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**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE, LEYLAND PR25 1PD**

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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

In these days all masses are streamed. It is now mandatory to wear a mask and being at a distance is recommended.

<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>Year C</b>	<b>THIS IS A TWO WEEK-BULLETIN</b>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10.00</b> <b>19.00</b>	The Parish / A friend's special day intentions/ Josie Harris recently died <b>Rite 2 Opportunity for Reconciliation following Mass.</b> Leyland Band Concert (Tickets £10, available from Priory)	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>15.00</b>	(Church cleaning) Requiem mass Dennis Campbell	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>10.00</b> <b>12.00</b>	James Tully 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary RIP / Thomas, Eva, Paul & Jean Gore RIP Requiem mass Jack Spencer	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>10.00</b> <b>18.00</b>	Doug Morphew RIP / Special Cousin's birthday <b>Blessed Sacrament Chapel Vespers and Confessions</b>	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>10.00</b> <b>12.00</b>	Rev Fr Simon Gore intentions / Josie Davies intentions Requiem Mass Patrick Hanrahan	
CHRISTMAS EVE Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>12:00</b> <b>17.00</b> <b>18.00</b> <b>20.30</b>	From 11.00 <b>Confessions</b> David Nicholson RIP From 17.00 <b>Confessions</b> <b>TICKET ONLY</b> For all our sick parishioners / Jack Spencer recently died For Refugees / Patrick Hanrahan recently died	
<b>NEXT WEEKEND</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	<b>Year C</b>	
NATIVITY OF THE LORD Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>08.30</b> <b>10.30</b>	The Parish / Dennis Campbell recently died For all those who feel lonely at Christmas Sung Vespers with the monks- All Welcome	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>11.00</b>	Fr Abbot's intentions (Presentation of medals for 3 Altar Servers)	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> December (St John)		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December (Holy Innocents)	<b>10.00</b>	Joe Houghton and family RIP / Ralph McCawley birthday & good health	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December (St Thomas Becket)	<b>10.00</b> <b>12.00</b>	Harry Minshull anniversary / Pauline McManus RIP Requiem mass Frank Fletcher	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10.00</b>	Marguarette Anderson RIP / Thomas Mannion (in Eire)	
NEW YEAR'S EVE Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>10.00</b>	Frank Calderbank anniversary / Barry Frankland anniversary. We will say the Te Deum during mass blessing God for all this last year's graces.	
NEW YEARS DAY Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> January (Mary the Mother of God)	<b>NB NOTE THE CHANGE</b> Mass is of Sunday 2 January and for our parish is the first Mass of the New Year <b>12.00</b>		For all the homeless / Marie Harris
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>10.00</b>	The Parish / Mitchell & Simpson family / Frank Fletcher recently died	

**Confessions** as above: **Last Sunday: Offertory loose plate £265.12. Envelopes £264.20**

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 50 500 CLUB** - Congratulations! to M Mangan - Winner (No 249) **Agent:** K Jordan

**Week 51 500 CLUB** - Congratulations! to H Briggs - Winner (No 285) **Agent:** E Ellison

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

**Confessions at Christmastime.** Anybody desperate for reconciliation who cannot come in the rota of masses and confessions above, ring us. 01772 455955

**Daily Mass Goers** This week and next we will have a survey for the daily mass goers to let us know if they prefer mass at 10.00 or at the previous time of 12 noon. The difficult decision will be informed in this way.

**A Blessed Happy New year to you all.** Our lit-up cross on the Priory House and our crib were vandalised last week. Our external light will be off this year. The message stands for all. May the light of Jesus and the birth of Jesus shine in our lives within for all, even if we do not see it outside in the crib or in the lit-up light.

**A heartfelt thank you** to those who are housebound or shielding and upholding us all in prayer.

We have received many good wishes and thanks for the ministry we try to give you and for this wonderful and tenderly joyful family time of Christmas. Thank you for the many cards you have sent us for blessings and Christmas, and the gifts that have come our way.

We apologise for anyone who feels we have let them down or not looked after anyone adequately. Let us know about it and we will try to remedy the situation.

May the good Lord help us all to do the main thing: grow in our love for God and for each other, to build up the Kingdom of God here in Leyland with all our parishioners. Then we will become fully human and holy.

Above all we are grateful for each and every one; do not worry if you feel a little alienated from Church. You are still in our hearts and minds that God above who became the "baby and child Jesus" looked after and cared for by Mary and Joseph may be with you always. We have a special affection for those who are struggling with their faith. There are some who are re-discovering their faith after some years including young people. Let us thank God for that and we hope we can continue to aid you.

**Archbishop Malcolm** in the pastoral plan booklet quotes St Pope John Paul II: ***The Church wishes to serve this single end; that each person may be able to find Christ, in order that Christ may walk with each person the path of truth, with the power of the truth about humanity and the world that is contained in the mystery of the Incarnation and the Redemption and with the power of the love that is radiated by that truth.*** **Archbishop Malcolm** goes on to add: St Pope John Paul II was looking back to Vatican II which tells in Gaudium et Spes 22, 1. ***"The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate word does the mystery of being a woman or a man take on light"***.

**Archbishop Malcolm** has a Christmas message for all in the Archdiocese. It is on the Parish website under the Bulletin tab.

**PLEASE pray for all the departed:** for Frank Fletcher, Patrick Hanrahan and Jack Spencer and for the following with anniversaries at this time: Leo Blackhurst, John Alan Leatherbarrow, Agnes Chester, Natalie Hardy, Frank Calderbank, Linda Clement, Madison Louise Alston-West, Ann Woodacre, Barbara Anne Littler, Jennifer Ann Wilson, Frank Winward, David Carney, James Horn, Rita Bleasdale, Jim Hayes, Dawn Jackson, William Reginald Gallagher, Rosina O'Connor, Eileen Mary Devaney, Florence Porter, Barry Frankland, Adrienne Greenwood, Joe Burgess, John, Kenneth Eccles, and Vi Gardener. We pray for all dying from the Coronavirus or violence and poverty. We pray especially for those who have died in countries under tension like Myanmar, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Western Cameroon.

**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 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. We pray especially for the refugees on the Belarus / Polish border and all refugees who are treated badly.

**TICKETS are needed for the 6 pm Mass on Christmas Eve** 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 people About 200 tickets have gone. It is mandatory that all wear masks unless health reasons prevent it. For all the masses take care to leave a space between you and others. Pray that any new laws do not wipe out Christmas masses.

**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, 23rd December 9.30 am to 12 noon.

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

**Christmas candles and flowers** Please hand in your donations for Christmas candles £5 and / or Christmas flowers by the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 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. We will have some chairs pews with a gap between each for some who would prefer that.

**Daring to Care** for anything that your Inner Quiet Voice of truth tells you in your heart is a must. Put Christ into Christmas and live Christmas as simply as possible.

**Word of Life Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.** Among the same hills (where Jesus was born) of the Holy Land, in far more recent times, another mother who had deep faith taught her children the art of forgiveness and dialogue as she had learned from the Gospel. This was a small sign in this land, the cradle of civilisation, which has always been in search of peace and stability even among the followers of different religions. Margaret recounts, "We children were offended and upset because the other children who were neighbours said that they did not want to mix with us. Our mother told us to invite these children to our house and she gave them some bread that she had freshly baked and told them to take it home to their families. Since then, we have been able to build friendships with these people."

*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=Wyln5TXq14M> It is best to skip the adverts.*