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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. **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 10.00, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12 noon Saturdays at 18.00** the vigil mass of Sundays. Social distancing and wearing of masks are in place at every mass. All services are streamed. Avoid the front rows not to be on the camera

THIS WEEKEND	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Year C
Saturday 8 th January	10.00 18.00	Streaming only: Ken Holmes RIP (MW) / Richard Galliano The Parish / Newton family intentions
Sunday 9 th January	10.00	E B C / Cutler family intentions / Barry Miller recently died
Monday 10 th January		NO MASS
Tuesday 11 th January	10.00	Frank Kellet RIP / Ann Gillooly & Edna Brindle
This day for the first time ever we have two Requiem Masses. Fr Jonathan will preside at 12.00, Fr Bernard at 3.15. To avoid extra masses these will be the only masses that take place today. Parishioners are welcome..		
Wednesday 12 th January (St Benet Biscop secondary patron of the EBC)	12.00 15.15	Requiem mass Clare Snape Main Church Requiem mass Ellen Reynolds Main Church.
Thursday 13 th January	10.00 15.30	Esther McCawley anniversary / Maureen Morris RIP Cremation Service Doris Reed
Friday 14 th January (St Kentigern secondary patron of our Archdiocese)	12:00	Clive Booler RIP / Ken Holmes RIP (PC)
NEXT WEEKEND	2 nd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME	Year C
Saturday 15 th January (SS Maurus & Placid)	10.00 18.00	Streaming only: A Successful Operation (T&MS) / Eileen Hilliard RIP E B C / Newton family intentions / Ellen Reynolds recently died
Sunday 16 th January	10.00	The Parish /K & K Jordan intentions/ Clare Snape & Doris Reed recently died

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

Last Sunday: Offertory loose plate £248.84. Envelopes £205.47

Thank You for supporting us in so many ways. Contact John Baggaley 432683 for Gift Aid. Debit and credit card readers for parishioners or visitors are now available You can do so in the Narthex. Those who gift aid must use Envelopes unless you have a direct debit. Thank you to those taxpayers who Gift Aid.

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

Week 52 500 CLUB - Congratulations! to M Morphew - Winner (No 18) **Agent:** E Ellison

Week 1 500 CLUB - Congratulations! to P Macmanmon - Winner (No 274) **Agent:** E Ellison

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

PLEASE pray for all the departed: for Rory Harty connected with us and the following with anniversaries at this time: Eric Beech, John Quaine, Frank Kellett, Martin Lacey, John Redmayne, Beatrice Doyle and Keith Garry Shephard. 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 Louise Crompton, Kathryn Boulton, Josephine Davies, Maureen Dignon, Tom Dacosta, Brian Reed, Fr Cassian Dickie osb. We pray for all connected with us especially Elaine Hunter, Michael McLaughlin, and all in need. The long-term sick are prayed for daily at mass.

Coffee and Chat Feeling lonely, want a chat? Why not come along to St Mary's Community Centre for a **free** cup of tea / coffee and make new friends, next Thursday, 13th January 9.30 am to 12 noon.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday 18th January. To celebrate this year's theme 'We Saw His Star in the East,' the main service will be here at St Mary's on Sunday 23rd at 3pm. A closing service will be held at St Ambrose church on Tuesday 25th January at 7pm. See poster in the narthex for more information and resources look on <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022>

Weekday daily masses survey Thank you to those who have helped us to discern what to do about the time for the weekday masses from Tuesday to Saturday. Views are evenly split, but with help from others we made a simple and easy compromise in a. and b. below. Note number c however as events may force this simple pattern to be broken

a. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays weekday mass will be at 10.00 am

b. On Wednesdays and Fridays weekday mass will be at 12 noon

c. We have to consider that funerals are frequent in our parish. Sometimes both active priests may not be available or one may be busy with various things like a funeral or being away, or at an important meeting. Occasionally the a. and b. pattern may not work. **Please pay close attention to the bulletin.**

Journey in Faith We would like to start again as soon as possible to help people who are interested to explore the Catholic Faith. This is usually with a view to consider entering into full communion with our Church. If anyone is interested please contact Fr Jonathan on our landline (see above) or John Mills on 07939966847

Daring to Care. There are opportunities coming up to show that you do care to help make the local environment flourish and therefore to extend our sights to the larger Worldwide Issues that affect us so deeply. One of these is to contribute to Jesus' words "**That All May Be One**" (John 17: 21). This is the prayer of Jesus and his last will and testament before his death. That was the purpose of his life. As human beings we need as individual persons to become "whole" and united within. There is much to be done as disputes happen in families, with neighbours, between different rival groups etc. Our families often lack unity, businesses, schools neighbourhoods are the same. The World needs to become One Family.

One aspect and one stage before ALL may be one is **to live work and pray for Church Unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins 9 days after Sunday on 18 January.

The main Service for Churches Together in Leyland will take place in our Church at 3 pm on Sunday 23 January. We will leave the crib in its splendid new setting until after 25 January when the Week of prayer ends. The service we will have expects us to have a prominent crib with the 3 Wise Men present as a part of the worship. Read the Word of Life below. Care enough to come and pray for this ambitious aim, the Unity of all Christians as a stage to achieve "May They All be One" with other Christians. It is a well-thought-out service with imaginative use of prayers and style.

Living a simpler lifestyle. Our small group meets next week on Saturday 15 January at 11.00 and anyone interested would be welcome.. Issues to be discussed are:

a) Arranging a meeting with our MP Katherine Fletcher who is the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the President of COP 26 (the recent meeting in Glasgow). He is the Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma MP. Katherine, MP of South Ribble was at the conference from beginning to end, and she has some ideas about the issues from the UK and the global viewpoint. She writes in a letter to us: "*Tackling climate change, and ensuring we are the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than we found it, is one of the greatest priorities facing us right now; we all want to make sure that our children and grandchildren don't end up paying for our mistakes. There is no plan B.*"

b) Bring more people into our vision of doing things in our own lifestyles, those of our families, and have a policy for our parish. There are many ideas.

c) Including young people using our schools.

Word of Life We saw his star in the East, and have come to worship him [i] (Mt: 2:1-2) This is what the Christians of the Middle East write in the document that accompanies the proposals for this Week of Prayer: "... the star that appeared in the sky of Judea is a long-awaited sign of hope which leads the Magi and, indeed, all the peoples of the earth, to the place where the true King and Saviour is revealed. The star is a gift, an sign of God's loving presence for all humanity... The Magi reveal to us the unity willed by God, of all peoples. They travel from distant countries and represent different cultures, yet they are all driven by the desire to see and know the new-born King. They gather together in the grotto of Bethlehem to pay him homage and offer their gifts. Christians are called to be a sign of the unity he wants for the world. Although they belong to different cultures, races and languages, Christians share a common search for Christ and a common desire to adore him. The mission of Christians, therefore, is to be a sign, like the star, to guide God's humanity in its hunger for Christ and lead the way to him, and to be God's instruments to bring about the unity of all peoples."

The star that brought light to the Magi is for everyone: it first begins to shine in the depth of our consciences and then love enables it to burn more brightly. We can all catch a glimpse of it, set out to follow it and reach the goal of meeting God and our brothers and sisters in our daily lives, thus sharing our riches with everyone.

The Word of Life' is published on our St Mary's Website under the Bulletin tag. The video of the Word of Life is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAV6caJ4YvQ&t=6s> Copy & paste or if possible ctrl & click. It is best to skip the adverts.