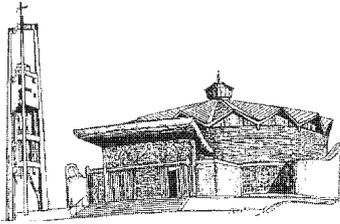


# The Year of Faith



OCTOBER 11 2012  
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A bad attitude is like a flat tyre - you can't go anywhere until you change it

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> April

6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish / Doris Abram RIP

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.30 E.B.C. / Thomas Hardy RIP  
11.00 E J Whelan's intentions

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April St Catherine of Siena

9.00 Kevin Davis  
12.15 In thanksgiving for a successful operation

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

8.00 (With Schools) Alan Donnelly  
12.15 Sister Agnes Guckian RNDM

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

9.00 Ken Newton  
12.15 Anthony Ashton birthday remembrance

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May St Athanasius

8.00 (Alverna) John Rigby (K & B)  
12.15 Requiem Mass for Lauren Thornton and Kelly Webster

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Ss Philip & James

9.00 Berna Banks  
12.15 Rita Butler  
7.15 K.S.C. installation of officers and initiation of Geoff Holmes / 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the KSC in Leyland.

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May All Martyrs of England and Wales

9.00 Peggy Nelson birthday remembrance  
6.00 (Vigil Mass) E.B.C.

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.30 Agnes and Cyril Chester's intentions / Kelly Webster and Lauren Thornton died recently and may they rest in peace / Presentation of High School Candidates for Confirmation  
11.00 The Parish

**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 £579.47 Gift Aid £433.35

Our Lady of the Missions £803.43 Many thanks!

Our heating fund thanks to a big donation now stands at £74 K.

We are humbled at God's providence shown by your generosity.

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, hallowing God's name and praying for all.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE, LEYLAND

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 2013

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Theme: Love one another, just as I have loved you

#### THE PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:

Alfie James Hornby and Patrick Matthew James McGladrigan

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Matthew Holmes and Sharon Dewhurst who were married this weekend

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK

Sister Meir and Sister Beatrice FMSJ, Catherine Lomas, Bridget Whelan, Marie Farrer, Tom Watson, Muara Whitfield, Frances Hart, Margaret Morhpew,

Jack Hardwick, Ken Knight, Tommy Bellamy, Mary Commons, Jenny Campbell, Rita Bleasedale, Martin Glancy, Pat Clensey, John Mallon, Frank Loftus,

Peter Gleave, Gail Kelly, Baby Holly, Kathleen Walsh, Alan Williams, Mary Pemberton, Sarah Latham, Dale Zaparowski, Terry Donnelly, Simon Brown, Sr Susan FMSJ, Jackie Holly, Len Rice, Frank Calderbank, Kath Heywood, Gerry Heywood, Georgia Martin, Sandra Parsons, Maree Coan, Miller girls, Margaret Miller, Tracey Anne Holly, Danny Bonner, and connected with us, Iain Murray Gillian

Sergeant, Kit Halliwell, Baby Isla Jones, Michael Morgan, Victor Hill, Sandra Harrison, Ann Easton, Agnes Salisbury, Jack Madigan, Lilian Heyes, Rose Marie Foster, Maureen & Andrew Liddell.



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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED:

Especially Doris Abram who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Maria Iona Ashworth, Kieran Mannion, Marjorie Brady, Catherine Mary Westby, Lillian Higgonson, Mike Taylor and Patricia Hunter.

#### THIS WEEK Today: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Journey in Faith 5-6pm. Youth Group 7 pm

Family Rota of Prayer: Leigh family, 8 Kirkham Close

Flowers on the Altar are to celebrate the marriage of Matthew Holmes and Sharon Dewhurst



**Monday:** Church cleaning 9 am 'B' team

Sacramental session (7) 6.30 pm

**Tuesday:** Confirmation meeting for High School candidates, sponsors and parents in Church 7 pm

**Wednesday:** Prayer Group following 9 am Mass

Pastoral Council 7.30 pm

**Thursday:** Home Rosary - Mr & Mrs G Halliwell, 26 The Launds at 8 pm

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

**Saturday:** Youth Group to Llandudno 9.15am

African Night Parish Centre 7.30 pm (see over)

#### NEXT SUNDAY: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Holy Hour 3 30 pm for the year of Faith. Based on Vatican 2

Journey in Faith 5 - 6 pm Youth Group 7 pm

Scout Group No Church Parade next week

#### 500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner A Frankland Week 15 No. 41 Agent A Chester

### Confirmations and First Communions are approaching

Before anyone can receive these sacraments those responsible in the Parish must do the paper work and establish that the candidate is baptised. Fr. Jonathan reflects below on the wonder of baptism and gratitude for our baptism.

*Adults, usually parents, come to the parish and ask for baptism for their young ones. Such adults believe in God because no active atheist would make such a request. Often faith is smouldering weakly; for faith to give warmth, comfort and heat it must burn merrily. Our job as the members of the Body of Christ is to encourage and fan into flame the faith of parents. That is why we agree to baptise those who ask for it. The adults are asked to come to our Baptism course which is usually a lively time for the parents and sometimes godparents. To refuse baptism would be like the cold water of hurtful rejection poured onto a weak smouldering flame of faith. We would not baptise in our parish because parents refused to believe or refused to nurture their child in the Catholic faith. Baptism is not magic: everyone's faith must be fostered or it dies.*

*Baptism brings us into "the family of the Church". It is true also to say that after baptism we have the life of God within us if our faith is nurtured; we are then a child of God. In baptism the risen life of Jesus is in us, the Word of God, God's Son.*

*At every other sacrament Jesus also comes to us, and he can give us his graces when he recognises himself in the candidate for confirmation, holy communion, reconciliation, marriage, sacrament of the sick or ordination to priesthood. If a person is not baptised he or she cannot receive the sacraments.*

*This implies that every time we share in a sacrament we are affirming and renewing our own baptism. I would go further and say that whenever we recognise God in our lives, by prayer, or an act of love, or of self control; when we avoid sin, when we joyfully take up our cross, when we are Godlike in any way, we are affirming or renewing our baptism.*

*No wonder we should thank God for our baptisms, and at Easter renew our baptismal promises. Being reverent at Holy Communion is another expression of our baptism.*

As we come down to Holy Communion it is important we should be recollected within. Those who would like could make an act of external reverence to show their internal belief and love of Our Lord. We already do this when we reply AMEN to the minister's "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ". That amen is important and shows our belief in the real presence of Jesus, and our belonging to the Body of Christ.

There are three other ways to do this but without any ostentation or showing off:

1. we could make a solemn bow before we receive the sacred host;
2. we could make a reverent and not a slap dash sign of the cross before we receive;
3. we could genuflect beforehand if we want to do so.

*Look at last week's bulletin on the website for the fuller explanation.*

### Charity Night (for our Church new heating system)

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7pm for 7:30pm start. My band, TopMarks with Cath Sullivan + African singers, African Drum Workshop, African Food etc Rock, Pop Songs with an African theme . . . raffle . . . whisky roll / Adult £6 Concessions/ £3 / family (2+2) £14 / tickets on the door

High School confirmations: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

### Confirmations and First Communions of Year 3 children

Sundays 12<sup>th</sup> (St. Mary's) and 19<sup>th</sup> May (St. Anne's) at a single morning Mass at 10.00am.

Liverpool Justice and Peace - an evening with Mark Lister 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30 pm, St Michael's Liverpool. See poster

Martin Cahill's Project is for the Golden Jubilee of our Church which we celebrate in 2014. He will make a photographic record of the year 2013-2014 that will be on display for all to see. This will include photos of events that take place. If anyone does not want a member of their family to be photographed then please let Fr. Jonathan or Lesley know.

### Appointment to be the new head at St. Mary's Primary School.

Recently the Governors of St. Mary's Primary School appointed Mrs. Louise O' Mahony, the present deputy head to be the new head teacher of our Primary School. May we wish her our congratulations. Mrs. Eileen McNamara retires at the end of the summer term. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Eileen McNamara for her untiring loving work and professional skill at steering the helm at St. Mary's for the past 18 years. We will miss her but know the school will be in good hands. Please pray for all in our three parish schools and all the staff who work in them, the pupils, the families and the governors.

Year of Faith Vatican Council II - a series of talks given by experienced and engaging speakers. The next one is Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at St Wilfrid's Parish Hall, Preston, 7 - 9 pm. Please see poster for details.



### Garden Party 9<sup>th</sup> June

We are starting to collect items for the Garden Party stalls, particularly **tombola prizes, jewellery and good condition toys**. In due course we will be requiring filled jars and good quality bric-a-brac (not jumble). If you can help, please leave items at the Priory House. Thank you. Many new ideas this year: and as before one morning mass at 10.30am

Mariapolis invitations are in Narthex: At Cefn Lee, Wales 29<sup>th</sup>

**July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August.** Our experience of the family party after Easter Sunday morning mass is a bit like the Mariapolis: there is a lot shared and learnt by all, and a lot of fun. The group will be able to offer some financial assistance to those who cannot afford the whole cost.

### WORD OF LIFE

**Beloved, do not grumble against one another (James 5:9)**

How then can we live the Word of Life this month? It presents us with a difficult aspect of Christian life. We, too, belong to various communities – the family, the parish, the workplace, the civic community and associations of various kinds. Unfortunately, in these communities there may be many things that we feel are not right: attitudes, points of view, ways of doing things, lapses that pain us and make us feel like rejecting others. These then are many opportunities to live the word of Life for this month well.

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