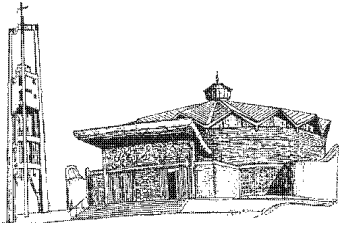


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Be eager to lend a helping hand. Often it is appreciated more than you know. What counts in life is what we do for others.

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 10th December

6.00 (Vigil Mass) Burke family intentions / E.B.C.

Sunday 11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent (Bible Sunday)

9.30 Stanton family intention
11.00 Knight & Rogerson family intention



Monday 12th December

9.00 David Ormesher
10.00 Pram Service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
12.15 Jim Jones Anniversary

Tuesday 13th December St Lucy

8.00 (With Schools) Tracey Banks
12.15 Joe Mather

Wednesday 14th December St John of the Cross

9.00 Horace & Eileen McConville/Ian Franciszcck & Mary Balogh
12.15 William & Lucy Bell

Thursday 15th December

8.00 (Alverna) Edward Murphy Anniversary
12.15 Deceased members of the Jolly/Almond families
6.00 Christmas Service for Yr 11 pupils of St Mary's

Friday 16th December

9.00 Jack Dumont
12.15 Monica's intentions
12.45 High School Carol Service



Saturday 17th December

9.00 Evelyn Wilson
6.00 (Vigil Mass) Kearney family intentions/The Parish

Sunday 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30 Croasdale family intentions / E.B.C. / Kath Cox 70th Birthday
11.00 E.J. Whelan's intentions



Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 am (or when they end) and c 5.15 - 6.00 pm. Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £603.38 Gift Aid £288.50**
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,

If you want to know what is happening in the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool over Christmas, see the board.

Thank you for the prayers said for Ampleforth Chapter. Our unity is strong in in hard times.

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Theme: He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

THE PARISH FAMILY

BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME: Jayden Murray and Ruby Grace Leek

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Derek Kedward, Sister Joan OLM, Len Rice, Maureen Howard, Frank Calderbank, Gerry Heywood, Joe Breen, Eddie Purcell, Georgia Martin, Sandra Parsons, Elliott Burns, Maree Coan, Joan Parr, Miller girls, Mary Pemberton, Eddie Turner, Joyce Smith, Margaret Miller, Frances Hart, Martin Glancy, Rebecca Shanks, Terry Donnelly, Mary Magee, Mary Douglas, Tracey Anne Holly, Danny Bonner, Gerald Ralphs, Graham Halstead, **and connected with us** Tony Lock, Stuart Kirkham, Marjorie Pearson, Katy Holmes (age 11), Jenny Naylor, Ellen Breslin, Olivia Slater, Andrew Liddell, Beryl Appleton and Maria Llewellyn *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 Lily Cottam (connected with us) who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Simon Miller, James Grundy, Margaret Janes, Michael Swash, Jeanette Martin, Neville Thomas Foster, John Devine, Bridget Kearney, Anthony Bernard Walker, David Coupe, Thomas Joseph Glynn, Donna Marie Martland, Harriet Gascoigne, Joan Scales and Bernard Derry.

THIS WEEK Today: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Retiring Collection for Archbishop Patrick's Golden Jubilee (see over) Church Parade Cake Sale for HCPT Youth Group weekend away at Smelt Mill **so No Youth Group Journey in faith** 5-6pm
Lourdes Treasurers will be in the Library after 9.30 am Mass
NEXT SUNDAY

Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Jeanne Duckworth and Florence Mills



Family Rota of Prayer: Mr & Mrs Bonner, 346 Croston Road

Monday: Church cleaning 9 am 'B' team
Word of Life 7 pm **Widows Welcome Club** 7.30 pm
SPUC meeting at St. Mary's Bamber Bridge 8pm.

Tuesday: Advent Service - at Jubilee Court at 2.30 pm.
Chess Club in the Library 6.30 pm
Advent Service in the High School, 7 pm see over

Wednesday: Youth Group Christmas Party at Bolton 6 pm

Thursday: Home Rosary: Mr & Mrs K Jordan, 5 Parkgate Drive
Women's Prayer Group 73, Runshaw Lane Euxton at 7.30 pm.

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

St Anne's & St Mary's Primary Schools close at 2 pm, and the **High School after the Carol Service for the Christmas holidays**



NEXT SUNDAY: 4th Sunday of Advent No Youth group
Leyland Band Concert 7 pm Tickets from the Parish office or on the door.

Update bundles are ready for delivery. Please pop the inserts into the magazines. Thank you for doing this essential work.

Confirmations 2012 Please will those who have children in years 4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 who would like to be confirmed pick up the A5 leaflet and return the back page to us by Wednesday 21st December. The pamphlets are in the Narthex.

Leyland St Mary's CTC Advent Service/Band Concert on

Tuesday 13th December at 7 pm in school. £3 concessions and £4.50 per adult (pay on the door). All are welcome. Also Friday 16th December we will be having our end of term **Carol Service** in Church at 12.45 pm. Again all are most welcome.



Christmas Candles/Flowers - as usual we will be having candles around the Church at Christmas. If you would like one please write the name or names on one of the multipurpose envelopes. Mark it "Christmas Candle", enclose £5 and hand in as soon as you can to help us get them ready in good time. Donations towards the Christmas Flowers will be greatly received. Please use the multipurpose envelopes. Write the name/names and "Christmas Flowers"



Ministers of Holy Communion - the rota for the Christmas period is available from the pigeon-hole in the Sacristy. Thank you for your continuing support and commitment during the past 12 months. A very happy and peaceful Christmas and 2012 to you and your families.



Archbishop Patrick's Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood 18th February 2012. The Archbishop will be celebrating Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3 pm on Sunday, 19th February 2012. It will be the Annual Civic Mass, but he will also use the opportunity to invite family and friends, as well as fellow bishops, to the Celebration of his 50th Anniversary of Ordination. It is also an open invitation to clergy and parishioners to join him on this very special occasion. A gift of a specially designed Crozier has been commissioned, and all parishioners are invited to make a donation this weekend if they so wish.

Wispa scooter - folds - free to a good home. Tel: 431365

Christmas Cards: Last year it was suggested that instead of Parishioners sending Christmas cards to all their friends in the Parish, they would send in one card to cover all of them. This would then be displayed on the boards in the Narthex. **We would request that cards be of a religious and appropriate nature to be displayed in Church.** The person sending in the card would then make a donation to the **Newman Fund** from the money saved on buying further cards. This is a voluntary scheme and people may wish to send cards as normal if they prefer. If you would like to participate please write on the outside of your card "For display on the shared Christmas card board" and either pop through the Priory letter box or place on the collection plate. Donations to be placed in an envelope marked 'Newman Fund Christmas cards' and left on the collection plate.



The Essential Christmas Guide continues this Thursday 15th December, helping us to receive the greatest gift of all this Christmas. 7 - 9 pm, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Winckley Square, Preston. ALL WELCOME! More info on the Notice Board or please contact Joe/Ruth on 07957 566741 www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!				
£100 Winner A Coulson Week 47 No. 118 Agent E Ellison				
Bonus draws £50				
Winner	C Chesworth	No	140	Agent M McNulty
	J Parr		300	K Jordan
	W Smith		338	E Ellison
	P Gough		131	M Giles
	T Masterson		183	E Ellison
	M Fisher		112	E Ellison
	L Dewhurst		204	M Courtney
	M Scott		337	M Courtney

Forthcoming Events

Advent Course: Celebrating an Adult Christ at Christmas with Fr Paul 3.30-4.30pm in the Priory on SUNDAYS 11, and 18 December. Everyone welcome.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE Tuesday 20th December 7pm Rite 2 in Church. This is particularly good for those who struggle with the traditional way of celebrating the sacrament. We will have extra confessors here and this is open to all in the deanery.



A night of festive music with The Elizabethan

Singers at St Mary's Browndedge on Tuesday 20th December, 7.30 pm. All proceeds to St Catherine's Hospice. See poster.

New Years Eve - in the Parish Centre. Disco and buffet. Band - Dr Boogie. Tickets on sale - £10 each - see Martin in the Parish centre.



Sacramental Programme - to support and pray for the success of our new Sacramental Programme, beginning in January we are having a 'Holy Hour' each Tuesday from 7.30 - 8.30 pm at 'Alverna'. We would love you to come and join us. It is a good way - especially in this time of Advent to take a little time to stop and reflect on what the birth of Jesus really means for each of us. Let us give Him a birthday gift of just one hour. Sr Veronica.



The Universe and Catholic Times - Christmas and New Year deliveries (issues dates 25th December 2011 and 1st January 2012) will both be a double issue. Price will be £2.60 each and will revert to the old price for issues dated 8th January 2012.

WORD OF LIFE

Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight (Lk 3:4)
 Jesus, whose coming was proclaimed by John the Baptist, spent time in the desert before beginning his public ministry. That was his way. And there in the desert, while he discovered a deep intimacy with his Father, he also met temptation and so came into solidarity with all human beings. And he came out of it victorious. It is the same path we see Jesus take in his death and resurrection. Since Jesus followed his path to the end, he himself has become the 'way' for us who are still on the road.

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