

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS**

If you are new to the parish or have moved house within the Parish, please let us know

Church is open every day save Mondays. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 10.00 , Wednesdays and Fridays at 12 noon . Saturday at both masses. All services are streamed.					
THIS WEEKEND		8TH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME		Year C	
Saturday 26 th February	10.00 18.00	Marian Kirk anniversary / Roy Stankard RIP (<i>Also mention Matthew Clark 1st Anniversary</i>) The Parish / Smith family intentions			
Sunday 27 th February	10.00	EBC / Eileen Purcell's intentions			
Monday 28 th February		NO MASS			
Tuesday 1 st March (St David, Patron of Wales)	10.00	Joan Sullivan RIP / Frank Kellett RIP			
ASH WEDNESDAY Prayers will be in the Bl Sac Chapel. Wed 2 nd March <i>A day of Fasting and Prayer for the Universal Church for peace in the Ukraine and wherever there is war.</i>		10.45	11.55	<i>Holy hour for Ukraine</i>	
			12.00	Susan Walker (operation)	
			19.15	Ken Holmes RIP (T&MJ)	
Thur 3 March St Aelred	12.00 19.30-20.30	<i>Relationships Day for the High School; year 9 in Church and house</i> NB TIME Doug Morpew RIP / Special Intention <i>Holy Hour at Alverna 35 Westgate for Lent and praying for Peace</i>			
Friday 4 th March	12.00 14.00 19.15	Requiem Mass Dorothy Knight World Day of Prayer – St James Church, Slater Lane Mass for the recently bereaved			
NEXT WEEKEND		1ST SUNDAY of LENT		Year C	
Next weekend there will be a short questionnaire about Dementia instead of the Homily.					
Saturday 5 th March	10.00 18.00	Frank Fletcher RIP / Ellen Reynolds RIP English Benedictine Congregation / Newton family intentions			
Sunday 6 th March	10.00	The Parish / Dorothy Knight recently died			

Last Sunday: Offertory loose plate £284.08 Envelopes £186.00 Thank You for all your support.

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

Gift Aid For information contact John Baggaley 432683. Thank you to those taxpayers who do Gift Aid.
Please use an envelope unless you have a Direct Debit.

Debit and credit card readers are now available in the Narthex for parishioners or visitors who wish to make use of contactless payments. See Lesley after mass

Week 8 500 CLUB - Congratulations! to F Loftus, **Winner (No 144) Agent:** M McNulty
If you would like to become a member or have another number, please contact E Ellison 422544

Welcome by Baptism George Peter Kay

PLEASE pray for all the departed: and for the following with anniversaries at this time: Michael Fitzpatrick, Mary Teresa Dever, Christine Catherine Kirkman, Frank Ashton, Lilian (Pibby) Hayes, Susan Deans, Tony Lyonette, Vaughan Atkinson, Margaret Mary Talbot and William (Bill) Pilkington. We pray for all dying from the Coronavirus or violence and poverty. We pray especially for those who are dying in countries under tension: Ukraine, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Western Cameroon.

PLEASE pray for Connie King, Nina Tootle, Bernie Wilson, Glenda Kelly, Matthew Cox, Eileen Craven, 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 and especially for all refugees especially those in war zones and de-escalation of war in the Ukraine. Also connected with us, David Flynn, Andrew McGrath, Rita Murray, Elaine Hunter, Michael McLaughlin, and all in need. Daily at mass all the long-term sick are prayed for and for peace in the Ukraine.

Journey in Faith continues on Sunday 4 – 5pm. Anyone interested please contact Fr Jonathan on 01772 455955 or John Mills on 07939966847

Parish Contact Database new contact forms available and ask that all parishioners update their details.

Polite request We kindly ask that the parking on Broadfield Walk near the Bell Tower is left clear for those with mobility problems. Small acts of generosity like this show others less fortunate that we care. Thank you

Day of renewal to be held Saturday 19th March 2022 from 10 am to 4 pm at St Clare's Church Fulwood see poster for more details.

Supporting CAFOD parishioners are invited to sponsor a small group who will be doing the CAFOD Walk Against Hunger (details below). Families will also be invited to join walks on Sunday afternoons in Lent. Combined steps from these walks will be added to the CAFOD total to walk around the world.

For Lent Pope Francis has proposed 15 simple acts of charity:

The season of Lent is not about being less – fasting and abstinence, but also of being more – prayer and charity (love). Pope Francis proposes these 15 simple acts of charity as concrete manifestations of love this lent. There is no point in praying and fasting a lot but then anyone of us could fail to love the other, even our enemies!!

1. SMILE. A Christian is always cheerful
2. Say THANK YOU for little things (even if you don't have to).
3. Remind others how much you LOVE them.
4. GREET with joy the persons you see every day.
5. LISTEN to other people's stories without prejudice, and with love.
6. STOP to help. Pay attention to whoever needs you.
7. Try to RAISE the spirits of people around you.
8. CELEBRATE the qualities or success of others, thus avoiding envy or jealousy.
9. SORT OUT the things you no longer use or need and give them to those in need.
10. Be ready to HELP when you are needed so that others may rest.
11. GIVE CORRECTIONS with love, do not keep quiet out of fear.
12. MAINTAIN good relations with those around you.
13. KEEP CLEAN the things you use in the house.
14. HELP others overcome obstacles.
15. CALL by phone, and call on, your parents more often.

Dare to Care

Dementia Friendly Church As a parish we are going to begin working towards this. Why? Dementia affects 820,00 people in the UK, with 1,000 living in South Ribble. Dementia is not part of the ageing process and affects everyone differently. You may notice some new signs around church which are easier for those with Dementia to see and understand. If you have any helpful suggestions or changes we could make or do, please let us know. Over the coming weeks in the bulletin there will be suggestions of what you can do to help

- **Be patient, flexible and tolerant** with anyone with signs of dementia – listen carefully and give people time to reply. Look for non-verbal cues in expressions and gestures.

Live Simply CAFOD 200 K Walk Against Hunger Would you like to do something different this lent and fight poverty? Walk 5 km every day throughout Lent – go the distance to help end malnutrition. Sign up now at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk> You will find the three steps to achieve £200 for the fund raising. The aim is to be sponsored and then buy a gift present from CAFOD to give to a hungry person. This will help those who do not have enough money to buy food for their family to help them overcome their poverty. If you get sponsored each day for £5 you could raise £200 to contribute to lessen hunger a little in this world. It is all to be explained and discovered on the online CAFOD website above.

We will explain to all our suggestions on 12 and 13 March to promote what we will do for Family Fast Day, and on 19 and 20 March our ideas *To Live Simply So Others May Simply Live*. We hope to be named an eco-friendly Parish because we have shown that we are as a Parish doing our best to be a Living Simply community.

Word of Life Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away. (John 6: 37)

This reflection by Focolare founder, Chiara Lubich, on merciful love continues to help us after last week for this week. *It is a love that does not measure and will not be measured. It is charity that flourishes more abundantly, more universally and more practically than anything the soul had before. In fact, in front of everyone we meet, the soul feels sentiments springing up within that are similar to those that Jesus knew. It finds that divine words not unlike those used by Jesus appear on its lips: 'I have mercy on this crowd' (cf. Mt 15:32). ... Mercy is the ultimate expression of charity; it is its fulfilment. And charity surpasses pain because pain is part of this life while love endures even in the next. God prefers mercy to sacrifice."*

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: [Word of Life February 2022 - YouTube](#) Copy & paste or ctrl & click. It is best to skip the adverts.