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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 will be streamed from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.** Requiem mass & funerals may or may not be streamed depending on numbers of mourners attending.

THIS WEEKEND	5 th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	Year B
Saturday 6 th February (St Miki & companions)	10.00 . 18.00	Robert Salisbury anniversary Sykes & Carr family intentions / EBC / Chris Smith & Betty Beatty recently died.
Sunday 7 th February	10.00	The Parish / Frances Kellett recently died
Monday 8 th February	12.00	Funeral Mary Ashurst
Tuesday 9 th February	10.00	John Danson RIP/ Frank Kellett RIP
Wednesday 10 th February (St Scholastica)	10.00 12.00	Eileen Brimley RIP Requiem mass Kathleen Hooley
Thursday 11 th February World day of prayer for the sick	10.00	Lillian Gray RIP
Friday 12 th February (St Benedict of Aniane)	10.00	Christine Hayes RIP
NEXT WEEKEND	6 th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	Year B
Saturday 13 th February	10.00 . 18.00	Birthday Blessings (J&A) The Parish/ Mary Ashurst recently died
Sunday 14 th February	10.00	EBC / Mike Fitzpatrick intentions (KSC)/ Kathleen Hooley 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 £115.... Envelopes £250... **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 5 **500 CLUB** - Congratulations! to **M Smith Winner** (No 77) **Agent:** M Smith
If you would like to become a member or have another number please contact E Ellison 422544

Our Journey in Faith starts this Sunday 7 January at 17.30 via zoom to support 4 candidates interested in exploring the Catholic Faith. If anyone would also like to explore what it is to be a Catholic contact Fr Jonathan on the Phone number above.

PLEASE PRAY FOR 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 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: Catherine Breen and connected with us Kathleen Townley, and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: Winifred Eileen Parkinson, Gerry Huskisson, John

Johnson, Joseph Patrick, Miskimmin, Hilda Riordan, Tony Rogerson, David Roger James Bebb, Joanne Painter, Michael Kelly, Winifred Ann Parkinson, Christine Hayes and Dorothy Yates. 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 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6: 36)

The evangelist Luke liked to use the word "mercy" to emphasize the greatness of God's love. It could be said that in sacred scripture, this word expresses the maternal aspect of God's love. It describes how he cares for his creatures, raises them up, consoles them and never tires of welcoming them. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promised his people, "*As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.*" Mercy is an attribute that is also recognized and proclaimed by the Islamic tradition. Among the 99 Beautiful Names of God, those most frequently used by Muslims are the "Most Merciful" and the "Most Clement". This passage from the Gospel, describes Jesus making a bold and challenging proposal in front of crowds who had come from both nearby and distant areas and towns: he tells everyone to imitate God the Father, precisely in this merciful love. This may seem an impossible and unattainable goal!

Our Way of Life. The Word of Life comes from the Focolare Movement. It is present in 182 countries of the World and in Leyland among parishioners. It may be interesting to share something of the election of the new President of the Movement that took place last Sunday nearby Rome at the Assembly of the Focolare Movement. The Vatican congregation in charge of the Laity expresses the hope that the new president will be able to carry out her duties "with fidelity, a spirit of service and ecclesial sense, for the good of the members of the Focolare and of the universal Church".

Press Release about Margaret Karram elected as President of the Focolare Movement.

Elected on 31 January, she is the third President to lead the Movement after the founder, Chiara Lubich, and after Maria Voce who has just completed two terms. She is a Palestinian Catholic Christian

She was born in Haifa (Israel) and graduated in Judaism at the Hebrew University of Los Angeles (USA). She has held various positions of responsibility for the Focolare in Los Angeles and in Jerusalem. She has also worked in various commissions and organizations for the promotion of dialogue between the three monotheistic religions, such as the Episcopal Commission for Interreligious Dialogue, the Assembly of Ordinary Catholics of the Holy Land and the organization ICCI (Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel).

She speaks Arabic, Hebrew, Italian and English. In 2013 she was awarded the Mount Zion Award for Reconciliation, given to her together with the Jewish scholar and researcher Yisca Harani, for their commitment to the development of dialogue between different cultures and religions. In 2016, she received the St. Rita International Prize for promoting dialogue between Christians, Jews, Muslims, Israelis and Palestinians, starting from the everydayness of life.

The tasks of the Focolare President. According to the General Statutes of the Movement, the President is chosen from among the focolarine (consecrated women in perpetual vows) and will always be a woman. This means that she represents the great religious, cultural, social and geographical variety of those who adhere to the spirituality of the Focolare where the Movement is present and who identify with the message of fraternity that the founder, Chiara Lubich, drew from the Gospel: "Father, may they all be one".

There are many commitments and challenges awaiting Margaret Karram in the coming years: the tasks of governing and directing a worldwide Movement like the Focolare, deeply immersed in the local and global realities and challenges of humanity, starting from this time of pandemic. The Statutes also indicate the "style" that should distinguish the work of the President: "Her presidency will be above all a presidency of charity," they say, "because she will have to be the first to love, that is, to serve her brothers and sisters, remembering the words of Jesus: 'He who wants to be first among you will be the servant of all'" (Mk 10:44). (Mk 10:44).

The primary commitment of the President, therefore, is to be a builder of bridges and a spokesperson for the central message of Focolare spirituality, ready to practice and spread it, as we read further on, "even at the cost of her own life".

There is an interview with Margaret Karram from 2014 in New City Magazine on the website under this week's bulletin with a photograph. It explains something of the kind of person she is and her spirit. The whole Word of Life commentary is on the Website in the Word of Life tag under the bulletin tag. It is particularly beautiful this month and worth reading. Go to <https://youtu.be/ovZcfaAR8K8> to watch and listen. Skip the advertisements on YouTube.