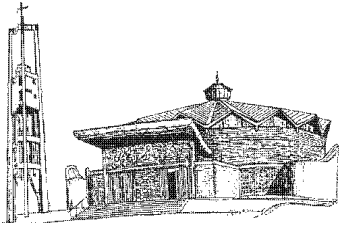


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Give everyone a joyful smile. Remember that they are made in God's image.

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 18th December

- 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

Monday 20th December

- 9.00 Lily Sheeran & Marie Harris's intentions
- 12.15 George Peet Anniversary
- 1.00 Wedding of Thomas Cooper & Michaela Gammans

Tuesday 21st December

- 9.00 James Hilliard Birthday Remembrance
- 12.15 Requiem Mass for Percy Smalley
- 3.00 Funeral Service for Bridget Kearney
- 7.00 Pastoral Area Reconciliation service

Wednesday 22nd December

- 9.00 Marian Kirk
Reconciliation after 9am Mass & 11.30 – 12.15 pm
- 12.15 Requiem Mass for Margaret Janes

Thur 23rd December 9.00 (In Church) Almond & Jolly families

- Reconciliation after 9 am Mass & 11.30 – 12.15 pm*
- 12.15 Frederick & Theresa Bray
- 1.00 Nuptial Mass of Terence Spencer & Janet Purse

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

- 9.00 Wilfrid Westbury
Reconciliation after 9 am Mass & 11.30 – 12.15 pm
- 12.15 Singo family
- 6.00 *Reconciliation until 7 pm*
- 7.00 **Sung Vigil Mass** (with Folk Group) initial blessing of the crib with the children
- 11.15 *Carols by candlelight and readings with the Choir and Organ followed by **Christmas Midnight Mass** and the blessing of the crib and all the cribs in the Parish*

Saturday 25th Dec

- Christmas Day Birthday of our Lord**
- 8.00 **Simple Mass** with some carols
- 10.00 **Family Mass and Children's Mass** with the Folk Group
- 3.30 **Christmas Vespers** sung by the monks of the area

Sunday 26th December

- St Stephen and the Holy Family**
- 11.00 Guild of St Stephen Mass
- 5.00 (one evening mass only) The Parish

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SUNDAY 4th Sunday of Advent P.33

Theme: Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

THE PARISH FAMILY WE WELCOME BY

BAPTISM: Maisie Anne Thistlethwaite and Luke Anthony Whelan



THE PARISH CONGRATULATES AND PRAYS FOR:

Tom Cooper and Michaela Gammans and Terence Spencer and Janet Purse to be married this week.

THIS WEEK PLEASE SEE OVER FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME.

THIS WEEK Today: 4th Sunday of Advent

Lourdes treasurers in the library after 9.30 Mass
Cardinal Newman Carol Service St Wilfrid's Church 6.30 pm
Leyland Band today, 19th December, in Church at 7 pm.
No Journey in Faith and *No Youth* Group
Family Rota of Prayer: Julie Harrison, 24 Moseley Street

Monday: Church cleaning 9 am 'A' team

Word of Life sharing 7 pm All welcome.

Leyland East Area Committee mtg 7.15 pm Lancs Football Assoc HQ

TUESDAY: RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION IN CHURCH (RITE 2) WITH CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY 21ST DECEMBER



For those who find the traditional way difficult and for those who wish to celebrate reconciliation as an experience of community.

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.

Wednesday: Youth Group Disco in the Parish centre 7 pm

Thursday: Scripture Sharing in Alverna 7.30 pm

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

NEXT SUNDAY: St Stephen and the Holy Family

Guild Mass for all Altar servers past and present at 11 am and afterwards in the Library to continue the celebrations

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate** £552.83 **Gift Aid** £301.68

For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002/John Baggaley 432683

Many thanks for your continual support for us financially. We will do our best to serve you as your priests.

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.

When you come to Church please wrap up warmly as in the cold weather our Church is very hard to heat. It will never feel like a front room at home!



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK ESPECIALLY OVER CHRISTMAS WHEN WE LIKE TO HAVE THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN GOOD HEALTH, John Mills, Ellen Pope, Derrick Fitzsimmons, Denis Chatburn (operation), Lily Sheeran, Lee Derbyshire, Gaynor Hilliard, Eric Woof, Lynn Hamer, Annie Kelly, Gordon Cottle, Patricia Thompson, 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 Thursday*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED OVER CHRISTMAS. WE WILL HAVE MANY OF THEM REMEMBERED WITH THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES: Especially Bernard Derry, Percy Smalley, Bridget Kearney, Margaret Janes, and connected with the Parish, Agnes Lilian Burns, Ann Fitzpatrick and Peter Smith who died recently, and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Catherine Callaghan, Anne Cordell, Mary Lathrope, Jim Tully, Margaret Hendrickson, Peggy Pemberton, Margaret Sumners, Roy Brundrett, Walter Newell, Clifford Fairclough, Winifred Durkin, Bernard Gaskell, Bernard Peter Gallagher, Peggy Cruice (nee Knight), Patricia McLoughlin and Mildred Foxcroft.

Bible Alive - January edition now in the envelopes in the Sacristy for those who subscribe. If anyone does want to renew for next year please let us know in the Priory house.

Spare set of white Christmas tree lights?? Has anybody got a spare set of Christmas lights that we will use round the crib?

WORD OF LIFE

Nothing is impossible to God (Lk 1:37)

Jesus said whatever we ask the Father in his name he will give to us. So let's try asking him for what we have most at heart, firmly believing that nothing is impossible to him: whether it be solving a desperate situation, or peace in the world, or healing a serious illness, or settling conflicts in the family and in society. And if there is more than one of us asking for the same thing, and we are in full agreement because of our love for one another, then it is Jesus himself in our midst who prays to the Father and, according to his promise, we will obtain what we ask for.

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

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Word of Justice	Come to dwell here
Word of Mercy	Live among us
Word of Power	Live within us
Word of freedom	Save your people
Word of healing	Heal our sorrow
Word of comfort	Bring us hope now
Word of gladness	Fill our hearts now.



ONCE AGAIN AT CHRISTMAS TIME we would like to thank all of you for making our Parish such a joy to serve. There are so many that it is hard to be sure we cover everyone.

- For all those who pray with us in the liturgy and so support us in what is the most important thing we do.
- For all who pray for us
- For all who make our Church the beautiful place to pray in that it is.
- For all who help us with their singing, serving, reading and distributing communion and those who welcome people at the Church door.
- For all who support us financially, look after our finances and raise money for us.
- For all those who look after the vestments, the altars the candles and wash the purificators.
- For all who beautify the Church with flowers & decorations.
- For all who think about the furniture in Church and help to improve, mend and repair, make so many things for our use, whether in fabric or in wood or other materials.
- For all who clean the Church and who look after our grounds around the Church, and at the cemetery, and maintain the machinery.
- For those in need who come to us for help.
- For those who are open to the needs of others and support them in many ways, sometimes financial, with furniture, with a listening ear, or sharing ideas and advice.
- For those who draw parishioners and others together in associations and societies and support groups.
- For all who help us to fulfil our apostolic mission with people, and who help us to proclaim the good news.
- For our sick and housebound and those who help us to look after them, especially with Holy Communion and visits and bringing people to Church.
- For those who help the bereaved.
- For those who support and work with our young people in many ways, in young peoples' organisations, in drama, in the youth group or help finance these things.
- For those who work among our parishioners in our schools and teach the children, support their parents and help them in a variety of ways.
- For those who help in our Priory house and those who help in our Parish Centre.
- For those who help us spread the values that we hold dear via the bulletin, Update, via the internet or by any other means.
- For those who help as catechists for our children, their parents, and in little Church, or for the adults in prayer groups or Gospel groups or in the Journey in Faith.
- For our brothers and sisters in the other Christian Churches in Leyland who are our friends and supporters, as we try to support them.
- For all those of good will with convictions different from ours and who also support us and help us in many ways.
- For those who are good role models, and remain cheerful and hopeful amid difficulties.
- For those we have not mentioned or seem to think they are forgotten and they and everyone know their contribution