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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*

<b>THIS WEEKEND 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER Year A</b> <i>The International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians.</i>		
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mass streamed 10.00</b>	Janice Wardley RIP Wedding anniversary
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mass streamed 10.00</b>	The Parish / EBC / Mary Harrison, Pat Leach and Colin Armer recently died
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.30am Cremation service</b> <b>Mass streamed 12 noon</b>	Joyce Elder at Charnock Richard Abigail Bowman 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary / Eddie Purcell anniversary
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mass streamed 10.00</b>	Louise McNulty 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mass streamed 10.00</b>	Loftus family intentions
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May (Ascension of the Lord)	<b>Mass streamed 10.00</b> <b>1.15pm graveside service</b>	Special intention (BM) Our Lady Brenda Johnson at St Mary's churchyard
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Mass streamed 10.00</b>	For those on the Frontline
<b>NEXT WEEKEND 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER Year A</b>		
Date	MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Mass streamed 10.00</b>	The Parish / Catherine Minshull's intentions
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mass streamed 10.00</b>	Golden Jubilee of priesthood / EBC / Joyce Elder and Brenda Johnson recently died

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

**Last Sunday: Offertory Loose plate £50 Gift Aid £130** For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Catherine Minshull, Eileen Purcell St Kevina FMSJ, Allen Withnell, Faith Higham, Keith Croasdale, Richard Daniels, Josette Bradbury, 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, 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, Jim W, 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:** Bernadette Thompson (*the much loved and devout Maltese grandma always in Church on Sundays*), Patrick Joseph Horridge and for the following whose anniversaries occur currently Abigail Brown, Eddie Purcell, Derek James Bagley and Louise McNulty, May Stromberg, Gordon Freeman, Michael John Butler, Kenneth Knight and Anne Coulson. 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.

**Archbishop Malcolm is praying this prayer every day.** He asks us to say it ourselves: 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. Amen.

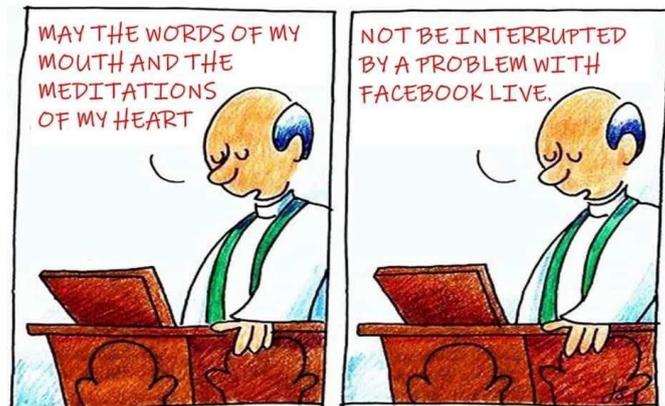
**Parish bulletin** if you struggle with the parish website and would like the bulletin emailed instead please email Teresa Smith [teresaannsmith@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:teresaannsmith@blueyonder.co.uk) who will send you a copy of the current parish bulletin

**Ampleforth Abbey has started a new initiative:** Every Saturday at 11.00 am a short retreat::  
<https://www.ampleforth.org.uk/abbey/news/home-retreats-every-saturday-1100am>

**The Archdiocese has produced beautiful prayers and helps for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** Click on this link to see them: <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> There are many resources.

**The Parish:** Donations to support the parish are most helpful. To donate by internet banking contact Lesley 455955 or John Baggaley 432683. Profound thanks to those who have supported us to far: we have had anonymous donors supporting us with large sums of money. Our income has dramatically dropped, and even with these generous donations we will have over 10K shortfall during the lockdown to date.

**The SVP:** contact Martin Smith on 01772 452745 if you wish to help financially. Thanks for help received. People have been very generous, and we are almost back to where we were when we collected each Sunday



**Daily Bidding prayers and private intentions** If you would like to contribute to daily mass through the bidding prayers please send prayers to Teresa Smith at [teresaannsmith@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:teresaannsmith@blueyonder.co.uk) or on 01772 452745, who will collate them and send them to Fr Jonathan. If you have an intention that you do not wish to be publicised in the bulletin please forward these to Fr Jonathan [jonathancotton43@gmail.com](mailto:jonathancotton43@gmail.com) for inclusion in daily masses.

**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 spiritually into my life. I embrace you as I believe you are already there, and I 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.

**Mary's meals update with video link** Our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, has recorded a special message for us in the parish. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e\\_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be)

**Jimmy O' Donnell**, well known to many in Leyland as he was School Chaplain for many years and then became a RE teacher. To bring joy during the Corona Virus lockdown he is sharing different programmes each week. Go to [https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg\\_z3ws8Tun4BkxKDFndbiBwt6h?e=iKLaim](https://1drv.ms/v/s!Agg_z3ws8Tun4BkxKDFndbiBwt6h?e=iKLaim) To see the trailer of his latest work of Lancashire Memories. If you are a private person and would like to receive the full video, please contact him on 07761-071696 or email [lancashirememories@hotmail.com](mailto:lancashirememories@hotmail.com) and he will be in touch with you.

**Our Way of Life** Jesus says to us in today's gospel: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me: but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you". Bear in mind that on this Thursday we have the great feast of the Ascension.

**A Reflection**, *This reflection comes from Isaac of Stella, a monk, philosopher and theologian. He died in 1170. It explains how we by "sharing" become one with God in his mystical body: Jesus is one with God by nature. Just as the head and body of a man form one single man, so the Son of the Virgin and those he has chosen to be his members form a single man and the one Son of Man. Christ is whole and entire, head and body, say the Scriptures, since all the members form one body, which with its head is one Son of Man, and he with the Son of God is one Son of God, who himself with God is one God. Therefore, the whole body with its head is Son of Man, Son of God, and God. This is the explanation of the Lord's words: Father, I desire that as you and I are one, so they may be one with us. (If anyone wants the full text that was read at matins on Thursday last, contact the Church)*

**WORD OF LIFE** *You have already been cleansed by the word I have spoken to you (Jn 15:3).*

One way to remain united to Jesus is to welcome his Word. It allows God to enter our hearts to make them "pure", that is, cleansed of selfishness, fit to bear an abundance of quality fruit. The Father loves us and knows better than we do what makes us feel unburdened and free from the useless weight of all the unnecessary things to which we are attached, from negative judgements, from the anxious search to make everything work to our advantage and from the illusion of keeping everything and everyone under control. In our hearts there are also positive aspirations and projects, but these too could take the place of God himself and make us lose the generous momentum of evangelical life. That is why he sometimes intervenes in our life through circumstances and painful experiences, behind which there is always his gaze of love. The fullness of joy is the fruit that the Gospel promises to those who allow themselves to be pruned and renewed by God's love. This is a special joy that blossoms even in the midst of tears and overflows from the heart, flooding the surrounding soil. It is like a small foretaste of resurrection.

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