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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		2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		Year B
<b>Despite the fact that we are in Tier 4 at present with all its restrictions we had not heard that we should not be open on the days indicated below. If there is any change we will let you know.</b>				
DATE	Event and time	MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2021 (Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)	<b>12.00.</b> <b>18.00</b>	<b>Mass Streamed</b> Sr Anna Greenfield RIP <b>Mass Open to all In church</b> In thanksgiving for baby Reginald John Knight / EBC / Vivienne Howard recently died		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Mass Open to all In church</b> Minshull family intention / The Parish		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>NO MASS</b>	Our Abbey at Ampleforth is holding a most important Election Chapter for Abbot. Fr Bernard and Fr Jonathan will say mass there. The Parishioners are remembered each day in prayer in the monastery. Please pray for us.		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>NO MASS</b>			
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January (FEAST OF EPIPHANY) <i>Holy Day of Obligation as Sundays are</i>	<b>10.00</b> <b>12 30</b>	<b>Mass Open to all IN THE MAIN CHURCH</b> Thomas Dandy RIP Requiem mass for Peter Coombs		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Mass Open to all Streamed</b> Special Intention (AJ)		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>10.00</b> <b>12.00</b>	<b>Streamed</b> Teresa Tully anniversary Requiem mass David Prescott		
NEXT WEEKEND		BAPTISM OF THE LORD		Year B
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>10.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	<b>Mass Streamed</b> Kitty Finlay <b>Mass In church</b> Wight family intentions / The Parish/ Peter Coombs recently died <b>Open to all</b>		
Sunday 10 January	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Mass In church</b> Reed and Gilson family intention /EBC / David Prescott recently died <b>Open to all</b>		

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

**Last Sunday 20th:** Offertory Loose plate £208.65 gift aid £949.50, Christmas loose plate £686.43 Gift Aid £528.50, Christmas gift £682.78 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.

**Donations to the Parish** Go to <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-mary-leyland> Thank you to those who have donated.

**Week 52 500 CLUB** - Congratulations! to. S McBride £100 Winner (No 116) Agent: L Raven  
If you would like to become a member or have another number please contact E Ellison 422544

**Help Wanted** are you able to offer a few hours a week to help an elderly couple in the parish? They require help with both cleaning and shopping. Are you kind and caring with a few hours a week to offer? Can you clean for a couple of hours a week, reasonable payment for this will be made? Can you do a small weekly shop, expenses will be paid for this. If you are able to help for either of these tasks, please contact Martin Smith on 01772 452745.

**Are you interested in entering into full communion of our Church?** Each year we have a group of people who are interested. Covid has knocked it back. As things are changing we realise we can do this via the internet. If anyone would like to know more please contact Fr Jonathan on the Parish phone number above. We would meet via the internet in some way at 16.30 to 17.30 on Sunday afternoons aiming to begin in February. Anyone who is interested needs to know that they are not "committing" themselves in any way. Rather we await God the Holy Spirit to work his miracles within us to discern both whether this is what God and each person wants, or not. It happens that both of those outcomes happen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Tom Dacosta, Brian Reed, 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:** for David Prescott and Peter Coombs and all who have died and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time Mary Douglas, Gary Tomlinson, Francis Keith Lennigan, Maureen Boothman, Jean Horrocks, Pamela Lofthouse, Eddie Kemp, Mary Magdalen McCall, Cecelia Kathleen McSherry, Eileen Snape, Fred Thistlethwaite and Christine Lloyd. 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.

**Word of Life Remain in my love: you will bear much fruit.**

Every year, Christians belonging to different Churches all over the world observe a week of prayer during which they ask the Father for the gift of unity, according to the desire of Jesus. He wants this "so that the world may believe" (Jn 17:21): unity changes the world – it creates communion, fraternity and solidarity. It is fundamentally a gift of God, and for this reason it is essential to ask the Father for it with persistence and trust. A group that lives the word of life in Spain experienced that this is true. For some years now, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, they felt impelled to pray for the grace of unity and to build bridges with other people. Margarita wrote, "We contacted the ecumenical officers in the diocese and the local Church leaders and shared our ideas. Then we simply gathered together as Christians to pray and used our different church buildings. For example, one day we used the Catholic church and another day the Orthodox one. Each time our churches were filled with the joy that comes from God's presence. It is he who opens the way to unity." For 2021, the religious community in Grandchamp, France, which is dedicated to the work of reconciliation among Christians, has proposed a very suitable phrase, taken from the gospel of John, as the light for this journey:

*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. To listen and watch it go to:*

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**Our Way of Life and a Reflection.** *This is Pope Francis' sermon on New Year's Day. It bears reading often.*

You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust.

Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue and relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear and love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ... That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom.

And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up .... Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.

Pope Francis. Happy New Year to each one of you.