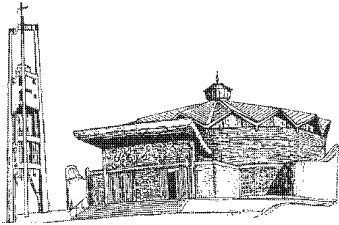


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This month pray that the Holy Spirit may sustain those, particularly in Asia, who suffer persecution or death for the name of Christ.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS

Please fill in our new Record Form, or if you move house within the parish please amend a new form.



Saturday 3rd March

- 9.00 Mary Moran
- 6.00 (Vigil Mass) Burke family

Sunday 4th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

- 9.30 Gillooly Family Intention/The Parish
- 11.00 Maureen & Walter Courtney Golden Wedding



Monday 5th March

- 9.00 Tracey Banks RIP 40th Birthday Remembrance
- 12.15 Simon Brown

Tuesday 6th March

- 8.00 (With Schools) Janet Wilson (MK & MW)
- 12.15 Requiem Mass for Mary Dever
- 2.00 Patrick Gough (Crem only)

Wednesday 7th March

- 9.00 Louise Billington *After mass Stations of the Cross*
- 9.15 (St Anne's Primary) Maire Jones
- 12.15 Requiem Mass for William Kenneth Parker

Thursday 8th March

- 8.00 (Alverna) Joan Anders
- 12.15 Barbara Musgrave

Lenten Alms box is in the Narthex (by the kitchen) for anyone wishing to support it.

Friday 9th March

- 8.15 (In the High School) Peter Withnell
- 9.00 John Stringfellow Birthday Remembrance
- 11.30 *Stations of the Cross*
- 12.15 Requiem Mass for Christine Kirkman
- 2.30 Wedding of Simon Torkington and Samantha Smith

Saturday 10th March

- 9.00 Safe journey
- 6.00 (Vigil Mass) McManmon family intentions / Mary Dever

Sunday 11th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 9.30 The Parish / Kay Williams intentions / Christine Kirkman
- 11.00 Knowles and Bilsborrow families / Ken Parker / Patrick Gough

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 am (J) (or when they end) and 5.00 - 6.00 pm. (P) Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £608.86 Gift Aid £237.82 Many thanks!

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

The Congregation says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Adoration in the Special Chapel when you can come. Come and spend some time with the risen Lord in peace and quiet, hallowing God's name and praying for all.

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Theme: This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.

THE PARISH FAMILY

BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME: Ethan Paul Harvey and James Nathaniel Whaite.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Alan and Kay Williams, Peter Worden, Mary Pemberton, Sarah Latham, Dale Zaparowski (little boy ill at St. Mary Magdalene's Penwortham), Betty and Terry Donnelly, Chris Atkins, Simon Brown, Evie Lawler, Paul Hewitt, Sr Susan FMSJ, Pam Barron, Therese Wilkinson, Rex Tootle, Jackie Holly, Len Rice, Maureen Howard, Frank Calderbank, Gerry Heywood, Joe Breen, Eddie Purcell, Georgia Martin, Sandra Parsons, Elliott Burns, Maree Coan, Miller girls, Eddie Turner, Joyce Smith, Margaret Miller, Frances Hart, Martin Glancy, Rebecca Shanks, Mary Magee, Mary Douglas, Tracey Anne Holly, Danny Bonner, Gerald Ralphs, Graham Halstead, **and connected with us**, Hyewon Walker, Alice Dewhurst, Julie Ann Mitton, Geoff Brown, Norman Malcolm, Lynn Hamer, Steve Jones, Tony Lock, Stuart Kirkham, Marjorie Pearson, Jenny & Alan Naylor, Olivia Slater, Andrew Liddell, Beryl Appleton and Maria Llewellyn *Let us know those who you wish to pray for by Thursday of each week.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Christine Kirkman, Mary Dever, Patrick Gough and Ken Parker who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Hilda Robertson, Francis Pope, Edith Irene Turner, Francis Walmsley, Catherine Walmsley, Thomas Shepherd, Robert Trafford, Thomas Gerrard Clarkson, Veronica Armer, Francis Garstang, Mary Tobin, Pauline Kirkby, Ronald Boyle, Teresa Cuerden, Leonard Janes and Mary Kedward.

THIS WEEK Today: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Prayer Meeting at Alverna, 35 Westgate today at 3 pm. All welcome
Lent Course 2012: The Woodman: Why was Jesus crucified? Why would God want it? An exploration of the Passion of the Christ in scripture and verse, with Fr Paul in the Priory, 3.30 till 4.30pm, today, 4th March.

Journey in Faith 5 – 6 pm

Youth Group 7 pm

Family Rota of Prayer: M Richards, 15 Westgate

Monday: Church cleaning 9 am 'B' team

Tuesday: Knit and Natter 2 pm (see over)

Chess Club 6.30 – 8 pm

Hour of Prayer Alverna 7.30-8.30 pm

S.V.P. meeting 8 pm

Wednesday: Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm

Thursday: Interviews to appoint a Head teacher for our High School. This is an important moment in the story of our Parish, and of the High School that serves 4 other parishes. Please pray the Holy Spirit to come to give his wisdom to all involved.

Women's Prayer Group 7.30pm 73 Runshaw Lane, Euxton: contact Sharon Beirne 01257 232479 or Angie Bolton 07815 148551

Friday: Divine Mercy prayers 11.00 am in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone welcome.

"Black Stars in Their Eyes" High School Talent Show (see over)

NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Journey in Faith 5 – 6 pm

Youth Group 7 pm



St Mary's Youth 'Action for Lent'. St Mary's Youth Group are involved in 2 projects this Lent:-

1. **CAFOD's "Give it up for Water" campaign.** Every 20 seconds a child dies from dirty water! The youth group are giving up things and donating to CAFOD. We would like the Parish Community to help us in our quest eventually to eradicate 'Water Poverty'. For every £1 donated the Government will match it during Lent - so we have an amazing opportunity to double our aid to those dying of thirst throughout the world. *Collect your leaflets, donation packs, sponsor forms, etc from the Narthex. Please feel free to write your pledge on the chart on the Youth Board in the Narthex. EVERY LITTLE HELPS!*

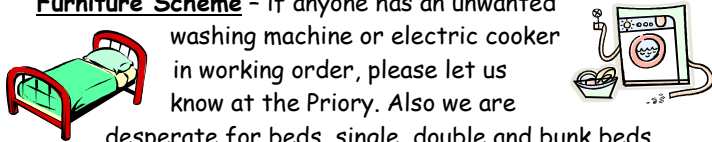
2. **The 'Ghana Project'** - The youth group are collecting, football shin pads, goal keeping gloves, football boots (moulded studs or blades) or astro trainers- in very good condition, to send to Ghana with Mr Brockbank, a teacher at the High School. We need to have the goods ready to go with Mr Brockbank by Palm Sunday. Your donations would be very much appreciated. We are also collecting 'new or nearly new football shirts, shorts and socks -also to go out to Africa. It doesn't matter if names are on the back, just as long as they are in good condition. There will be a box in the Narthex for you to deposit your contributions any time during the next 4 weeks. We also plan to hold a couple of fund raising events for the CAFOD Appeal in the next few weeks - please give generously. **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT** Steve and all the Youth Group

Lent activities Please do your best to continue what you are doing or begin now. One action that used to be well established in Leyland was extra and even daily mass. Why not restart it?

Prayers for our Confirmation Candidates - we would like Parishioners to write a short prayer to all our candidates. There are cards available at the back of Church to write your prayers on. Please return them after Mass this weekend so we can display them for the next session.


Newman Fund Easter Raffle - tickets on sale now.

Furniture Scheme - if anyone has an unwanted washing machine or electric cooker in working order, please let us know at the Priory. Also we are desperate for beds, single, double and bunk beds.




Lourdes Pilgrimage - Due to unforeseen circumstances seats are available on this trip in September. Please contact Barrie on 01772 432488 for details.

Football Coach needed for local team from May. U7's children from St Mary's Primary and St. Catherine's play in the team. If anyone is willing to coach this team, please contact the Priory house and we can pass on details.



Apology - there will be no Fairtrade Stall until June.

Bingo is played at the Priory Club every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday starting at 8.30 pm. All welcome.



Deafway needs to raise £60,000 for a school for deaf children in Uganda. The final £20,000 of this needs to be in place by 31st March. "1000 friends for Maria" aims to find 1,000 people in Lancashire to pledge just £10 each. Please see poster for story and more details.

Forthcoming Events

Knit and Natter - the next meeting is on Tuesday 6th March in the Library from 2 - 4 pm. All are welcome.



"Black Stars in Their Eyes" Black Stars is the name of the Ghana National Football Team. This is a talent show with performers from our High School this Friday 9th March in the Priory Club from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Tickets £2 for adults, £1 for children & senior citizens and £5 for a family ticket of 2 adults/3 children (available from the School office), All proceeds going to Ghana Football Project.



Confirmation Preparation for Primary School Children will be on Monday 12th March at 6.30pm in Church.

Renew your strength How to get the most out of Easter. An inspiring evening led by David Payne, Director of CaFE. at St Gerard's Lostock Hall on Thursday 15th March 7 to 9pm. It will be a mix of testimony, input, DVD clips, refreshments, prayer and lots of laughter. See fliers for more info.

Hyning Retreat with Fr Stephen Wright 23rd - 25th March. Application forms in the Narthex and poster on the Notice Board.

Race Night Friday 23rd March Priory Club. Entrance FREE. Tote tickets 50p each. Buy a horse AND jockey for £5 you could win £10 and a bottle of wine. Available after Mass



Churches Together One Voice Choir Fri 23rd March 7 pm at Our Lady & St Gerard's Church, Lostock Hall. Please see poster.

Last Night of the Proms Saturday 24th March 7.30 pm at Leyland URC. £7.50 including refreshments. Please see poster

"Passiontide" A Concert for Lent with Bolton Chamber Choir (first appearance in Leyland) on Saturday 24th March, 7.30 pm at St Ambrose Church, Leyland. Tickets £5 inc refreshments. Please see poster for more details.

WORD OF LIFE

Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (Jn 6:68)

To the crowds that followed him, Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God (see Lk 9:11). He used simple words, parables taken from everyday life, and yet his words had a special fascination. People were struck by his teaching because he taught with authority, unlike the scribes. Even the temple guards who went to arrest him, when asked by the chief priests and Pharisees why they had not carried out their orders replied: "Never has anyone spoken like this!" (Jn 7:46)

Copies of the full text are on the table in front of the Piety Shop or on the Parish website.. Please help yourself

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

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