See and the Archdiocese have given us specific guidelines about how we are to follow Holy week. There will be no Holy Week services with the people. Yet this is the most important week in the Church's Year, and all are encouraged to try to make it in our present circumstances as meaningful as possible. Just as a spiritual communion when you are unable to celebrate mass in Church with the worshipping community brings Jesus as close to you as if you had received Holy Communion in Church, so taking some part in the significant events of Holy Week would mean that you would be united with Jesus in the great events of our Redemption. God is even bigger than the Holy Sacraments and Liturgy of the Church, even if we should attend to worship together normally. It will depend whether you make some effort to spend time with him as if you had you been at the ceremonies; if you do that you will be in union with Jesus. As we all know, there will be only a celebration in Church by one of us monks on each day without any congregation. For each Celebration the time will be given and if you wish you can do your devotions at that time.

**Posters for Holy Week** These will be on our website and can be downloaded and put up in your windows.

## **Confessions**

If it is impossible to see a priest then this is the advice of Pope Francis:

*"Do what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says in no. 1452. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this and this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart. "Make an act of contrition, and promise God, "I will go to confession afterwards, but forgive me now." And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."*

## **Easter Duties**

Many of our parishioners will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is, to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season. As it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time and possibly for some time ahead, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020, so that the consciences of people may be reassured and any scruples which they have be eased.

### **1. Palm Sunday** *Entry into Holy Week Mass at 10 am in Church.*

- ❖ We invite (on the initiative of the Holy Ghost Fathers and our Mel Singo) all who wish to do so put a green branch on the door of their house or in a window to celebrate the feast and we will be united as the body of Christ as we, laity and clergy, are the Church.
- ❖ We will not bless the palms on this day nor leave them outside Church for collection because the Church authorities realise it could be a way of spreading the virus to others as they rummage to find the palm they want. We will bless palms if appropriate at a time when we can worship together, by permission of the Church.

### **2. Maundy Thursday.** *Day of sombre yet joyful thanksgiving Mass at 7 pm in Church*

- ❖ Have a good meal in thanksgiving for the Gift of the New Commandment of Jesus and of the Eucharist.
- ❖ Either before or within the meal read all or some of the Word of God for the day. If you do not have a missal find a bible or download from the internet: Exodus 12: 1-8, 11 -14. The Psalm 116 (115) has the response *"The blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ."* Say the verses 12 to 18. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is 1 Corinthians 11:23-36. The Gospel is John 13: 1-15. If appropriate share any thoughts you may have; and if you want to do any gesture of service one to another, then that is the washing of the feet.

### **Good Friday:** *Day to adore and thank God for his love for us in Jesus Christ. Liturgy at 3 pm in Church*

- ❖ Good Friday Worship on Radio Leyland as it is not possible to gather for worship at the Cross in the current circumstances Churches Together in Leyland invite you to join in the service on Radio Leyland at 10am on 104.8fm
- ❖ In the Afternoon at 3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion. *A day of Fasting and Abstinence*
- ❖ Perhaps have a crucifix on a table and a candle lit. The readings are: Isaiah: 52: 13 to 53: 12. The responsorial Psalm 31 (30): The response: *"Into your hands I commend my Spirit"* Say the whole psalm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Hebrews: 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9) The Passion is that of St John 18: 1 – 19: 42: After the Gospel and a pause, share any reflections; Pray for the whole World beginning with the Church, the other Churches, the other Religions, Those without faith and with Good will. There is a new prayer to be added this year because of the Pandemic:

*For the afflicted in time of pandemic* Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

*Prayer in silence. Then the Priest (or one in the family) says:*

Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

### **Holy Saturday**

*The triumph of Life over death, of Love over hatred and indifference. Liturgy at 7 pm*

*This strange day of emptiness after Jesus's death (sacramentally and liturgically) leads to the most important liturgy of the year.*

*You might like to do all or some of the following: light a candle and find the **Easter Proclamation** called the Exsultet either in a missal or on the web:*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exsultet#Roman\\_Catholic\\_English\\_and\\_Latin\\_text](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exsultet#Roman_Catholic_English_and_Latin_text)

*For the readings:*

**Genesis**: 1:1 – 2:2 followed by **Psalm** 104; **Exodus** 14:15 – 15:1, Followed by **Exodus** 15: 1-18; **Isaiah** 55: 1-11 followed by **Isaiah** 12: 2-6; **Baruch**: 3:9 – 15, 32 – 4:4. Followed by **Psalm** 42 vv 1 – 4.

The Epistle is: **Romans** 6: 3-11. Followed by a sung or said Alleluia and **Psalm** 118 vv 1 – 4, 15 – 17. **The Gospel** is: **Matthew** 28: 1 – 10.

*For the Renewal of Baptismal vows,*

*pray to your favourite saints: say one of the Creeds: dip your hands in holy water (or some ordinary water from the tap) and make the sign of the cross.*

*For Holy Communion*

*Say the Our father and make a spiritual communion knowing that God will be very close to you and you have entered into all the blessings of Easter that God wants you to have this year.*

**Easter Sunday** *Jesus is Risen. He and we in Him are no longer subject to the laws of this world, especially a final and permanent death and the evil of sin and division; we will rise again as we believe and proclaim by our faith. We can live in holiness and happiness all the days of our life both in heaven and here on earth in the bitter / sweet of Love and suffering in our lives.*

*After having as good a breakfast as possible you might like to gather again on this Joyful Day Mass at 10 am.*

The first Reading is **Acts of the Apostles** 10: 34, 37-43. The **Psalm** is 119 (118) vv. 1-4; 15 – 17; 22 – 24:

The second reading is: **Colossians 3: 1 - 4**

*The sequence is:*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ the undefiled, has sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!  
Life's own champion slain, yet lives to reign,  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou did see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen; he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, your mercy show!  
Amen

The Gospel acclamation is;

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia.

The Gospel is: John 20: 1-9

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Let us pray for each other,

For those in our country who are risking their lives to help others in need,

For the World and all who are showing a loving generosity of spirit often putting their lives at risk

For a renewal of the Holy Spirit in the Church and the World.

For those who are physically and mentally ill in other ways than the Virus, that they may be consoled.

For Peace to grow, especially in our own families or among those with whom we live.

And for Mary the Mother of the Risen Lord to support everyone with her prayers.

## **A Happy and Holy Easter to Everyone**