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**Parish Facebook page**

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. **All masses will be streamed from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.** Requiem mass & funerals may or may not be streamed depending on numbers of mourners attending. If possible we will use the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

THIS WEEKEND		1 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT	Year B
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b> . <b>18.00</b>	Wilson family The Parish/ Newton family intentions / Kathleen Hardwick recently died	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>10.00</b>	EBC / Boulton family intentions / Catherine Breen recently died	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February (The Chair of St Peter the Apostle)		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>10.00</b> <b>2.30pm</b>	Jobs, Health and Birthday (Wilson family) Requiem Mass June Hodkinson	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b>	Helen Jones (sick)	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b>	Maureen Dignon's intentions	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b> <b>3.00</b>	Marian Kirk anniversary / David Bullock anniversary <b>Streamed</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross.	
(Lenten Fast Day - 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection for CAFOD) Traditionally Friday is Family Fast Day. Please consider fasting and donating to CAFOD. Posting donations through the Priory letterbox. Thank you			
NEXT WEEKEND		2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT	Year B
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b> . <b>18.00</b>	Cancer recovery Fr Abbots intentions /	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February <u>Collection for CAFOD</u>	<b>10.00</b>	The Parish / Madeleine Jones intentions / June Hodkinson 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: It was a better week financially thanks be to God** Offertory loose plate £185. Envelopes £501.50 We are grateful for all your support this last 10 months please keep it up if you can do so. Our job is to serve you the people and administer the Church as well as possible. External factors arise that make it quite a challenge. Thank You for those who give their time, energy, thought and skills and then also give their money for the Church to face up to the challenges. Thank you for 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 7 500 CLUB - Congratulations! to Veronica Wrennall *Winner (No 26) Agent: E Ellison*  
If you would like to become a member or have another number please contact E Ellison 422544

**Our Journey in Faith** started began with learning more about the Eucharist. Now we are on the Creed. If anyone would also like to explore what it is to be a Catholic contact Fr Jonathan - Phone number above.

**Each Friday at 3 pm during Lent** there will be streamed on <https://www.churchservices.tv/leyland> the **Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Stations of the Cross**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DEPARTED:** Siobhan Mannion, connected with us Sheila Mary Costello, and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elaine Baxter, Michael Fadden, teresa Glover, Terence Albert Castle, Ken Parker, Joan Bamaber, Norman Grayston, Teresa Eccles, Patrick Joseph Gough, David Bullock, Fred Stableforth and Bert Blesdale. 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Tony Kelly, Madeleine Jones, John Thompson, Maureen Dignon, Mike Fitzpatrick, George Purse, 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 McMahon, 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.

***In Lent Prayer Fasting and Almsgiving.*** We may need to discover **Prayer** in new ways in our busy world. Jesus and St Paul urged us to pray always. We need to be careful when we try to understand Jesus that we do not project our own personality and way of life onto Him. We might feel "he must be normal like me!" Yet people differ a lot! We can accept that He is within each human being and everything that exists is directed towards Him.. No one can know for sure what Jesus was like. But we can be sure that he prayed always. He did go away to pray by himself but many a time he was among people flat out so that he could not find time to eat or drink. But he prayed always. The conclusion is obvious: if we want to pray **always** we need to turn our mind to understand how we can let Jesus take over our lives and still leave us with our free-will, our personality, our character. Then we will pray always as he did because he is alive in my uniqueness. **Almsgiving** may mean more about giving your time and listening to others. It may include giving money as well. For **Fasting** there is some help below from Pope Francis

**Our Way of Life** *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."* Mt 16: 23 Anyone who does wish to be a follower of Jesus must make a choice. They have to spend time with people who know Jesus and live the gospel so that they themselves can learn who Jesus is and how he changes you for the better. You *have* to give up one way of life for another. You need to spend time with convinced disciples and not with pals who do not know Him. It is a sacrifice you must make. Gradually your life will develop; you find a purpose and a peace. You begin to know more clearly who you are and how to live, your human and spiritual side are in harmony; you will help others to find a full life.

**A reflection** Recently in a conversation with a parishioner he explained he did not quite understand fasting. It is good to give up some thing as a discipline. This man said that he did not "believe in fasting" but he already gives himself a lot for others. Pope Francis who seems to be far from a liberal Catholic, i.e., a man who throws away the rules (he has not changed any rules in Canon Law) is a practical man trying to cope with the diversity of life in our modern world. He has spoken about fasting *this* Lent.

*"Do you want to fast this lent?"*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words, be silent and listen."

Have you heard about "The Chosen"? It is a series of recently made films available on YouTube that you can easily download about Jesus.

These films help some people understand Jesus as a real human being. Yet at the same time our Creed tells us he is God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. The films will help to contemplate, reflect and know Jesus.

Look up [YouTube The Chosen](#), and you will find what many others have found helpful, and it may be a good way to spend some enjoyable lockdown time in Lent.

**Word of Life *Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6: 36)***

This passage invites us to bring about a dramatic change in our lives. Every time we meet with a situation that could leave us feeling offended, instead of adopting an attitude of rejection, irrefutable judgement and revenge, we can choose to show forgiveness and mercy. It is not so much a matter doing this out of a sense of duty but rather of accepting Jesus' invitation to pass from the death of selfishness to the true life of communion. We will make the joyful discovery that we have received the same DNA as the Father, who does not definitively condemn anyone but gives everyone a second chance, opening horizons of hope. This choice will also allow us to prepare the ground for fraternal relationships from which a community can develop that is oriented towards peaceful and constructive coexistence.

The whole Word of Life commentary is on the Website in the Word of Life tag under the bulletin tag.

Go to <https://youtu.be/ovZcfaAR8K8> to watch and listen. Skip the advertisements on YouTube.