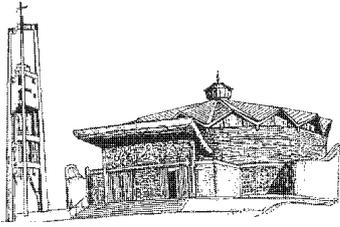


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Believe that the Lord's promise will be fulfilled for you and all who belong to you: Love will be born again!

Saturday 19th December

6.00 (Vigil Mass) Durkin family intention / EBC/
Paul Richard Bruce RIP

Sunday 20th December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30 Croasdale family intention / Lou Penzer RIP
11.00 The Parish / Waidson family intention
/Maureen Thistlethwaite RIP

Monday 21st December

9.00 James Hilliard B'day remembrance
Reconciliation after 9.00am mass
& 11.30-12.15noon before mass
12.15 Catherine & Michael Callaghan



Tuesday 22nd December

9.00 Ken Latham
12.15 Requiem Mass Jimmy Jones / Jack Fishwick Anniv
7.00 Christmas Reconciliation followed by confessions

Wednesday 23rd December

9.00 Theresa & Frederick Bray
Reconciliation after 9.00am mass
& 11.30-12.15noon before mass
12.15 In thanksgiving (BM)



Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve

9.00 Simon Miller
Reconciliation after 9.00am mass
& 11.30-12.15noon before mass
12.15 Kathleen & Peter Addison-Jones
Reconciliation 6.00-7.00pm before vigil mass
..7.00 **Sung Vigil Christmas Mass** (with Folk Group) –
 *blessing of the crib with children/All our Parishioners
living and dead*

11.15 Carols by candlelight with the Choir &
Organ followed by **Christmas Midnight Mass**
and the blessing of the crib and all the cribs in the
Parish/Special intention.

Friday 25th December Christmas Day Birthday of the Lord

8.00 **Simple Mass** with some carols
/ In thanksgiving
10.00 **Family Mass** with the folk group/In
thanksgiving
3.30pm **Christmas Vespers** sung by
the monks of the area at St Mary's, Bamber Bridge

Saturday 26th December St Stephen

11.00 **Guild of St Stephen Mass**
/ Sue Davy (gravely ill)
Reconciliation 5-6pm
6.00 (Vigil Mass) Safe journeys / Jimmy Jones RIP



Sunday 27th December

Holy family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
9.30 Thomas family intentions / EBC
11.00 Minshull family intentions / The Parish



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SUNDAY 4th of Advent

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Theme: I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

THE PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:

Matthew Eamon Harry Dearden and Emily Elizabeth Dearden

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Clara Hall, 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 all who have died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Jim Tully, Margaret Hendrickson, Peggy Pemberton, Margaret Sumners, Roy Brundrett, Walter Newell, Thomas Burke, Clifford Fairclough, Winifred Durkin, Bernard Gaskell, Bernard Peter Gallagher, Peggy Cruice (nee Knight) Patricia McLoughlin, Mildred Foxcroft, Mary Kosickis, Harry Sharpe and Flora Rodgers.

THIS WEEK Today: Leyland Band Concert in Church 7 pm
Family Rota of Prayer: M Jones 11 Parkgate Drive

Monday: Church cleaning 9.00am 'A' team
Youth Group Christmas party – Parish Centre 7 – 10 pm



CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY 22nd DECEMBER
CELEBRATION OF REPENTANCE
AND FORGIVENESS in a user friendly way for all
who find this sacrament rather difficult,
especially families and young people

7.00 PM FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS

For other confessions look at the mass times on the left of the page.
Remember you can 'phone us to make an appointment for confession.

Saturday: St Stephen's Day. Mass with our servers 11am.

NEXT SUNDAY: Feast of the Holy Family

Pastoral Letter from our Archbishop Patrick Kelly.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £658.04 Gift Aid £279.25**
For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002 **Many thanks!**

SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WITH 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.

At every mass on Christmas there will be a second collection for CAFOD. This is the only day in the year we have a second collection after Holy Communion as we know how many of us will be blessed with presents and good things and it is appropriate that we think of those who have very little indeed.

Christmas Eve 7pm vigil mass Before Mass we will prepare singing carols with the Folk Group. This mass always has many children present. We want to make it special for them. Five minutes before mass the Church will be in darkness and we will await the coming of Jesus to the crib with the children in candle light. Candles will be lit when people are in the pews, and those with candles do not process. Children and adults if necessary will be asked to follow the priests up to the crib (not carrying any candles) where we will bless the crib and in this way welcome the Lord as a vulnerable baby among us. Children may like to bring any gift they wish for Jesus that would be suitable for families in need, the homeless or bring some money for those supported by our Nugent Care society (those in need in our diocese) with money in the box provided.

Christmas Day family 10am Mass Special moment for the children! We want to give the children something special to do on Christmas morning mass. Please dress them up in *simple* shepherds' or angels' costumes and at the start of mass they will come round the altar (supported by adults if necessary) and process to the crib. If they have any gift for Jesus (suitable for the families in need or the homeless) they can bring them in kind, or even put money for Nugent Care in the box provided. The same children and adults and others will gather round the altar at the Our Father which will be sung as we have done in troubled times, and on Christmas day in joy.

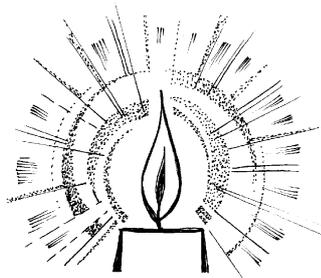
Every good wish at this time for Christmas from all of us in the Priory house, the monks, Sister Veronica, with thanks to so many who have shown us their love and kindness at this time. A special thanks to all who welcome at the door, clear up after masses, cleaners, flower arrangers and decorators of our Church, including the Tree and the crib, musicians from the choir and the folk group, the servers, the readers, the ministers of Holy Communion, those who donate the Christmas tree, those who give their time for us in any way, with hospitality and service in the sacristy washing the linen or making cushions, those who have given us cards and presents, and probably many others besides. May the good Lord and his light of love grow among us all, giving us an increase in our loving response to him and him in each other so that we may be a beacon of hope for many who are without hope.

Bible Alive - the January copy of Bible Alive is now ready for collection from the sacristy for those who subscribe. If any subscribers wish to cancel or new ones wish to order please let us know ASAP

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS! (Two weeks)

£100 Winner A Dempsey Week 48 No. 53 Agent E Dempsey

£100 Winner I & J Holohan Week 49 No. 181 Agent E Ellison



"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" There are sheets of stickers to put on your envelopes. These are donated by the Knights of St Columba. Please take some.

John Ellison would like to thank you for the prayers, cards and good wishes during his recent illness. He is now well on the way to recovery.

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. Good News about Holy Communion under both kinds.

Swine Flu: The Archbishop has written to us that it is now prudent to set aside the recommendations put in place to respond to the issue of infection control and swine flu. He says: also "there may be some people for whom a hand-shake in close proximity to receiving communion is not prudent. These people, sometimes find great relief in being spared strange looks that meet them when they do not shake hands at the sign of peace. Remember that the manner of exchanging the sign of peace is not laid down. Please do what you can to enable us to leave plenty of space for the expression to be what it needs to be for each one of us. One suggestion was to learn from our sisters and brothers who are deaf and make the sign of peace in British Sign Language.

Forthcoming events

The four last things. Fr Paul will give the last talk on one of the Four Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) with discussion, beginning with a cup of tea or coffee, in the Priory, 11am - 12 noon, on MONDAY 21 December. Everyone welcome.

Parish Ramble Tuesday 29th December round Ulnes Walton, 4 miles flat and will take roughly 2 hours. Meet at Priory car park 11.00am. Meal later at The Travellers Rest. If interested please sign the list in the Narthex. We have to book numbers at the Travellers Rest.

Divorced or Separated? The Pastoral Formation Department offers 6 weekly meetings to support Catholics experiencing the breakdown of a long-term relationship. They commence on Monday 15th February 2010. 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)

If the good works performed by individual believers have this character, then also the Christian community in the midst of the world must have a similar specific task: to reveal, through its life, the presence of God, which is manifested where two or three are gathered together in his name, a presence promised to the Church until the end of time. In the letter to Titus, it says: 'Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us' (Titus 2:6-8)