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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

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		3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Year C Gaudete Sunday
Saturday 11 th December (St Damasus, Pope)	10.00 18.00	Streamed Mass only: Sr Ursula McCarthy Diamond Jubilee. Newton family intentions/ The Parish / Joseph McAleer recently died	
Sunday 12 th December	10.00	EBC / Keane & Adams family intentions/ Michele de Palma recently died	
Monday 13 th December (St Lucy)	NO MASS		
Tuesday 14 th December (John of the Cross)	10.00 12.00	David Ormisher birthday remembrance / Frank Kellett RIP Requiem mass Josie Harris	
Wed 15 th December	10.00	Birthday intention / Margaret Bradford	
Thursday 16 th December	10.00 19.00	Bridie Hilliard RIP / Bernard and Jenny Walker RIP Covid restrictions; Listen on Radio Lancashire to Lancashire sings Christmas.	
Friday 17 th December	NB 9:00 c 11.15	Elizabeth Welch & John, Agnes & Thomas Dandy / Frank Calderbank RIP End of term mass for the High School. The School will have a service before Mass from c 10.00. The Mass will be roughly at 11.15 and all are welcome to that.	
NEXT WEEKEND		4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Year C
Saturday 18 th December	10.00 17.00 18.00	Streamed Mass only: Tom & Abbie da Costa / Matthew Cox Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. Gammans family intentions / E B C	
Sunday 19 th December	10.00	The parish / A friend's special day intentions/ Josie Harris recently died Rite 2 Opportunity for Reconciliation following Mass.	

Confessions at Christmastime Next weekend we will have on Saturday 19 December a short Rite 2 Reconciliation service in the Blessed Sacrament chapel at 5 pm. Do not worry if you do not know what to say. Fr Bernard and Fr Jonathan will help you. This will be followed by a session for reconciliation after 10.00 mass on Sunday 20th. On Wednesday 23 December there will be confessions at 6 pm, beginning with vespers followed by confessions. On Christmas eve there will be confessions before the 12 noon Christmas mass from 11.00 and before the 6 pm Mass from 5 pm, both in the Chapel of St Anne (the cry room) and in the confessional in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (PTO on Daring to Care about our relationship with God and our neighbours). *Anybody desperate for reconciliation who cannot come on the times above, ring us. 01772 455955*

Last Sunday: Offertory loose plate £259.48. Envelopes £208.30

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 49 500 CLUB - Congratulations! to B Donnelly - Winner (No 45) **Agent:** F Rice

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

PLEASE pray for all the departed: and for all who have died Dennis Campbell (weekly mass goer from Lisieux Hall), and the following with anniversaries at this time: Edith Hannah Jackson, Vivienne Howard, Joan Parker, Donald, Anthony Dennis, Mary Taylor, Patrick Mills, Brother Kevin MacInnes, Stanley Gammans, Ellen Coupe, James Phillips, Pat Foster, David Prescott, Barbara Stoney and Leo Blackhurst. 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: Frank Fletcher, 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 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 sick are prayed for daily at mass.

Help please an elderly lady from the Westgate area, would like a lift to the 8.30am mass on Christmas morning. If you are able to help, please speak to Lesley. Thank you.

Christmas mass times (*All is subject to the Covid situation in two week's time*) On Friday 24 December there will be three Christmas masses: 12 noon with organ and carols; 6.00pm with the music group; and 8.30pm, the "night" mass, with organ and carols. Christmas day masses Saturday 25 December, 8.30am (with 2 of the Bromiley family supplying music) and 10.30am (music thanks to the Todd family). In the afternoon at 3.30pm 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. **Wearing masks in church is now law with the new variant of Covid. For all the masses take care to find a space between you and others.**

Tickets are needed 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 01772 455955 between 10 and 12 noon. The number limit will be 400.

Sunday 26 December is the feast day of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Note Mass will be at 11.00. St Stephen's feast day is not celebrated officially. All Altar servers are invited 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.

Christmas candles and flowers Please hand in your donations for Christmas candles £5 and/or Christmas flowers at mass or to the Priory house at the latest by Friday 17th December. Please use any envelope or ones provided in the narthex. These donations help to decorate church fittingly to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Leyland Band Concert here in our church on Sunday 19th December at 7 pm. Tickets now available from the Parish office. Price £10.

Advent / Christmas Posters This year there is a new design for the Christmas Poster. The KSC ran a competition, the winner was Ellie Sharp, aged 8, from St. Catherine's school. The new poster features her artwork. Copies are available in the Narthex please help yourself, in return the Knights ask if you could donate to their National Action Campaign, The John Foster Memorial Home in Kamanur Village, Southern India. Thanks in advance, KSC Council 323, Leyland. The old design posters are also available.

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. This means £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.

Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's community Centre, every Thursday, 9.30am to 12 noon. Come along for free refreshments and a chat and to make new friends.

Are you alone on Christmas Day? Individuals /couples who are on their own at Christmas are welcome to share free Christmas dinner at St. Mary's Community Centre from 12.30 (Dinner served 1.00-1.30pm). See leaflets in Church. Booking essential: to book call Tom on 07526 254357 and leave your name and phone number.

Daring to Care in regards our relationships with God and our Neighbours. The sacrament of Reconciliation is something we ignore to our own disadvantage. It is an intimate conversation with God the Father of mercies who, through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus, has reconciled this world to himself. God can only be merciful because he sent his son to be born among us as a baby at Christmas time in order to take him to that cross of death and glorious resurrection of eternal life for ever. Jesus took every sin, every negativity, of every person, on himself; he is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. God the father has also sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins, inspiring us to dare to care about our lives in relation to God and each other. Christmas time is traditionally a time to gain the grace that God gives us in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is also a time when somebody who is really in need of the certainty of forgiveness can find it.

Living simply at Christmas includes putting Christ back into the feast day, and the festive activities. Care for God's creation by reducing waste: Do you need to wrap all gifts? Can you make do with less food on the Christmas table? Can you avoid plastic wrapped fresh vegetables? Are Christmas crackers really necessary? A family present rather than individual presents is another good idea. Buy charity gifts or buy from charity shops if possible (in this way you give twice). Children could bring one present to the 6 pm mass on Christmas eve and put it in front of the crib in gratitude to God for all our blessings. Use your imaginations and let us know your suggestions.

Word of Life Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. Mary is the true believer in the "promise made to Abraham and his descendants for ever." She is so empty of herself, so humble and open to listening to the Word, that the Word of God itself can become flesh in her womb and enter the history of humankind.

No one can experience the same motherhood as Mary, but we can all imitate her and trust in God's love. If we welcome the Word with an open heart, its promises can become incarnate in us too and make our lives fruitful in many different ways – as citizens, parents, students, workers or politicians, whether we are young or old, healthy or sick. What if, like Zechariah, our faith is uncertain? We can still continue to trust in God's mercy. He will not stop seeking us, until we too rediscover his faithfulness and bless him.

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=WyIn5TXq14M> It is best to skip the adverts.