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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

Last Tuesday the Parish Pastoral Council had an urgent meeting to discuss whether the Church should remain open or not in the present covid lockdown because of the very virulent new covid virus. We came to an agreement very sadly to close down the Church forthwith.

We also decided that all Church funerals at present would be in the main Church to give us plenty of space to keep personal distancing and yet be together socially to pray for the person who has died. No more than 30 can be present.

Please note The Church is not open, save for Funerals as a result of the decision above. **All masses that we hold except for Requiem Masses will be streamed from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.** We are hoping to get a 2nd camera in the main church as soon as possible. It is only with a 2nd camera can we stream from the main church.

THIS WEEKEND	2 nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	Year B
Saturday 16 th January	10.00 . 18.00	Kathleen, Peter & Simon Brown RIP Tom Dacosta (sick) / EBC
Sunday 17 th January	10.00	The Parish.
Monday 18 th January	NO MASS Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today, see over for details.	
Tuesday 19 th January	10.00	Susan Turner anniversary
Wednesday 20 th January (SS Fabian and Sebastian).	10.00	Sidney Knowles (anniv) / Monica Maguire (1 st anniversary)
Thursday 21 st January (St Agnes)	10.00 12.00	Sr Mary Stephen (anniv) / Ann Gillooly & Edna Brindle (anniversaries) Christian Unity Service (' Abiding in Christ ' Day 4)
Friday 22 nd January	10.00	John, Teresa & Josie Gorman RIP / Barry Frankland RIP
NEXT WEEKEND	3 rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	Year B
Saturday 23 rd January	10.00 . 18.00	Vivienne Howard RIP / June Barton RIP Fr Abbots intentions
Sunday 24 th January	10.00	The Parish.

Confessions Ring to make an appointment if necessary for a time to celebrate the sacrament which we will do with social distancing and all precautions. Remember that you are forgiven by God when you tell him sincerely and truthfully what you are sorry for in your life and ask God to forgive you. He always will.

Last Sunday 20th: Offertory Loose plate £291 gift aid £155 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.

Help Wanted are you able to offer a few hours a week to help an elderly couple in the parish? They require help with cleaning for a couple of hours a week, reasonable payment for this will be made? If you can help please contact Martin Smith on 01772 452745. Thank you to those who shop weekly for this couple.

Are you interested in entering into full communion of our Church? This year we will do this via the internet on zoom. Contact Fr Jonathan on the Parish phone number above. We would meet via the internet on Sunday afternoons aiming to begin in February from 16.30 to 17.30

On Sunday 17 January Justice and Peace zoom lecture. 14.00 to 15.30. **To Prepare a Future Full of Hope Amid Chaos and Uncertainty'**. Mary Colwell specialises in natural history, environment, religion and human stories. To register your place please go to the J&P website jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk or use the link <http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/2021/01/05/memorial-lecture-registration-17-january-2021/> At the end of the bulletin on the 3rd page you will see the poster for this lecture.

Week 2 **500 CLUB** - Congratulations! to B Anthony Winner (No 189) Agent: A Anthony
If you would like to become a member or have another number please contact E Ellison 422544

PLEASE PRAY FOR Chris Smith, our former site supervisor and Betty Beatty, Tom Dacosta, Brian Reed, Fr Cassian Dickie OSB, Matthew Clark, Bernadette Clarke, Tony Clarke, Pat Clensey, Michael Beardsworth, 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 all who have died and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time James Henry Ainsworth, Maureen Kathleen Jones, Ann Cox, Bridget Whelan, Susan Turner, Monica Maguire, Robert (Bob) Howard, Terence Penzer, Angela Hughes, Alan Schofield, Paul Borg, Harold Gardner, and Russell Starling. 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25 January annually Christian churches in Britain and Ireland celebrate their unity. Churches Together in Leyland each year invites worshippers from our churches to come together in services at different churches throughout the week. With lockdown this will not be possible. However with the help of a great many people this year the Week of Prayer for Unity programme '*Abiding in Christ*', will be celebrated in ways, we hope, that are as accessible to as many as possible.

Daily reflections each morning at 9.15am on *Radio Leyland* (online or 104.8FM)

Tuesday 19th at 6pm Service on *Radio Leyland*

Thursday 21st at 12 noon *Streamed* service from St Mary's

Main Service on Sunday 24th at 3pm on *Zoom*.

How to join this service and additional information at <http://www.churchestogetherinleyland.org/events>

Please take this wonderful opportunity to join together in prayer.

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

The address given by Focolare founder, Chiara Lubich, in Geneva in October 2002 during the events marking the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation resonates very strongly: '*How much love is needed in the world! Jesus said that the world would recognize us as his own and that through us, it would recognize him, by mutual love and by unity: "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"*' (Jn 13:35).

The full 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: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sBVTNVJxkq&feature=emb_title Skip the Advertisements.

Our Way of Life Chiara Lubich once also wrote this about those people who find it hard work to believe in God, and yet truly love their neighbours. "*There is some degree of love in the depths of every human heart, including those who have no religious faith. They may call it philanthropy, solidarity, or non-violence, but it is the same love and respect for neighbour that religion invites people of faith to practice.*" Chiara Lubich *The Art of Loving*, p 43. Our job as Catholic Christians is never to judge others or feel above others, or to disdain and put down others. Our task is simply to love others as they are and to accompany them on their journey of life. This is the teaching of a Church that is "a synodical Church"; it involves walking together with all those that have good will and support the values that we support: for peace, universal brother and sisterhood, and to live the golden rule: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." (Mt 7:12)

A Reflection. Have you noticed something important in our modern multi-cultural world? The world we live in does not only have different Christian Churches with difference of doctrine and belief, and different faiths that a good percentage of the world believes; it also has many good people who have other convictions that includes those who are atheists, agnostics or those who are very doubtful about the value of faith. Furthermore have you noticed something that seems impossible? Any one of us can feel closer to another man or woman from another faith or none than we feel with those who do belong to our faith. Fellow Catholics can have an attitude and views that are some we might find very difficult to accept and to live with. We need God's help to achieve putting on the mind of Christ and to behave as he would have behaved in our own times.

**Archdiocese of Liverpool Justice & Peace Commission
MEMORIAL LECTURE 2021**



*"To prepare a future full of hope
amid chaos and uncertainty"*

Given by
Mary Colwell
Sunday 17 January
2.00-3.30pm
Also opportunity for discussion



**Register for Zoom link:
jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk**