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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 | 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Year C |
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| 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 / Cox family intention / Roy Stankard recently died |
| On Monday & Tuesday the priests are at Ampleforth for Chapter. Please pray for our community and the monks. | | |
| Monday 6 th December | NO MASS (Church cleaning) AMPLEFORTH CHAPTER | |
| Tuesday 7 December (St Ambrose) | NO MASS AMPLEFORTH CHAPTER The monks will pray for the parishioners | |
| Wednesday 8 th December (Immaculate Conception of Our Lady) | 10.00 12.00 | Roy, William & Catherine Hodgkinson / Christopher Rodgers 1 st anniv Requiem Mass Michele de Palma |
| Thursday 9 th December (St John Diego) | 10.00 14.00 | The Croft family (MW) / Paul Bruce anniversary Funeral Service Joseph McAleer |
| Friday 10 th Dec (Our Lady of Loreto) | 10:00 | Seamus Loughlin RIP / Kay Smith private intention |
| NEXT WEEKEND | 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Year C |
| Saturday 11 th December (St Damasus Pope) | 10.00 18.00 | Streamed Mass only: Sr Ursula McCarthy Diamond Jubilee. Newton family intentions/ The Parish / Josie McAleer recently died |
| Sunday 12 th December | 10.00 | EBC / Keane & Adams family intentions/ Michele de Palma recently died |

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

Last Sunday: Offertory loose plate £286.65. Envelopes £197.40

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

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

Week 48 500 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

WELCOME to the parish by Baptism Hallie Rose Mary Kimmins and Jessica Grace McGill

PLEASE pray for all the departed: and for all who have died Josie Harris, Jack Spencer, Father Bob Douglas SMM (Liverpool), and the following with anniversaries at this time: Margaret Edmondson, Peter Shorrocks, Brian Keeping, Terence (Terry) Wilson, Laurence McLoughlin, Pauline Robinson, Christopher Rodgers, James Joseph Stoney, Walter Davis and Barrie Cox. 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: Matthew Cox, Franciszek Drzewiecki (toddler), Cyril Jones, Steve Lomas and Karl Gwinner, Gordon Lee, Bernadette Clark, a sick parishioner, Bernie Newby, Rhoda Fletcher, Mike Shaun) Devlin, Teresa Tugwell, Martina Crompton, Kathryn Boulton, Josephine Davies, Maureen Dignon, Tom Dacosta, Doris Reed, Brian Reed, Fr Cassian 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 sick are prayed for daily at mass.

Christmas mass times (All is subject to the health situation in a month's time, which currently seems volatile.)

On Friday 24 December there will be three Christmas masses: 12 noon will be with organ and carols; 6.00 pm will be with the music group; and at 8.30 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 supplying music) and 10.30 am (music 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.

TICKETS required for the 6 pm Mass on Christmas Eve To reserve tickets sign the list at the back of the Church with numbers attending or ring 01772455955 between 10 and 12 noon. The number limit will be 400 people. It is expected that all wear masks unless health reasons prevent it. Wearing masks may become the law with the new variant of Covid. For all the masses take care to find a space between you and others.

Leyland Band Concert here in our church on Sunday 19th December @ 7pm tickets now available from the Parish office. You can also come on the night.

Christmas candles and flowers Please hand in your donations for Christmas candles £5 and / or Christmas flowers as soon as possible at mass or to the Priory house. Please use any envelope or ones provided in the narthex. These donations help to decorate church fittingly to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

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, next Thursday, 9th December 9.30 am to 12 noon.

CAFOD and Mary's Meals A few ideas for those 'hard to buy for people' at Christmas.

Worldgifts.cafod.org Gifts start from £4 upwards and can be ordered online. These gifts make a difference to those struggling to survive during these heart-breaking times.

marysmeals.org.uk Marys meals has a double love campaign running until 31st January 2022. £15.90 will provide two children with a meal every day in their place of learning for a whole year. Mary's meals are currently feeding over two million children a day. Please take a moment to look at these links. Thank you.

Sunday 26 December is the feast day of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Please note Mass will be at 11.00. St Stephen's feast day is not celebrated officially. We will be inviting all Altar servers to come for 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 *is a world-wide project with many people involved to contribute to building a united world. Each individual or group works locally. There is a new Advent initiative of an online advent calendar. Visit: <https://linktr.ee/DareToCare> and chose English. Open the number of the date of each day.* Christmas is approaching and Advent is an opportunity to reflect on our relationships. We want to put caring at the centre of our lives. Every day we meet people and the calendar gives you an opportunity to #daretocare! with new ideas. 1 December it was to ring an out of touch person to show that you still care for them. One of us in the Priory house spoke to a person who has lost his wife 20 months ago and still feels the loss..

Living a simpler Christmas A Liverpool woman GP and her husband with a family of two children wanted to do something this Christmas to live more simply so that others may simply live. She thought about it and had an idea for the family to join in. She thought it might be best to ask Fr Christmas (the children are small) not to give an individual present to each member of the family but instead have one "family" present for all. She put the idea to the children and she wondered especially if her 5-year-old daughter would agree. She loved getting her own Christmas Present. The little girl was in fact enthusiastic at the idea. She came out with the plan to ask Fr Christmas to give them all a board game like snakes and ladders that they could all play together. (These days few children know what Snakes and Ladders is!) The daughter added to that surprising response: why do we not ask Fr Christmas to give any money he has left over by not spending so much to go the refugees and migrants (A living issue in Liverpool with the bomb exploding outside the women's hospital). The mother had never spoken about the refugees to her children and she was delighted at the good intentions of this daughter. There is another story on the website under the bulletin tag at the top about a woman lawyer who supported abused women in Lockdown time.

Dementia Café at St Mary's High School next 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.

Putting Jesus at the top of our Christmas List During Advent, at Church and at school, our children will be learning about the Christmas story and the gift of Jesus to the world. Amid the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations it's easy to forget about Jesus. For our children and grandchildren, let's make sure we place Jesus at the top of our Christmas list and have a visible presence of Jesus in our homes.

Word of Life Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

This month, too, the Word of Life refers to a beatitude. It is the joyful and inspired greeting of one woman to another: Elizabeth is speaking to Mary who has come to help her. They are both expecting a child and being profound believers, they have both welcomed the Word of God and experienced its generative power in their humble lives.

Mary is the first blessed in Luke's gospel: she is the first person to experience the fullness of the joy of intimacy with God. With this beatitude, for the first time, the evangelist reflects on the relationship between the announcement of the Word of God and the faith that welcomes it, in other words, between God's initiative and the person's free response.

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=Wyln5TXg14M> It is best to skip the adverts.