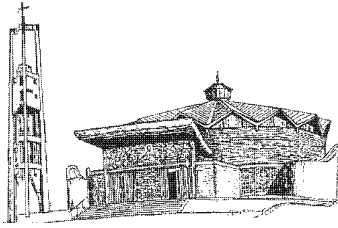


Regenerating the Parish



Email! Telephone! Letter!
Text! Could you use any of
these to be reconciled to
someone?

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 31st January

6.00 (Vigil Mass) Meadows and Miller Intentions

Sunday 1st February Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

9.30 The Abbot's Intentions

11.00 The Parish

Monday. 2nd February PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.00 NO MASS. Today in Newcastle the funeral of Bishop Hugh Lindsey. Father Ambrose succeeded him as Bishop of the diocese.

12.15 Sabina Ann and John Mannion

Tuesday 3rd February

8.00 With Schools Bridie McGough's Intentions

12.15 Requiem mass for Constance Knight

Wed 4th February

9.00 Successful Operation (JC)

11.00 Funeral of Fr. Kevin Finn at Ss Peter & Paul Mawdesley

12.15 Mary Lees.

Thursday 5th February St. Agatha

8.00 (Alverna) Fr. Thomas Fahy OSB

12.15 Requiem mass for Frederick Wilkinson

Friday 6th February St. Paul Miki & Comp.

NO mass at 9.00am

12 noon Requiem of Fr. Benet Perceval OSB at Ampleforth

12.15 Service of Word and

Sacrament

7.15 KSC First Friday mass.

Saturday 7th February

9.00 William Wareing

1.00 Wedding of Andrew Tassiker & Samantha Quick

6.00 (Vigil).Edmeads Family Intention / Frederick Wilkinson

Sunday 8th February 5th in Ordinary Time

9.30 Enrolment Mass 1st Holy Communion / Bishop Hugh Lindsey

11.00 The Parish / Constance Knight / Fr. Kevin Finn

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 £678.01 Gift Aid £292.68

For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002

Many thanks!

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 Church. St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel

Exposition is at any time that you can make it. We have the rota for watching and we hope it covers much of the week. You are welcome to pop in any time. -Contact the Priory for enquiries

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SUNDAY 1st February '09 4th in Ordinary Time P. 59

Theme: Jesus teaches with authority

THE PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:

Konnor Tunstall and Luca Matteo Tomasso Trebar to the family of the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Mary Dever, Jessie Brandwood, Robert (Bob) Howard, Tracey Anne Holly, Evelyn Swarbrick, Jamie Nelson, Joe Copeman, Gerald Ralphs, Sister Mary Cairns, Eileen Kenyon, Monica Maguire, Bro. Francis Casey FC. (Lisieux Hall), Tegan Hyslop (5yrs), Helen Meldrum, Paul Bruce, Steve Clarke, Martin Glancy, Edith Rice, Harris Iqbal, Danny Bonner, Alice Ogden, Margaret Wallbank, Graham Halstead, Baby Casey Cross, Baby Liam Hodgkinson, & connected with us, Ashley Smith, Pauline Burwin, Andrew Liddell, Anne Brien, Louie Baines, Stephen Harris Joe Harris, Stephen Leah, Marian Littlechild, Malcolm Pyman, Peter Mee, Baby George Bushell, Frank Dever, Stephen Taylor, Thomas Lionel Edens.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Fr. Benet Perceval OSB (Ampleforth), Fr. Kevin Finn (former pp of Mawdesley), Constance Knight, Frederick Wilkinson, Ellen Woods, connected with us Brian Thomas, and those who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Sabina Mannion, Eugene Kozera. Clare Kaczor, Honor Callinan, Margaret Moxley, Margaret Butcher, Frederick Stubbington. James Lewis, Peter Pettigrew, David Rowley, Bessie Edmeads, Anna Penzer, Christopher Coomer, Simon Moran, James Wilkinson, Kathleen Burgess.

Today SUNDAY 1st February '09

Youth Foundation retiring collection

Catechists and Helpers of first HC Programme Please come to a brief meeting on today at 10.40 am (i.e. between the 2 Sunday masses) in the Priory Library. to make sure that we all know and will observe the proper safeguarding (child protection) procedures for our children.

Prayer meeting 3 p m at Alverna Holy Hour all welcome.

Journey in faith 5 p m

Normal Youth Group 7 p m

Family Rota of Prayer D. Turner, 8 Long Moss.

The Flowers on the altar this weekend are a Birthday Remembrance of Alan Maclachlan.

Monday 2nd February

Sacramental programme 1st Session in the Parish centre 6.30 p m

Tuesday: 3rd February,

Cafe CD "Believe" 7 p m Priory Library (NB Tues not Wed)

Churches together in Leyland meeting at Turpin Green 7.30 p m

Wednesday:-4th February

Pastoral council meeting Priory library 7.30 p m

Thursday: 5th February

Holy Hour 7 p m- Hospitality group.

NEXT SUNDAY 8th February '09. 5th Ordinary Time

Retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Sacramental programme enrolment mass at 9.30am

Italy trip collectors in the library after 9.30 mass.

Celebration of Marriage and Family Life 3.00 pm Start of National Family Week in the cathedral (see over)

Journey in faith. 5 p m

Youth group. 7 p m



The Presentation of the Lord is the great feast on Monday 2nd February when we remember the visit of the child Jesus to the temple in accordance with the Jewish Law. Mary and Joseph with Jesus, born in Bethlehem were close to Jerusalem. In the temple they found Simeon and Anna, and they realised that Jesus is the light for

all people, and that his life would be one of light and suffering "a sword will pierce your heart too" said Simeon to Mary. Today we bless our candles for Church, and carry them in procession.

Ministry Mass and AGM last Friday. How impressive it is to see so many people closely involved in different aspects of our parish! We can simply thank God for the opportunity to serve and support each other. The whole evening was organised by Sister Veronica with help from many others for the Pastoral Council. We had a business meeting afterwards, with good food and drink, thanks to all who contributed. Peter Barron, acting chair of the PPC this month outlined with the help of all:

- Main events that touched us all last year 2008
- Plans for the year 2009 proposed by the PPC . We aim to make "family" our focus in the widest sense and plans will emerge. See below the celebration of Marriage and Family life that starts the National Family Week on Sunday 8th Feb.
- ✓ Brian Salisbury led us through the accounts, and although life is hard for business, up to now Parishioners have been very generous. We will monitor our finances closely.
- ✓ Finally, unsaid but happening is the work in our Pastoral Area to implement Leaving Safe harbours. There is a meeting next Saturday 7th February in Penwortham with reps from all the parishes. Plans and news to all when we have them.

Fr Ambrose Lourdes photographs : Will those who asked for a CD of his Lourdes photographs please contact Fr Ambrose.

Ministers of Holy Communion The new rota is available from the pigeon-hole in the Sacristy.

Ampleforth Abbey Triduum. If anyone is interested in spending the Triduum at Ampleforth please speak to Fr Jonathan for a booking form.

Message from Lancashire Fire and Rescue.ICE - in case of Emergency. This is to help our emergency services when we are in emergency to help us. See the papers in the Narthex. It means storing in your mobile a contact number under the name ICE (In case of Emergency).

Scouts 100 club still looking for new members see the poster in church and please remember **Waste paper skip:** the Scouts still have a wastepaper skip behind the parish centre to raise funds for their activities.

Leyland URC present "the Last Night of the Proms" on Sat 7th February at 7.30 p m Tickets £5 including programme.

**500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS! £100 Winner
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Forthcoming events

National Marriage Week 7-14th Feb

- Next Sunday 8th Feb with Archbishop Patrick in the Cathedral at 3 pm a celebration of marriage and family life for everyone, young or ageing, married or single, widowed, separated or divorced. We all belong to a family whatever our state in life and the term "extended family" is rich in meaning for some. We hope to take a minibus leaving at 1.30pm and make an afternoon of it seeing some of Liverpool. Contact Fr. Jonathan or Cath Sullivan.
- In the same spirit and nearer home, a thanksgiving service at the Methodist Church, Station Road, Bamber Bridge on Tuesday 10th Feb at 7.30pm celebrating marriage and all other vocations, praying for couples preparing for marriage, and for those who have lost their partners.

New Altar Servers Training for those wishing to serve on the altar for those young people who are in year 3 at school or above begins on Friday 6th February at 6.15 pm. Please contact Peter Cuerden on 433760 for further information.

Bible Group: Thur 12th February at 8 p m St Mark 7, 14 to 8,30.

Leyland East Area Committee. Next meeting is on Mon 16th Feb '09 at Lancashire Football Association HQ, Thurston Road. All are welcome. For further information contact Denise Johnson 01772 625558/Dave Lee 01772 625316.

Give Blood - Tue 17th Feb 2-4pm & 5.30 - 7.30pm Banqueting Suite, S.R.B.C, West Paddock, Leyland. (see notice board)

A Weekend retreat for young people seeking God Theme: Prayer and Discernment 20th to 22nd February in Liverpool run by FCJ sisters see the board for more details.

WORD OF LIFE

Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Lk 14:26

What can we make of this? These words make tremendous, drastic, unheard of demands on us! Yet the same Jesus who declared marriage indissoluble, who commanded us to love everyone and so our parents in particular, now asks us to put all the beautiful affections of the world in second place lest they become an obstacle to our direct, our immediate, love for him. Only God could ask so much.

Jesus pulls people from their natural way of living and wants to bind them first of all to himself, so he can bring about universal fraternity on earth.

So wherever he finds an obstacle to his plan, he 'cuts' and he speaks in the Gospel of a 'sword' in a spiritual sense.

He describes as 'dead' those who have not known how to love him more than their mother, their spouse, their life. Do you remember the man who asked to go and bury his father before following him?

It was to him that Jesus replied : "Let the dead bury their own dead" (Lk 9:60)

Perhaps such a demand makes you feel a moment of fear. Perhaps you would like to relegate these words of Jesus to his own time, or see them as being only for those called to him in a special way. That would be a mistake. These words hold true in every age, including our own.

Copies of the word of life are available from the back of church.

Sacramental programme starts this week for our families and children for first Holy Communion. Please pray for all involved.