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Leyland St Mary's RC Church 2020

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		26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME		YEAR A
EVERY MASS IN CHURCH COUNTS AS A SUNDAY MASS.				
Three Masses Will Be Streamed For details see below and the website address on Facebook is above				
DATE	Event and time	MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday 26 th September	Streamed 10.00 Church 17.30 Mass 18.00	Helen Molyneaux coping with chemo Personal Prayer followed by mass Fr Abbots intentions / For all SVP groups and their supporters / Lawson family intentions		
World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday 27 th September	In Church 9.30 Mass 10.00	Personal Prayer followed by mass Len & Frances Rice family intentions / The Parish		
Monday 28 th September	NO MASS	<i>(For days when mass is streamed see above and below)</i>		
Tuesday 29 th September (Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Archangels)	In Church 9.30 Mass 10.00	Personal Prayer Special intention for everyone		
Wednesday 30 th September (St Jerome)	Streamed 10.00	Dolores Linden birthday & starting chemo		
Thursday 1 st October (St Teresa of the Child Jesus)	In Church 9.30 Mass 10.00 Mass 14.00	Personal Prayer Sarah Jones anniversary The High School streamed from the High School chapel for the students and teachers (not available for parishioners)		
Friday 2 nd October (The Guardian Angels)	Streamed 10.00	Margaret Bradford hospital results and KSC intentions		
NEXT WEEKEND		27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME		Year A
Saturday 3 rd October	Streamed 10.00 Church 17.30 Mass 18.00	Frank Thompson RIP (SVP) Personal Prayer followed by mass Bruce family intentions / The Parish		
Sunday 4 th October	In Church 9.30 Mass 10.00	Personal Prayer followed by mass Smith family intentions / The Parish		

Confessions – will be next Saturday: 5-6.00 pm. Or make an appointment. All precautions will be taken

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose plate £224 Gift Aid £188 Thank You. Contact John Baggaley 432683 for Gift Aid. It is an excellent way to help support our parish and increases our income but not weekly.

Donations to the Parish go to this website: <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-mary-leyland>

500 Club The 500 club will resume again with the first draw taking place on the 5th of November starting again with a big bang!!

We would be most grateful if agents would resume collecting, in a safe manner, from their members. This has always been an amazing source of income for the Parish and will be used to pay for the new camera to stream mass for the housebound and those shielding. If you would like to join or pay by direct debit or have any queries please contact Elizabeth 422544 or Lesley 455955. Thanks to those who have made some contributions already. Without our income from the Summer and Christmas Fairs this year, the 500 Club income is even more vital for the parish. Thank you

Printed bulletins are available in Church at mass and on the Parish website.

Those attending mass especially at the weekend for Sunday's Mass: Please could people bring their name(s) and contact phone number on a piece of paper and hand that in. It will save time at the door to the church. This will avoid lengthy queuing at Sunday mass. The Marshall will let them straight through.

Holy Communion for the sick *The new lockdown restrictions do not allow Holy Communion for the sick*

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day is 9th October this year. Please support CAFOD by giving what you can and save lives, either at masses on the weekend of 10th October or at any other masses.

Further details and coronavirus information and the work of CAFOD can be found at cafod.org.uk/give

WE WELCOME TO THE PARISH BY BAPTISM Lana Diane Newby

PLEASE PRAY FOR Bob Howden, Marionette Holland, Margaret Anthony, Matthew Clark, Bernadette Clarke, Bernard Smith, Patrick Cawthorn, Elspeth Duckworth, Colin Bennett, Sr Joan FMSJ, Gordon Moore, Catherine Minshull, Allen Withnell, Faith Higham, Keith Croasdale, Eileen Hilliard, Richard Daniels, Josette Bradbury, Dorothy Knight, Geordie Adams, Olivia Catterall, Fr. Cassian, Chris Macro, Brian Reed, Glenda Kelly, Bernie Wilson, Gaynor Hilliard, Patricia Hayes, Tony Kerrigan, Frank King, Vanda Brown, Pat McMahon, Matthew Cox, Tony Loftus, Eileen Standing, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, Carol Parkinson, Marjorie Parr, Margaret Booth, Rebecca Coates, Joan Sullivan, Derek Taylor, Catherine Breen, Peter Beatty. Connected with us, Maria Walsh, The Reverend Enid Briggs, Mary Earnshaw, Jim W, Margaret Dixon, Shaun Shaw, and all the sick, especially those dying of war and starvation, cancer and the Covid-19 victims.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DEPARTED: For all who have died recently, and for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time Leonard Rice, Marjorie McGrath, Olive Mae Collinge, Jermaine Joseph Sampson, Arthur James Waller, Margaret Salmon, Hannah Derbyshire, Sarah Latham, June Elder and Leah Cable. Let us pray for all who died recently in violence, poverty, war: and those dying from the Coronavirus and other diseases and all who are bereaved.

URGENT REQUEST Preston and Wigan Neonatal Units, need knitted arm and leg sleeves to keep the canulas in place for premature babies that have been born recently. Very soft baby wool 5"x 3" or 6" x 3". 35 cast on stitches on 3 mm needles x 48 rows. Creates rectangle and then sew up to create sleeves. Blue or pink soft wool if you have those colours but because of the urgency any colour will be great. Sleeves can be put in the box in the narthex marked 'preemie sleeves'

Restored Lives - Recovery from Divorce and Separation A series of six meetings by Zoom starting on Monday for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship. Meetings are free, confidential, informative, and affirming. For details please contact Maureen O'Brien m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk

Lancashire Adult Learning have lots of free online sessions this autumn go to www.lal.ac.uk, and click on all courses and choose your subject. There are volunteering, health and wellbeing courses and much more. There is an Autumn Course Guide on there. You can also request a hard copy if you prefer. First Aid is at the bottom of the page, with a link to the Lancashire Lifesaver Sessions. These are live online sessions that are 1.5 hours long. A great way to refresh lifesaving skills from the comfort of your own home!

Our Way of Life Pope Francis in his message of World Day of Migrants and Refugees, today 27 September has six pairs of verbs that deal with very practical actions and are linked together in a relationship of cause and effect. 1. You must *know* to *understand*. 2. It is necessary *to be close* to *serve*. 3. *To be reconciled*, we need *to listen*. 4. *To grow*, it is necessary *to share*. 5. We need *to be involved* to *promote*. 6. It is necessary *to cooperate* to *build*. These phrases could be mottos also for our pastoral work. *His message for the day is on our Parish website as two extra pages of the bulletin. There are also some copies available in Church*

A Reflection: In tune with the above, next Sunday Pope Francis will sign in the basilica of St Francis in Assisi his new encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" quoting the words of St Francis of Assisi.

Francis chose the words of the Saint of Assisi to initiate a reflection on something he cares about very deeply: namely, fraternity and social friendship. He therefore addresses all his sisters and brothers, all men and women who populate the earth: everyone, inclusively, and in no way exclusively.

We live in a time marked by war, poverty, migration, climate change, economic crises, pandemic. Recognizing a brother or sister in everyone we meet and, for Christians, recognizing the face of Jesus in the other who suffers – these responses reaffirm the irreducible dignity of every human person created in the image of God. They also remind us that no one can ever emerge from the present hardships alone, one against the other, the global North against the global South, the rich against the poor or any other excluding differentiation. We could continue to try to implement Pope Francis's thoughts and actions to develop the kingdom of God among us in Leyland.

WORD OF LIFE for September 2020 ***"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over will be put into your lap".*** "He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from Judea, Jerusalem and the coast of Tyre and Sidon." These are the words used by the evangelist Luke to introduce Jesus' long discourse which unfolds into the proclamation of the Beatitudes, the demands of the Kingdom of God and the Father's promises to his children. Jesus freely announces his message to men and women, of different ethnicities and cultures, who have come to listen to him; his message is universal and addressed to everyone. Everyone can welcome and understand his words and through them reach fulfilment as men and women created by God Love in his own image.

Find the full text of the Word of Life for Septemeber and October on the website under the bulletin tag.

The October Word of Life is: ***For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*** (Lk. 14:11)

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 106th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2020

[27 September 2020]

***Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee.
Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating
internally displaced persons***

At the beginning of this year, in my Address to the members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, I pointed to the tragedy of internally displaced people as one of the challenges of our contemporary world: "Situations of conflict and humanitarian emergencies, aggravated by climate change, are increasing the numbers of displaced persons and affecting people already living in a state of dire poverty. Many of the countries experiencing these situations lack adequate structures for meeting the needs of the displaced" (9 January 2020).

The Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has issued the document "Pastoral Orientations on Internally Displaced People" (Vatican City, 5 May 2020), which aims to inspire and encourage the pastoral work of the Church in this specific area.

For these reasons, I have decided to devote this Message to the drama of internally displaced persons, an often unseen tragedy that the global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated. In fact, due to its virulence, severity and geographical extent, this crisis has impacted on many other humanitarian emergencies that affect millions of people, which has relegated to the bottom of national political agendas those urgent international efforts essential to saving lives. But "this is not a time for forgetfulness. The crisis we are facing should not make us forget the many other crises that bring suffering to so many people" (*Urbi et Orbi Message*, 12 April 2020).

In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this Message, although concerned with internally displaced persons, to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalization and rejection as a result of COVID-19.

I would like to start with the image that inspired Pope Pius XII in his Apostolic Constitution *Exsul Familia* (1 August 1952). During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees, "which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease (cf. *Mt* 2:13-15, 19-23). Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families" (*Angelus*, 29 December 2013). In each of these people, forced to flee to safety, Jesus is present as he was at the time of Herod. In the faces of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers and prisoners, we are called to see the face of Christ who pleads with us to help (cf. *Mt* 25:31-46). If we can recognize him in those faces, we will be the ones to thank him for having been able to meet, love and serve him in them.

Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord, "even though our eyes find it hard to recognize him: his clothing in tatters, his feet dirty, his face disfigured, his body wounded, his tongue unable to speak our language" (*Homily*, 15 February 2019). We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in my Message for this Day in 2018: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. To these words, I would now like to add another six pairs of verbs that deal with very practical actions and are linked together in a relationship of cause and effect.

You have *to know* in order *to understand*. Knowledge is a necessary step towards understanding others. Jesus himself tells us this in the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus: "While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him" (*Lk* 24:15-16). When we talk about migrants and displaced persons, all too often we stop at statistics. But it is not about statistics, it is about real people! If we encounter them, we will get to know more about them. And knowing their stories, we will be able to understand them. We will be able to understand, for example, that the precariousness that we have come to experience as a result of this pandemic is a constant in the lives of displaced people.

It is necessary *to be close* in order *to serve*. It may seem obvious, yet often it is the contrary. "But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where the man was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him" (*Lk* 10:33-34). Fears and prejudices – all too many prejudices – keep us distant from others and often prevent us from "becoming neighbours" to them and serving them with love. Drawing close to others often means being willing to take risks, as so many doctors and nurses have taught us in recent months. This readiness to draw near and serve goes beyond a mere sense of duty. Jesus gave us the greatest example of this when he washed the feet of his disciples: he took off his cloak, knelt down and dirtied his hands (cf. *Jn* 13:1-15).

In order *to be reconciled*, we need *to listen*. God himself taught us this by sending his Son into the world. He wanted to listen to the plea of suffering humanity with human ears: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son... that the world might be saved through him" (*Jn 3:16-17*). A love that reconciles and saves begins with listening. In today's world, messages multiply but the practice of listening is being lost. Yet it is only through humble and attentive listening that we can truly be reconciled. In 2020, silence has reigned for weeks in our streets. A dramatic and troubling silence, but one that has given us the opportunity to listen to the plea of the vulnerable, the displaced and our seriously ill planet. Listening gives us an opportunity to be reconciled with our neighbour, with all those who have been "discarded", with ourselves and with God, who never tires of offering us his mercy.

In order *to grow*, it is necessary *to share*. Sharing was an essential element of the first Christian community: "Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common" (*Acts 4:32*). God did not want the resources of our planet to benefit only a few. This was not the Lord's will! We have to learn to share in order to grow together, leaving no one behind. The pandemic has reminded us how we are all in the same boat. Realizing that we have the same concerns and fears has shown us once more that no one can be saved alone. To grow truly, we must grow together, sharing what we have, like the boy who offered Jesus five barley loaves and two fish... yet they proved enough for five thousand people (cf. *Jn 6:1-15*)!

We need *to be involved* in order *to promote*. As Jesus was with the Samaritan woman (cf. *Jn 4:1-30*). The Lord approaches her, listens to her, speaks to her heart, and then leads her to the truth and makes her a herald of the Good News: "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did! Can this be the Christ?" (v. 29). Sometimes the impulse to serve others prevents us from seeing their real riches. If we really want to promote those whom we assist, we must involve them and make them agents in their own redemption. The pandemic has reminded us of how essential co-responsibility is, and that only with the contribution of everyone – even of those groups so often underestimated – can we face this crisis. We must find "the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognize that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity" (*Meditation in Saint Peter's Square, 27 March 2020*).

It is necessary *to cooperate* in order *to build*. That is what the Apostle Paul tells the community of Corinth: "I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement" (*1 Cor 1:10*). Building the Kingdom of God is a duty common to all Christians, and for this reason it is necessary that we learn to cooperate, without yielding to the temptation to jealousy, discord and division. In the present context it should be reiterated: "This is not a time for self-centredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons" (*Urbi et Orbi Message, 12 April 2020*). To preserve our common home and make it conform more and more to God's original plan, we must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded.

I would like to conclude with a prayer suggested by the example of Saint Joseph at the time he was forced to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus.

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.

Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.

Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.

Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 May 2020, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima.

Franciscus