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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

Church is open **6** times a week. Tuesday, **Wednesday**, Thursday, **Friday**, and Sunday at **10.00** Saturday **18.00**
Social distancing and wearing of masks are in place at every mass.

See below: **All services are streamed. Avoid the front rows not to be on the camera**

THIS WEEKEND	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Year C PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP
Saturday 27 th November	10.00 18.00	Streamed Mass only: Deceased Purcell family & All Holy Souls (AEP) EBC / 1st Holy Communion Aaron Blacow & Finlay Melling.
Sunday 28 th November	10.00	The Parish/ 1st Holy Communion Neve Cowdall.
Monday 29 th November		NO MASS
Tuesday 30 th November (St Andrew)	10.00 12.30	Mick Riley 2 nd anniversary / Special intention (A&DS) Requiem Mass Sheila Keeping
Wednesday 1 st December	10.00	Margaret Gardener RIP / In Thanksgiving
Thursday 2 nd December	10.00 14.30	Edward and Hilda Murphy RIP / Joseph and Edith Holden Anniv's Funeral Service Roy Stankard
Friday 3 Dec (St Frances Xavier) <i>Day of Prayer for Migrants</i>	08:00 10:00	Mass in the High school Parishioners welcome. For all our parishioners living and dead
NEXT WEEKEND	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Year C
Saturday 4 th December	10.00 18.00	Streamed Mass only: Special intention Morphew family / EBC. Sheila Keeping recently died
Sunday 5 th December	10.00	The Parish / Roy Stankard recently died

Confessions Ring to make an appointment if necessary for a time to celebrate the sacrament.

Last Sunday: Offertory loose plate £172.37. Envelopes £364.

Thank You for those who support us in so many ways. Contact John Baggaley 432683 for Gift Aid.

Christmas Fair A very big thank you to all who helped, baked cakes, donated prizes and attended last Saturday 20th November. We raised £2,202.13.

Donations to the Parish Go to <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-mary-leyland> Thank you.

Week 47 **500 CLUB** - Congratulations! to P McManmon - Winner (No 274) **Agent:** E Ellison

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

500 CLUB BONUS DRAW £50			
WINNER John Ellison (No 3)	AGENT A Anthony	WINNER Kath Boulton (No 20)	AGENT L Raven
WINNER M Scott (No 337)	AGENT A Turner	WINNER J Spencer (No 74)	AGENT J Purse
WINNER M Tunstall (No 62)	AGENT J Purse	WINNER P & B Gilkes (No 10)	AGENT A Anthony

PLEASE pray for all the departed: and for all who have died Michele de Palma, Jean Jones, Josephine Teresa Harris and Joseph McAleer and the following with anniversaries at this time: John Rigby, James Canning, Ellie Jaye Sumner, Michael Riley, John Leonard, Clare Boys and Leo Hall. We pray for all dying from the Coronavirus or violence and poverty. We pray especially for those who are dying in countries under tension like Myanmar, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Western Cameroon; and especially for the refugees on the Belarus / Polish border and all refugees.

PLEASE pray for: Cyril Jones, Steve Lomas and Karl Gwinner, Gordon Lee, Bernadette Clark, a sick parishioner, Bernie Newby, Rhoda Fletcher, Mike (Shaun) Devlin, Teresa Tugwell, Martina Louise Crompton, Kathryn Boulton, Josephine Davies, Maureen Dignon, Tom Dacosta, Doris Reed, Brian Reed, Fr Cassian Dickie osb. We pray for all connected with us especially Elaine Hunter, Michael McLaughlin, toddler Rory Arty, Mason Champion and all in need. The long-term people in need are prayed for daily at mass.

Coffee and Chat Feeling lonely after spending an eternity in isolation? Why not come along to St Mary's Community Centre for a free cup of tea / coffee and a chat and make new friends, every Thursday, starting 2nd December 9.30 am to 12 noon.

1st Wednesday Lunch club Meet new people and enjoy delicious home cooked food? Wednesday 1st Dec 12 – 12.30, St Mary's Community Centre cost £4.00 to cover costs. Everyone welcome. See poster for menu.

Abbot Robert Igo our new Abbot of Ampleforth visited us last weekend and he was happily received. He will come back in Lent, 1- 3 April 2022 to visit us again. As abbot Cuthbert, his predecessor told us, when the time came for Fr Jonathan to retire he would be the last Parish Priest from Ampleforth. Abbot Robert is giving us warning about this as Fr Jonathan will be 80 years old in 2023. This gives us time to get used to the idea, when this happens a long succession of Ampleforth monks serving this parish since 1845 would mean the end of 178 years close association with our monastery. Fr Abbot will give whatever aid he can to help the Archbishop find the best possible solution for the future of the parish as he thinks we deserve it.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped keep things going here at church for the last twenty months. Without you all, things would have been much harder.

Thank you from the Community Centre Committee to the South Ribble circle of Catenians who donated a new fridge freezer for the little kitchen. This was urgently needed and we are very grateful.

Piazza Refurbishment The broken flags have now all been replaced and the piazza will be grouted in the next week. It is already looking so much better. Thanks go to Ralph and Kieran from Top-Spec for all the hard work they have done over the past weeks. A very big thank you also to all our parishioners who have donated towards the work.

Christmas mass times (*All is subject to the health situation in a month's time which seems volatile.*) On Friday 24 December there will be two Christmas masses in the evening; at 6.00 pm and at 8.30 pm. The music group will be at 6 pm, the "night" mass will be with organ and carols. We will have two Masses on Christmas day Saturday 25 December, at 8.30 am (with 2 of the Bromiley family playing) and 10.30 am (thanks to the Todd family). In the afternoon at 3.30 pm we will sing vespers for Christmas Day with any local monks we can muster. All welcome to help as there may just be two of us.

Sunday 26 December is the feast day of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Mass will be at 11.00. St Stephen's feast day is not celebrated officially. We will be inviting all Altar servers to come to the presenting of the gold medal to one who has achieved 50 years of serving on the altar, and two others for other long service medals. Because of Covid last year this had been postponed from Christmas 2020.

Daring to Care

This weekend we hear from the Archbishop about the Pastoral plan as a result of our Synod in June. Priests of the Archdiocese have been brought up to date on this Pastoral Plan and it is an impressive plan. The handouts you will receive today may seem not to have much practical info. We will be doing practical things, including belonging to new deaneries that will bring the priests and people together. Lay people from different parishes will be supporting each other. To find out more there are three open meetings for anyone to attend: 1: Saturday 4 in our Church 11.00 – 12.30; **Tuesday 7 December** at 7 – 8.30 pm Holy Rosary, Aintree; Thursday 9 December in the Cathedral 7. – 8.30 with streaming – go to communications@rcaol.org.uk to ask for the link.

Living a more simple Christmas Next Sunday we will share practical ideas to make Christmas more eco-friendly. Our aim is to gain the CAFOD award to be an eco-friendly parish which is a hard challenge to achieve.

Dementia Café at St Mary's High School on Monday 6th December from 2:30-p.m.. We hope the Mayor will attend on this day. Our guests enjoy cakes, biscuits and a nice cup of tea, supported by dementia trained Year 7 students. Everyone is very welcome to attend to meet students and visitors and have a nice cake and cuppa. We hope in our Parish to work towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Church.

A Climate Good News Story Well done to Ecuador. At COP26 President Guillermo Lasso announced that the Galapagos Marine Reserve is to be extended by 60,000 square Km to 200,000 square km, an increase of approx. 45%. Also, a protected no fishing swim way is being created from Galapagos to Costa Rica that will allow populations of endangered species like leatherback turtles and whale sharks to rebound. The Galapagos Conservancy has been active in pushing the Ecuadorian government to take this important step. It just shows what determined pressure on governments can achieve.

Word of Life Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Focolare co-founder, Igino Giordani, wrote that evil is born from the human heart. He continued by saying that in order to remove the danger of war, it is necessary to remove the spirit of aggression, exploitation and selfishness from which war comes and rebuild a conscience. The world will change if we change, ... especially if we highlight what unites us. We will be able to contribute to the creation of a mentality of peace and work together for the good of humanity. ... It is love that wins in the end because it is stronger than anything. Let us try to live like this during this month, to be the leaven of a new culture of peace and justice. We will see a new humanity reborn in us and around us.'

The Word of Life' is published on our St Mary's Website under the Bulletin tag. For the video of the Word of Life Ctrl and Click on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJfKAwm0-tU> It is best to skip the adverts. This week the post is correct. Last week it gave the October Word of Life by mistake.