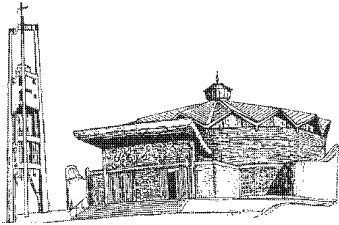


Visit the Website



Try and prepare well for the big feast. Spend a little extra time praying. Or help someone in need.

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 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe
6.00 (Vigil Mass) Safe journeys/The Parish

Sunday 13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent
9.30 Ormesher family intentions/EBC
11.00 Knight & Rogerson family intentions

Monday 14th December St John of the Cross
9.00 Edward Murphy
12.15 Requiem Mass Maureen Thistlethwaite



/ In Thanksgiving

Tuesday 15th December

8.00 (with Schools) Karen Tippet-Moore
12.15 Barry Forde

Wednesday 16th December

9.00 Michael Dunne (WR)
12.15 Funeral Lou Penzer / Special Intention

Thursday 17th December

8.00 NO MASS
12.15 Service of Communion and Word



Friday 18th December

9.00 NO MASS
12.16 12.15 Service of Communion and Word
1.00 Leyland St Mary's CTC Carol Concert in Church

Saturday 19th December

9.00 George Francis Peet Anniv
6.00 (Vigil Mass) Durkin family intention/EBC/
Paul Richard Bruce (recently deceased)

Sunday 20th December

4th Sunday of Advent
9.30 Croasdale family intention/Lou Penzer
(Recently deceased)
11.00 The Parish/Waidson family intention
/Maureen Thistlethwaite (recently deceased)

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

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £657.62 Gift Aid £359.28**
For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002 **Many thanks!**

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

(After Holy Communion of the Congregation) **The Congregation says:** May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Website Log in and see what you find.

Preparation for Christmas: Think about reconciliation – and for us the best will be on TUESDAY 22nd 7.00 pm

Chapter at Ampleforth on Thursday and Friday. Please pray for our monastic community.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE, LEYLAND
455955 CHURCH
424665

Sr Veronica

Steve i.c. Youth 07977249636 **Website** leylandstmarys.org.uk
SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of Advent P.29

Theme: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

THE PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:

Jessika Marie Collinge and Darcie May Watson

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Paul Hewitt, Doris Lakin, Margaret Miller, Peter Barron, Rita Bleasdale, Maggie Ashbolt, Maire Jones, Jim McKay, Agnes Bennett, Lynn Hamer, Joe Copeman, Mark Clements, Toni Gannon, Brian Pooley, Dot Reynolds, Patricia Duffy, Susan McCarthy, Walburga Hall, Gordon Cottle, Moyra Haynes, Joyce Wilcox, Danny Bonner, Annie Kelly, Eve Hankin, Tracey Anne Holly, Evelyn Swarbrick, Gerald Ralphs, Eileen Kenyon, Edith Rice, Alice Ogden, Graham Halstead, and connected with us, Teresa O'Hanlon, Chad McDonald, Andrew Liddell, Susan Davey, Mary Mueller, Robert Salisbury (Brian's brother), Betty Thompson (Canada) - Mum of Doreen Houghton, Jim & Joan Madden (Fr Abbot's parents), Eric Woof, Ami Froehlick, Audrey Padmore, Alicia Middlemas (friend of Maria, Brenda) Malcolm Pyman and Frank Dever. *Long-term sick are prayed for each day at mass. Let us know those who you wish to pray for by Thursday of each week for either the bulletin and / or the long term sick.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Jimmy Jones, Maureen Thistlethwaite, Paul Bruce, Lou Penzer and connected with us Sarah Singo (Mel's mother) who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Doris Neilson, Joseph Barton, Neville Thomas Foster, John Devine, Anthony Bernard Walker, David Coupe, Thomas Joseph Glynn, Donna Marie Martland, Harriet Gasgoine, Joan Scales, Sheila Tilley and Anne Cordell.

THIS WEEK Today: *Christmas Craft afternoon* 2-4 pm
No Journey in Faith

Youth Group Christmas Bingo 7 pm Fr. Christmas calls numbers!

Family Rota of Prayer: Kirk family, 10 Royal Avenue

Monday: Church cleaning 9.00 am 'B' team

Fr. Paul 2nd talk Library **Word of Life** 7 pm

Tuesday: S.V.P. Abbot H Room 8 pm

Wednesday: Advent Service Jubilee Court 2.30 pm

Christmas Around the World St Mary's Primary School in Church 6.30 pm

One Voice Choir Rehearsal 7 pm followed by refreshments

Newman College Concert 7 pm in St John's Minster. All most welcome. Free admission.



Thursday: Senior Youth IMAX 4.30 – 11 pm

Friday: Divine Mercy prayers 11a m in the Adoration chapel. Everyone welcome.

Senior Youth Group Christmas 'do' 6.45 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Leyland Band Concert in Church 7 pm
Youth Group Christmas 'do' 7 pm

Christmas Services

Reconciliation service Tuesday 22nd Dec. 7.00pm
Christmas Day Masses: 7pm (vigil) - Folk Group
Midnight with Choir (Carols 11.15 pm.)
Day Masses 8.00am and 10am (Family mass)

Christmas flowers and candles - Please use the multipurpose envelopes Christmas candles £5; Flowers at your discretion. Please hand in ASAP to allow us time to process them.

Advent 2009: See the website link to: www.sundaygospel.co.uk

Jimmy Jones aged 60 will be missed by many parishioners. Born with cerebral palsy, unable to communicate easily and with mobility difficulties he lived for forty years in Haig Avenue. His fortitude, courage and faith were inspiring. He was always at Midnight Mass at Christmas and the masses for the House-bound. A big human being he loved God, he loved people, he loved life. On Thursday the day he died he received Holy Communion through a mini-miracle. Jesus was close to him and we can be pretty sure he will be close to us all from heaven.

Any notices for the bulletin. Please leave in the blue box next to the black computer in the office by Thursday each week for the bulletin of the following week. Thank you

Ministers of Holy Communion The new rota starting the weekend 2/3rd January 2010 is in the pigeon-hole in the Sacristy; also list for the Christmas services. Holy Communion will continue to be received under one kind only. Thank you for your dedication & understanding throughout the year. A very joyful Christmas and happy 2010 to you & your families.

Can you help? A parishioner is looking for a baby car seat for a 6 month old infant, also a safety stair gate. Both items are required for approximately 1 week over Christmas. If you are able to help please let Father Jonathan know. Thank you.

Fusion Charity Shop - has opened no 7 Hough Lane, They need goods. See the poster on the board. Fusion are involved in C T L.

Do you enjoy singing? If so, your Parish Choir needs you!

Please come and join our friendly group as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. You will be most welcome to turn up this Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in Church, or contact Delia on 01772 422565 for more information.



Shaw Trust Art-Works FREE local art sessions. Are you feeling low, anxious or depressed? Are you aged 18+ and unemployed? Art-Works provides: arts & crafts activities to build confidence & skills plus advice and guidance on unemployment. Further details on the poster on the board.

Wheelchair for Malawi Appeal. If you have (or know someone who has) a spare wheel-chair which they are willing to donate to a very worthy cause *The Poor People of Malawi* we would be interested to hear from you. Our target is 10 wheel-chairs in working order. Collection will be arranged later. Contact Vincent Rice on 424256

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner Mrs P Gough Week 47 Agent M Giles
Bonus Draws £50

- Winner 1 No 261 Mrs Macguire Agent A Holden
- Winner 2 No 39 B Banks Agent A Chester
- Winner 3 No 14 V Rice Agent E Ellison
- Winner 4 No 250 T & M Jones Agent T & M Jones
- Winner 5 No 350 M Dart Agent A Holden
- Winner 6 No 34 A Lewis Agent M Giles
- Winner 7 No 343 M Jordan Agent K Jordan
- Winner 8 No 108 T Smith Agent M Halliwell

The Universe and The Catholic Times - the issues dated 27th December 2009 & 3rd January 2010 will be double issues and will be priced at £2.40 for *The Universe* and £2.00 for *The Catholic Times*. The issues dated 10th January will return to the normal prices. The price of *The Catholic Life Magazine* will increase with effect from January 2010 to £3.50.

Lift needed An older lady needs a lift from Bolton Croft to either the Vigil mass, Midnight or 10.00 on Christmas morning. Please contact the Priory if you can help. Thank you.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single, widowed, separated and divorced Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet, either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, called Catholic Networking. For more information please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

Visit the Piety Shop

For lots of wonderful Christmas cards and gifts. The Benedictine Yearbook and the Liverpool year book for 2010 have arrived.



Forthcoming events

Christmas Craft afternoon - Today there will be a free children's' Christmas craft afternoon in the library from 2 - 4 pm. Crackers, Christmas cards and other Christmas goodies will be made. Adults welcome, if accompanied by children!



The four last things. Fr Paul will give talks on one of the Four Last Things with discussion, in the Priory, 11am - 12 noon, on MONDAYS 14 and 21 Dec. All welcome.

Please give blood on Tuesday 15th December. See poster on Notice Board for more details

C.T.L live Nativity Scene - Churches Together in Leyland has organised an event to promote the real meaning of Christmas. Groups of people will take part in a live Nativity Scene in Parkinson's shop window on Hough Lane on Sat 19th Dec, from mid morning to afternoon. Please come along to support us in our efforts and tell neighbours and friends about it.

Divorced or Separated? The diocese offers 6 weekly meetings in February to support Catholics experiencing the breakdown of a long-term relationship. See poster for more details.

WORD OF LIFE

Let your work shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Mt 5:16)

The evangelist is not thinking of isolated acts of charity (such as visiting prisoners, clothing the naked, or any of the other works of mercy responding to today's needs). Rather, he is thinking of the total commitment of Christians to God's will which makes of their entire life a good work. If Christians do this, they become 'unaffected and open', and the praise given for what they do, goes not to them, but to Christ in them, and through God becomes present in the world. What the Christian must do, therefore, is let this light dwelling within shine out, be the 'sign' of this presence of God among people.

Copies of the full text are on the table in front of the Piety Shop