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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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B Masses in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel are Streamed automatically. On Thursday mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open to all who wish to come in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; wear masks and distancing.. For details about streaming see above to find the website		
DATE	Event and time	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 5 th December (St John Almond)	10.00 Mass 18.00 Mass	Streamed Elizabeth Brogden anniversary In church Burke family intentions / The Parish / Sandra Price recently died
Sunday 6 th December	10.00 Mass	In church Birthday Thanksgiving (K J) /EBC /Veronica Shepherd recently died
Monday 7 th December (St Ambrose) Tuesday 8 th December (Immaculate Conception of Our Lady)	Ampleforth Abbey is holding our annual General Chapter on these two days. Frs Jonathan and Bernard will be away; no masses in the Parish. Please pray for our community; the monks pray for our parishioners each day, It is an important moment in our history for many reasons, including another chapter on 4 & 5 January to elect an abbot.	
Wednesday 9 th December	10.00 Mass	Streamed Eileen Gore (MM) RIP
Thursday 10 th December	10.00 Mass	Streamed Thomas, Eva, Paul and Jean Gore / Roy William and Catherine Hodgkinson anniversary. Parishioners are welcome to attend as stated above.
Friday 11 th December	10.00 Mass	Streamed Eileen Howard RIP (Cleaners)
NEXT WEEKEND THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B		
Saturday 12 th December	10.00 Mass. 18.00 Mass	Streamed Doug Morphew RIP / Barbara Forrester RIP In church Kearney family intentions / EBC Open to all
Sunday 13 th December	10.00 Mass	In church Fr Simon Gore's intention / The Parish Open to all

Confessions Anyone can come to confessions from 5-6pm on Saturday 11 December in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Queue up outside the chapel. Ring to make an appointment if necessary for another time.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose plate Thank You for those who give what they can to help us in various ways, including money for the heating. Also, to those who give through Gift Aid. Contact John Baggaley 432683 for Gift Aid. It is an excellent way to help support our parish and increases our income, but we have we cannot report it weekly. **Those who have given in envelopes this week they will be counted into next week when hopefully there will be a bit more to report.**

Donations to the Parish Go to <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-mary-leyland> Thank you to those who have donated. Since this started until November we received £332.31

500 CLUB - Congratulations! to *J. Comiskey. £100 Winner (No 135) Agent: E. Ellison*

If you would like to become a member or have another number please contact E Ellison 422544

Christmas with a Twist This year SLEAP have a campaign: Christmas with a Twist! It is a reverse advent calendar from 1 December to the 20 December. Put an item aside each day to give to a young person in need. E.g. a tin of tuna, a jar of pasta, a box of chocolates, shampoo etc. Drop the items at SLEAP, 247 Leyland Lane PR25 1XL on the 21 December; or ring 01772 623603 for other options. SLEAP is a local charity working with the community to prevent homelessness. Look at www.sleap.co.uk Thanks

Mass Marshals- We may well need extra help with the Christmas Masses if you can help with this task please let Lesley know 01772 455955 or email pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk A big thank you to all those who have helped with Marshalling so far.

Christmas Flowers and Candle if you wish to contribute to flowers on the altar or candles for Christmas please do so as soon as possible. Put your money in an envelope with your name and either or both 'Christmas candle £5' or 'Christmas flowers donation' and hand in to the Priory House.

Advent Posters are available at the back of church. Thank you to the KSC who have again provided these

PLEASE PRAY FOR Fr Cassian Dickie osb (of our Leyland community) Matthew Clark, Bernadette Clarke, Pat Clensey, Michael Beardsworth (Bessie's husband), Sr Veronica, Bob Howden, Marionette Holland, Margaret Anthony, Elspeth Duckworth, Colin Bennett, Sr Joan FMSJ, Gordon Moore, Catherine Minshull, Allen Withnell, Faith Higham, Keith Croasdale, Eileen Hilliard, Josette Bradbury, Dorothy Knight, Geordie Adams, Olivia Catterall, Glenda Kelly, Bernie Wilson, Gaynor Hilliard, Vanda Brown, Pat McMahon, Matthew Cox, Tony Loftus, Eileen Standing, Maurice Green, Carol Parkinson, Marjorie Parr, Margaret Booth, Joan Sullivan, Catherine Breen, Peter Beatty. Connected with us, Chris Macro, Maria Walsh, Mary Earnshaw, the Reverend Enid Briggs, 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: Fr Michael Youell (Liverpool), for all who have died and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time Peter Shorrocks, Brian Keeping, Laurence McLoughlin, Pauline Robinson, James Joseph Stoney, Percy Smalley, Margaret Janes, Walter Davis, Barrie Cox and Edith Hannah Jackson. 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.

Cemetery Thank you to all our volunteers who look after our lovely cemetery. For the foreseeable future we will not be putting in any benches, trees or shrubs. We are trying to maximise grave and ashes space for future generations and keep the cemetery low maintenance. Many thanks for your understanding.

Christmas arrangements: This year, because of Covid and the uncertainties of knowing how many would like to come to Church over Christmas and trying to keep safe we will have tickets for each mass. It would be wise to get your tickets early if you want to come to a particular mass.

The times of the Christmas masses: **Christmas eve:** Thursday 24 December. **12 noon** (Streamed); **17.00** (Not streamed A family mass; very simple with blessings for baby Jesus in home cribs and the parish crib and a family atmosphere.); and at **20.00** (Not streamed) Blessing of the Parish crib.. **Christmas Day,** Friday 25 December **08.30** (Streamed); **10.30.** (Not streamed). Blessings on Children's' presents.

A special extra Christmas bulletin that you can take away from Church give the details. How to get tickets, when to arrive at Church, how to behave; how to receive Holy Communion and much more besides. The Christmas bulletin is also on the parish Website under the red tag: Christmas. If people need more copies of the Christmas bulletin to give out to neighbours take a few with you.

December 2020 The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? Ps. 27 [26]:1.

"Shortly after Mariana's birth, the doctors told us that she had a severe malformation of the brain and that she would never be able to walk or talk. We felt that God was asking us to love her just as she was and we threw ourselves into his arms, so to speak, and trusted in him regarding the future." This is what Alba, a young Brazilian mother, wrote. She continued, "Mariana lived with us for four years and simply left a message of love with everyone she met. We never heard her say the words 'Mummy' or 'Daddy', but in her silence she spoke through the shining light that came from her eyes. We could not teach her to take her first steps, but she taught us to take the first steps in loving, in giving ourselves up to love. She was a gift of God's love for the whole family: we could summarize all that she was in a single sentence: love is not explained by words." Something similar is happening to each one of us today: when faced with the impossible task of governing our entire existence we need light – even a tiny glimmer of light – to show us the way ahead and the steps to take today, towards the salvation of a new life.

Commentary on the Word of Life can be seen in full on the website under the bulletin tag.

Copies are also available as you come in and go out of Church on beautiful fold over sheets.

Our Way of Life Probably many of you could share stories very similar to the one of Alba, the mother of Mariana. A young 39-year-old parishioner who had quite acute learning difficulties recently died. His mother and his sister said he was the life and soul of the family. Steven could not speak normally; he was cheeky, friendly and trusted God. Much love and affection would have been lost had he not been born.

A Reflection. The Bishops of England and Wales write: We have reflected on our need to reach out afresh to those who bear the wounds of permanent damage caused by abuse in our Church. We commit ourselves to listen more intently to those who have been abused to learn from them and benefit from their wisdom. It is through learning from their testimony that hearts are changed. From the Bishops of England and Wales 20 November 2020 after the recent report on the Catholic Church about safeguarding.

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church in England and Wales. A telephone helpline and live chat facility is available from Monday – Saturday from 10am – 6pm, apart from Thursdays when the service is open 12 – 8pm. Telephone **0300 303 1056** (answerphone available outside of opening times).

Email safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk Live Chat/Website safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk On our parish website on the Bulletin tab you will find the full recent statement of the Bishops in response to the report.

There is also help available through Ampleforth Abbey: contact Fr Bede on bede@ampleforth.org.uk