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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

The Church is now open 4 times a week. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays **at 10.00** Saturday night **at 18.00**
See below: **All Main Church and Blessed Sacrament chapel services are streamed.**
Please note that in the main Church those on the first four rows can be seen by the camera.

Behaviour as you come into Church. Please go where the marshal indicates. / *You must* wear masks, be 2 metres apart & have your temperature taken on entering Church / Holy Communion will come to you. / At the end of mass wait for the marshals to tell you when you can leave maintaining social distancing.

THIS WEEKEND PALM SUNDAY Year B **Please bring your own branches as palms (not too big)**

Saturday 27 th March	10.00 18.00	In Thanksgiving (MW) Fr Abbots intentions / Wilf Swarbrick recently died
Sunday 28 th March	10.00	Jones family intentions / The Parish
Monday 29 th March		NO MASS
Tuesday 30 th March	10.00 12.00	Matthew Clark RIP Requiem mass Patricia Clensey
Wednesday 31 st March	10.00 18.00	John McDermott RIP Chrim Mass at our Cathedral. To watch go to: facebook.com/liverpoolmetro cathedral/
Thursday 1 st April MAUNDY THURSDAY	19.30	Mass of the Lord's Supper Barrie Cox birthday remembrance
FRIDAY 2 ND APRIL GOOD FRIDAY	3pm	Service of the Passion of the Lord
NEXT WEEKEND	EASTER SUNDAY	Year B
Saturday 3 rd Apr HOLY SATURDAY	18.00	Easter Vigil /The Parish
Sunday 4 th April EASTER SUNDAY <i>The Lord is risen allulua</i>	10.00	Calderbank family intentions / EBC / Patricia Clensey recently died <i>To come to mass today you MUST book. Either ring the number above or email pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk by Good Friday. 150 max</i>

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.

Last Sunday: Offertory loose plate £520.40 Envelopes £ 320. Thank You for those who support us with money at Church or gifts, and 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 12 **500 CLUB** - Congratulations! to E Dempsey *Winner (No 53) Agent:* E Dempsey
If you would like to become a member or have another number please contact E Ellison 422544

Easter Candles and Flowers To donate to Easter flowers and Candles (still £5) use any envelope. name & money. Hand is as soon as possible; at the **latest by Tuesday 30th March**. Many thanks.

Holy Week Poster are available for collection. Thanks to the KSC who provide these for local churches

Day of Divine Mercy Sunday 11th April 2021 2.45 pm for 3 pm. In preparation for the feast there is a 9 day Novena starting on Good Friday see the sheets available in church.

Confirmations will begin again in the Autumn. Please contact us if you are year 8 or above who would like to receive this great sacramental gift. There will be some preparation for all candidates.

HELP NEEDED Tools for Self-Reliance are asking for help in providing haberdashery kits, details in the poster in the Narthex. Please start collecting at home and when possible they will be collected or deliver them to the URC church on Hough Lane. Thank you. Contact jmartinsmith@blueyonder.co.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DEPARTED: Mike Flynn, Margaret Corcoran, Martin Braford and Teresa Whittle (Maria Brennan's mother), Molly Byrnes (friend of Fr Jonathan) and the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Harrison, Daniel Bonner, Maureen Courtney, Caron Kennedy-Noblett, Herbert Taylor, Ruth Chatburn, William Rice, Josie de Palma, Brian McGrath, Harold Sach, Paul Kelly, Kelly Webster, Lauren Thornton, Brother Denis Kerns, Zak Jackson and Joan Harman. Let us pray for all who died recently in violence, poverty, war: those dying from the Coronavirus and other diseases and all who are bereaved.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Kathryn Boulton, Josephine Davies, Brian Smith, Maggie Halliwell, Baby Harriette Gardner, Madeleine Jones, Maureen Dignon, George Purse, Pauline Agnew, Nester Mbili (nee Singo) and her husband Blocky Mbili, Tom Dacosta, Brian Reed, Fr Cassian Dickie osb, Bernadette Clarke, Tony Clarke, Michael Beardsworth, Sr Veronica, Bob Howden, Marionette Holland, Margaret Anthony, Elspeth Duckworth, Colin Bennett, Sr Joan FMSJ, 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, Shaun Shaw, and all the sick, those with Covid, other diseases and Poverty.

Our Way of Life and Reflection Pope St Leo the Great (c. 400 – 10 November 461) wrote: "One and the same person – this must be said over and over again – is truly the Son of God and truly the son of man. He is God in virtue of the fact that *in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* He is man in virtue of the fact that *the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.*"

Fr Jonathan writes: It took a long time for me to understand something; it is not difficult to grasp. The events of Holy Week happen in us. Women and Men are closely involved in the drama that he went through.

The Word of God took on a human nature so that being one person (both true God and true man), in his Godhead (he is the one through whom everything was created) he could take all the sins of every human being on himself as man. He followed the path that God the Father willed for him: that cruel death on the first Good Friday. We will live it with him on Good Friday and every other day of our lives with all our sins on himself. Sin is the one thing that God did not create. He took it away in his humanity.

The negative side is very necessary for us. All sin for all time has already been forgiven, by letting all our sins be annihilated in Jesus' death.

The positive side is that through his resurrection all human beings in Him live for ever. Jesus has conquered death and sin. He is the person who can live out his life within us but without taking away the individual and unique person that each one of us is. We rise with Jesus on Easter day and every day that we are united with Jesus. That unity comes about through living the cross, including all suffering, mental and physical, as well as the fact that we continue to sin. We can ask him to take away our individual and collective sins.

The work of Jesus to redeem the world and to make the whole world one, a single family of brothers and sisters, is continued therefore in us. It has been completed in Jesus, yet he allows us to be a part of Holy Week day by day; in the sufferings and joys of life as we experience it; in the fears and anxieties that we have, in the trusting faith that leads us to become Christ-like because faith is a loving sacrifice too. With faith our behaviour changes, and we can truly know and see God in a way that is hard to put into words, We know through life's experiences that I am who I am only in him and in communion with others. Therefore, as it says in the scriptures: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, "rejoice"". "Hallowed be God's name."

Word of Life *Make me know your ways, O Lord: teach me your paths (Ps 25 [24]:4).* Focolare founder, Chiara Lubich, spoke of life as a 'holy journey'. The 'holy journey' is a symbol of the path we travel towards God. ... Why not make of the only life we have, a journey, a holy journey, because holy is he who awaits us. ... Even those who do not have precise religious beliefs can make a masterpiece of their lives and, with great integrity undertake a journey of sincere moral commitment. ... If life is a 'holy journey' along the pathways of God's will, we should make progress every day. ... But when we stop? ... Should we abandon the enterprise because we are discouraged by our mistakes? No, in these moments the watchword is 'start again' ... by putting all our trust in God's grace rather than in our abilities. ... And it is important that we walk together, united in love, helping one another. The Holy One will be in our midst and he will be our 'Way'. He will make us understand God's will more clearly and give us the desire and the capacity to carry it out. Everything will be easier if we are united and we will experience the joy promised to those who undertake the 'holy journey'.

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.