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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.

<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>		<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Year B</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	Birthday Blessings (J&A) The Parish/ Mary Ashurst recently died	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b>	EBC / Mike Fitzpatrick intentions (KSC)/ Kathleen Hooley recently died	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>11. 30</b>	Funeral from Ampleforth of Fr Alban (Edward) Crossley osb. Streaming on <a href="https://www.ampleforth.org.uk/abbey/service-times">https://www.ampleforth.org.uk/abbey/service-times</a> See over for more. Frs Bernard and Jonathan will attend the funeral.	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b> <b>14.15</b>	Janice Wardley birthday remembrance Funeral Service Kathleen Hardwick	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February ASH WDNESDAY	<b>10.00</b> <b>14.30</b>	Recovery from chemo Dolores Linden Funeral Service Catherine Breen	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b> <b>15.30</b>	Special intentions (BM) Burial of ashes Kathleen Hardwick	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00</b>	Margaret Bradford scan results	
<b>NEXT WEEKEND</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	<b>Year B</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	

**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 **None counted this week. Hopefully we will have enough to count next week. 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 6 500 CLUB** - Congratulations! to M Glancy *Winner (No 48) Agent:* L Raven

If you would like to become a member or have another number please contact E Ellison 422544

**Our Journey in Faith** started last Sunday at 17.30 via zoom to support 4 candidates interested in exploring the Catholic Faith. If anyone else is interested 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:** June Hodkinson, Fr Alban Crossley osb (Edward Crossley brought up in Leyland) and connected with us Margaret Greer (musical director of Churches Together in Leyland One

Voice Choir) and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas McGillicuddy, Edmund Aspindle, Valerie Sweeney, Barbara Jakiemczuk, Patricia Trumpere, Cheryl Marie Hitchen, Doris Pickering, James O'Carroll and Edward Ronald Bleasdale. 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.

**Sad news** it was with great sadness this week that the Churches Together in Leyland One Voice Choir (OVC) members heard of the sudden illness and death of its musical director Margaret Greer. May she rest in peace. CTL OVC members, as many others, have not been able to sing together for almost a year. This separation makes this news especially sad. Margaret's musical skills and friendship will be greatly missed. She will also be remembered by parishioners from when she conducted the OVC here at St Mary's and also from when she taught music at the High School. I know there are many who will join with the members of the OVC in sending our condolences to Margaret's family and friends, who like us, will miss her dearly.

**Fr Alban Crossley** OSB was born in Farnworth near Bolton, brought up in Leyland. He was a member of our Ampleforth Abbey community and he died on the feast day of all those who enter consecrated life in a religious order 2 February 2021, the Presentation of the child Jesus in the temple. There is an obituary of Fr Alban, known in Leyland as Edward Crossley that will be on the same part of the website as this bulletin. Pray that other young people or more mature women and men will find the joy of consecrated life.

**Lent is upon us.** The pandemic means that our Lenten journey this year is going to be very different. The support and encouragement that praying with others in church gives us might not be there for us.

**Ash Wednesday:** The Church will not be open for ashes. There is a form of service at home using a simple ritual, done with prayerfulness. Please contact our Parish Assistant, Lesley Raven by email: pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk and we can prepare the right number of ashes bags and prayer sheets. Or telephone her Monday and Tuesday on 01772 455955 before Ash Wednesday.

**Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving** are the traditional ways of living a good lent, longing for the coming of Easter. Be practical about your life and what you might do.

- How might you find time to pray and where? What resources would you use? (Spiritual Reading / Prayer Apps). You can join in on prayerful zoom meetings. Prayer need not be boring. Prayer is life. If you are fortunate to live with others a Gospel way of living, it will include sharing comments, experiences and learning good Christian ways. It includes good TV or good things online. This is an example to copy and paste into your browser: [\(20+\) Week of Guided Prayer | Facebook](#)
- What might you give up or fast from this lent?
- Which charity could you support from the money you save from your fasting? What can you do extra to give some time and support to family, friends and those who are lonely and suffering in some way?

**Our Way of Life** Paul implies in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (I Corinthians 10: 31 – 11:1) that we should let Christ Jesus be alive in us, taking over our lives and yet leaving us to be ourselves. This is the only way never to do anything harmful in thought, word or deed to any other person but on the contrary to discover life to the full. You will find the meaning of your life, and a peace that is a gift from God.

**A reflection** God is my refuge; he will fill me with the joy of salvation. There is no doubt that to be a good Christian Catholic in our days demands a radical change of direction. A pattern for us is St Paul, who literally changed round when he got to know Jesus. You will be in a minority if the Holy Spirit helps you make this decision. The Spirit of God is always there to help each person. That minority gives you all the support you need if you look for it and find the Godly help from others that everyone needs from time to time.

**Word of Life** **Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6: 36)** From the perspective of the Gospel, if we want to imitate the Father, we should follow Jesus every day and learn from him to be the first to love. This is what God himself always does with us.

This is the spiritual experience described by the Lutheran theologian, Bonhoeffer, (1906-1945): *Every day the Christian community sings, 'I have received mercy.' I also received this gift when I had closed my heart to God; when I was lost and could not find my way back. It was then that the word of the Lord came to meet me. I understood that he loves me. Jesus found me: he was close to me, he alone. He comforted me, he forgave all my errors and did not blame me for evil. When I was his enemy and did not keep his commandments, he treated me like a friend. I find it hard to understand why the Lord loves me so, why I am so dear to him. I cannot understand how he wanted and succeeded in winning over my heart with his love. I can only say, 'I have received mercy.'*

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

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