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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

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

THIS WEEKEND		4th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	Year B
Saturday 30 th January	10.00 18.00	Sr Veronica's intentions The Parish Brian Charnock recently died	
Sunday 31 st January	10.00	Walker family intentions / Frank Cutler & John Newsham recently died.	
Monday 1 st February		NO MASS	
Tuesday 2 nd February (Presentation of the Lord)	10.00	Sr Veronica birthday intentions/ Margaret & Michael O'Hara Anniv.	
Wednesday 3 rd February	10.00 12.00	Veana Fish RIP Requiem mass Frances Kellett	
Thursday 4 th February	10.00 11.00	John Sykes 1 st anniversary Funeral Service Chris Smith	
Friday 5 th February (St Agatha)	10.00 11.15	KSC intentions Requiem mass Betty Beatty	
NEXT WEEKEND		5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	Year B
Saturday 6 th February (St Miki & companions)	10.00 18.00	Robert Salisbury anniversary Sykes & Carr family intentions / EBC / Frances Kellett recently died	
Sunday 7 th February	10.00	The Parish / Chris Smith & Betty Beatty recently died.	

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: Offertory loose plate **£24.28 Envelopes £350** **We are so grateful for all your support this last 10 months please keep it up if you can do so.** 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.

Week 4 500 CLUB - Congratulations! to **C Coxon Winner** (No 136) **Agent:** L Raven
If you would like to become a member or have another number please contact E Ellison 422544

Are you interested in entering 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 on February 7th from 16.30 to 17.30. 4 candidates so far are coming.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Mike Fitzpatrick, George Purse, Catherine Breen, Pauline Agnew, Nester Mbili (nee Singo) and her husband Blocky Mbili, 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 McMahan, Matthew Cox, Tony Loftus, Eileen Standing, Maurice Green, Carol Parkinson, Marjorie Parr, Margaret Booth, Joan Sullivan, Peter Beatty. Connected with us, Chris Macro, Maria Walsh, Mary Earnshaw, the Reverend Enid Briggs, 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: Frances Kellett and connected with us Neil Fow (an Anglican neighbour whose wife was blind and both and and supported the Leyland "One Voice Choir") and Margaret Singo (in South Africa, sister of Mel) and for all who have died and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time Sheila Durrigan, Siobhan Mary Wilson, Francis Gerald Gough, Carol Wright, Jocelyn Cooper, Peter Gardner, Lily Blackley, Sonia Parkinson, Philip McCready, Dunstan Watson, Teresa Lane, Amanda Brewer, Cecilia Preston, Baby Thomas Ashton, and John Sykes. 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.

For several years now, Christians from various churches have been working together to help prisoners in the city of Palermo in Italy. Salvatore, who belongs to an evangelical association, first had the idea: "I realized that these neighbours of ours had spiritual and human needs. Often their families were not able to help them. Trusting in God, I shared this with many brothers and sisters in my own church and other churches". Christine, from the Anglican Church, added: "Being able to help these needy neighbours makes us happy because it shows God's providence in real terms. God wants his love to reach them all, through us." Nunzia, who is Roman Catholic, said: "It seemed an opportunity to help people who have material needs and to witness to Jesus."

This experience is a practical application of what Chiara Lubich spoke about in 1998, during an ecumenical meeting in the Evangelical Church of St Anne in Augsburg:

"If we Christians look at our history... we will be saddened to see that it has often been a succession of misunderstandings, quarrels and conflicts. Certainly, it was due to historical, cultural, political, geographical, and social circumstances, but also because Christians were lacking in what is their specific unifying feature: love.

Efforts in the field of ecumenism will be fruitful in so far as those who dedicate themselves to it, see in Jesus crucified and forsaken who re-abandons himself to the Father, the key to understanding every disunity and to re-establishing unity ... When unity is lived, it has an effect... It is the presence of Jesus among people, in the community. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Mt 18:20). The presence of Jesus between a Catholic and an Evangelical who love each other, between an Anglican and an Orthodox, between an Armenian and a Reformed Christian who love each other. How much peace it would bring even now, how much light it would shed for a productive ecumenical journey! "

Our Way of Life. Love is the specific unifying feature that can break down barriers which are profound and go back centuries. This is also true for interfaith dialogue or even family breakdowns or neighbourhood breakdowns of unity. Love conquers everything, and what is impossible to human beings is possible for God. Let us trust in God and do good (cf. Psalm 37-or- 36, verse 3)

A Reflection. It is not always so easy to trust in God, especially when God wants us to belong to him alone. Many today feel that God is irrelevant or dead. Fr Theodore used to say before he died that for him God was in Australia. He was an ordinary monk, with a self awareness of his frailty. God does not explain why he sends such torments to people. It is not to do with our human criteria; such a body is holy, therefore she or he will suffer on the journey to God. Fr Theo felt lost and abandoned as is true for many people in our society today. But through events including a visit from a friend at the time, he passed from this world in great peace. We human beings must be aware that life can bring us to face terrible feelings within us and yet "faith tells us that God is always with us to the end of time, closer than the air we breathe". Yet we do not feel God is there at all; he has vanished, we cannot pray; in love and faith prayer is possible.

These things are described as different forms of the Dark Nights. God sends those to us personally or even allows a culture of the Dark Night to develop all around us.

Our contemporary culture leads us to think God is dead or irrelevant. Only God will help us through and to achieve this let us focus on the person of Jesus and our Lady and others who passed through all these sensations and experiences. Especially focus on the high point of love, the crucified and forsaken Jesus.

The redemption of the world was not easy for God to achieve. God made us and keeps us in being in his image and likeness. There is no doubt that it is a "risk" on God's part to create us with such dignity and godly possibilities. It is the fruit of Love and on that basis we can trust.

Chiara Lubich wrote "Unity among us is achieved if each one of us is well united to God. It is written in fact, 'As you, Father, are in me and I in you that they also may be in us". (cf Jn.17:21) Unity therefore is dependent in the first place that each person has a personal union with God."