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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 11th December

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

Sunday 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30 The Parish/Hayden Nicole (operation)
11.00 Knight & Rogerson family intention



Monday 13th December St Lucy

9.00 David Ormesher
12.15 Sr Mary Cairns intentions

Tuesday 14th December St John of the Cross

8.00 With Schools Agnes and John Dandy
12.15 William and Lucy Bell

Wednesday 15th December

9.00 For our families and friends
12.15 Edward Murphy

Thursday 16th December

8.00 NO MASS
12.15 Service of Communion and Word

Friday 17th December

10.00 Service of Communion and Word
1.00 Leyland St Mary's CTC Carol Concert

Saturday 18th December

9.00 Paul Boys
4.30 (Vigil Mass) One who is sick (CF)
6.00 (Vigil Mass) Fr Abbot's intentions/Dever Family intentions

Sunday 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30 Croasdale family intentions
11.00 The Parish

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.0am (A) (or when they end) and c.5.15 - 6.00pm (S). Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £456.34 Gift Aid £349.55 Youth Collection £197.26 Many thanks!

For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002/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.

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner H Briggs Week 47 No. 285 Agent E Ellison

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SUNDAY 3rd of Advent

P.30

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:

Callum Jay Ian Smith and Sophia Elizabeth Murray

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK

Ellen Pope, Derrick Fitzsimmons, Denis Chatburn (operation), Lily Sheeran, Lee Derbyshire, Gaynor Hilliard, Eric Woof, Lynn Hamer, Annie Kelly, Gordon Cottle, Patricia Thompson, Hayden Nicole (2 years old), Alan Newby, Vincent McFarlane, May Stromberg, Robert Williams, Gerry Walsh, Joan Walmsley, Jimmy Doherty, Anne Smith, Henry Deacon, Sheila Latham, Kathleen Heywood, Maria Whitfield, Imogen Stafford (Primary School), Elle Miller (High School), John Southworth, Winifred Parkinson, John Kelly, Barbara Jakiemczuk, Terry Donnelly, Steve Jones, Mary Magee, Mary Douglas, Tracey Anne Holly, Joe Breen, Jenny Finch, Paul Hewitt, Jim McKay, Dot Reynolds, Susan McCarthy, Walburga Hall, Danny Bonner, Gerald Ralphs, Graham Halstead, and connected with us, Thelma Walmsley, May Watson, Simon Thompson, . Please tell us those for prayers by *Thursdays*



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED:

Especially Philip Bilsbrough connected with us who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Michael Swash, Jeanette Martin, Doris Neilson, Joseph Barton, Neville Thomas Foster, John Devine, Anthony Bernard Walker, David Coupe, Thomas Joseph Glynn, Donna Marie Martland, Harriet Gascoigne and Joan Scales.

THIS WEEK Today: 3rd Sunday of Advent

There is a list of relevant Christmas Concerts and plays for all our schools and colleges over the page.

No Church Parade

Journey in faith 5-6pm

Delivering Update

Youth Group Christmas Bingo

Flowers on the Altar are for the Wedding

Anniversary of Douglas Morphew (RIP)



Family Rota of Prayer: A Williams, 73 Moss Side Way

Monday: Church cleaning 9 am 'B' team

Widows Welcome 7.30 pm

SPUC monthly meeting at St. Mary's Bamber Bridge at 8pm in the Presbytery. Anyone wanting to go ring 435721 for a lift.

Tuesday: Senior Youth Group Penwortham YC 6 - 10 pm

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

Thursday: LSMCTC Year 11 Service in Church 6.30 pm

Scripture Sharing in Alverna 7.30 pm

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

School Christmas Closures see over

Advent reflection evening with Fr Stephen in the Library 7.30 pm

Senior Youth Group Residential at Smelt Mill

NEXT SUNDAY: 4th Sunday of Advent

Lourdes treasurers in the library after 9.30 Mass

Journey in faith wait and see what is decided.

Leyland Band today, 19th December, in Church at 7 pm.



Christmas services are in Update or the website.

**Christmas Play, Carol
concerts etc.**

Tuesday 14th December

Leyland St Mary's CTC
Christmas Concert in school 7
pm

St Mary's Primary KS2

Christmas play in school 7 pm

St. Anne's KS1 Christmas play in school 7pm

Cardinal Newman College Christmas Concert at the Minster

Church Preston 7 pm

Wednesday 15th September

St. Anne's KS1 Christmas play in school 2pm

St Mary's Primary Infant Christmas play in school 6.30 pm

Thursday 16th December

LSMCTC Year 11 Service in Church 6.30 pm

St Mary's Primary Infant Christmas Play in school 9.30am.

Friday 17th December

St. Anne's Reception children "The Nativity" in school 10am

Leyland St Mary's CTC Carol Concert 1.00pm in Church

Sunday 19th September

Cardinal Newman College Carol Service at St. Wilfrid's Preston
6.30pm



Bread and milk scheme Any Volunteers available? Contact Mike Cowburn of the SVP on 453096. *The scheme which concerns those in need in very cold weather will be coordinated by the Help direct staff team on 0303 333 1111 they will then contact a volunteer who will deliver two pints milk and a loaf of bread to the person in need who lives near them (hopefully).*

Send a Christmas Card to someone persecuted for their faith. Write a simple greeting e.g. 'God bless you' or 'May the peace of God be with you', and sign it. (Don't add your address unless you're prepared to enter correspondence.) Please take your card to the Post Office and buy the correct stamp before posting!

Christmas Candles & Flowers - if you would like either of these, please use the multi-purpose envelopes. Mark on 'Christmas Candle' or 'Christmas Flowers' and put on the name/intention. £5 per candle. Donations for flowers. Please hand envelopes in to the Priory as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Universe and Catholic Times - please note the Christmas and New Year editions of these will be double issues and prices at £2.40 each. They will return to the normal price in January.

Forthcoming Events

Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service Rite 2 takes place on Tuesday 21st December at 7.00pm in Church. This is the user friendly way to celebrate this wonderful sacrament. A parishioner has said that they want to make this Advent a new start for themselves, and they intend to celebrate at this communal Reconciliation service with its individual confessions. Priests from the Pastoral Area (deanery) will be present.

School Christmas Closures

St Mary's P. School & St Anne's P. School & LSMCTC close at 2pm on Friday 17th Dec. St Mary's Primary and LStMary's CTC re-open on Wed 5th Jan. St Anne's re-opens on Thur 6th Jan.



Former Altar Servers - all former Altar Servers are invited to attend the Guild Mass at 11am on St Stephen's Day (Feast of the Holy Family) and to join us afterwards in the Library to continue the celebrations.

Confirmations in 2011 take place on Sunday 27th March 2010 with Bishop Tom Williams for both years 10 and year 9 and those above in age. Anyone above 15 should contact Fr. Jonathan. Those of High School age must take a letter that they can get from Church or from School (Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Mills or Mrs Hardwick) and hand in before term ends.

WORD OF LIFE

Nothing is impossible to God (Lk 1:37)

How can we live this Word in daily life? At one time or another we all face difficult and painful situations, whether in our personal lives or in our relationships. And at times we experience how powerless we are because we realise we are attached to things or people that enslave us in bonds we wish to be free from. We often find ourselves facing walls of indifference and egoism and we feel helpless in front of events that seem beyond us. In these moments, the Word of Life can help us.

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

Lourdes Treasurers will be in the Library after 9.30 Mass next Sunday (19th December)

Ministers of Holy Communion - a rota for the Christmas services is available from the pigeon-hole in the Sacristy. Further volunteers are required for the 5 pm Mass on Sunday 26th December, thank you for your support during the past year. A very peaceful and joyful season to you and your families.

Thank you - Cyril Chester would like to thank all who supported him by their prayers and good wishes during his recent operation.

Thank you to the Youth Group and the Drama Group who took part in the Living Nativity Scene last weekend despite the rain and icy weather. Thanks also to all those who turned out to support them.

Fairtrade stall -thank you to everyone for all their support with the monthly Fairtrade stall. There will be no stall in January, but back to the first Sunday starting February 6th. Also thank you for all the extra donations which have enabled us to buy a "Gift for Life" to help farmers in Kenya. Angie Bolton

Thanks to all who made the Children's Craft Afternoon such a great success.

CHRISTMAS UPDATE: Many thanks to ALL those people involved in the magazine's production & especially to those volunteers who came to collate the pages last Wednesday, & those who deliver. Our Parish Magazine is now ready for distribution. Please take your bundle or look to see if there are any without names on them and distribute them to the addresses indicated. Many thanks again. The contents of the magazine and the Christmas Services have also been placed on the Church website: www.leylandstmarys.org.uk Just visit and look for documents.

