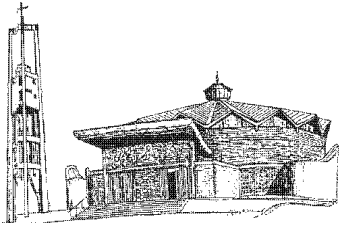


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Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.
Winston Churchill

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 24th March

- 9.00 Safe Journey
- 6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish

Sunday 25th March 5th Sunday of Lent

- 9.30 E.B.C.
- 11.00 Waidson family intention

Monday 26th March Annunciation of the Lord

- 9.00 Lily Sheeran
- 12.15 David Ormesher Anniversary

Tuesday 27th March

- 8.00 (With Schools) Michael Taylor
- 12.15 Anthony Toland

Wednesday 28th March 9.00am Brian O'Grady (Stations follow)

- 9.15 (St Anne's Primary) Josie O'Brien
- 12.15 Alan Donnelly Birthday Remembrance

Thursday 29th March

- 8.00 (In Church) Tony Rainford's intentions
- 12.15 Lynn Hamer (G & J)

Friday 30th March

- 8.15 (High School Mass) Dennis Wilkes (sick)
- 9.00 Jean McDermot
- 11.30 Stations of the Cross
- 12.15 Angela Henshaw
- 7.00 Penitential (see across & over)

Saturday 31st March

- 9.00 Bernadette & Gerard Roche
- 6.00 (Vigil Mass) Cox family intentions

Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

- 9.30 The Parish
- 11.00 E. J. Whelan's intentions

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 £513.54 Gift Aid £296.09 White Fathers Appeal £1237.75 Many thanks!

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.

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner L Cosgrove Week 10 No. 286 Agent E Ellison



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5th Sunday of Lent 2012

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Theme: If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

THE PARISH FAMILY

BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME: Grace Abigail Johnson, Junior John Cookson Clarke and Shane Junior Cookson Clarke.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Eileen Burns, Marie Johnson, Gerry Gough, Mandy Turner, Alan and Kay Williams, Peter Worden, Mary Pemberton, Sarah Latham, Dale Zaparowski (little boy ill at St. Mary Magdalene's Penwortham), Betty & Terry Donnelly, Chris Atkins, Simon Brown, Evie Lawler, Paul Hewitt, Sr Susan FMSJ, Pam Barron, Therese Wilkinson, Rex Tootle, Jackie Holly, Len Rice, Maureen Howard, Frank Calderbank, Gerry Heywood, Joe Breen, Eddie Purcell, Georgia Martin, Sandra Parsons, Elliott Burns, Maree Coan, Miller girls, Eddie Turner, Joyce Smith, Margaret Miller, Frances Hart, Martin Glancy, Rebecca Shanks, Mary Magee, Mary Douglas, Tracey Anne Holly, Danny Bonner, Gerald Ralphs, Graham Halstead, **and connected with us,** Thomas Marsh, Hyewon Walker, Alice Dewhurst, Julie Ann Mitton, Geoff Brown, Norman Malcolm, Steve Jones, Tony Lock, Stuart Kirkham, Marjorie Pearson, Jenny Naylor, Olivia Slater, Andrew Liddell, Beryl Appleton and Maria Llewellyn

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially those who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Iris Fishwick, David Ormesher, John Joseph Cooke, John Christopher Daly, Betty Rawlinson, Maureen Anne Bell, Cyril Schultz, James Pilkington, Rex Counce, Peter Benedict Brown, Mary Masheter, Henry Rooney and Herbert Taylor.

THIS WEEK Today: 5th Sunday of Lent

Cake Stall in aid of HCPT after 9.30 am Mass

Lent Course 2012: *The Seven Last Words* of Jesus on the Cross: *lectio divina*, a prayerful reflection on the last words of Jesus as found in the gospels of Mark, Luke and John; with Fr Paul in the Priory, 3.30 till 4.30pm, today, 25th March.

Journey in Faith 5-6pm

Youth Group 7-9pm.

Family Rota of Prayer: Julie Harrison, 24 Moseley Street

Monday: Church cleaning 9 am 'A' team

Widows Welcome Club 7.30 pm

Tuesday: Chess Club in the Narthex 6.30 – 8 pm

Lenten Vigil and Service of Reconciliation at Cardinal Newman College 7 pm. Please see poster.

Snr Youth Group – Priory – 7 – 9 pm

S.V.P. Abbot H Room 8 pm

Wednesday: Please give blood today. Please see poster

Word of Life 7 - 8pm All welcome if they know Focolare or not
Engaged Couples Course in the Library 8 pm

Thursday: Building & Finance Meeting 7.30 pm

Home Rosary Mr & Mrs Lakin, 14 Bretherton Close

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

Reconciliation Service 7pm for the Parish and others in the deanery in Church. Rite 2. Easiest way to celebrate this difficult sacrament!

NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Focolare gathering 2.30 pm in the Library (see over)

Journey in Faith 5-6pm

Youth Group 7-9pm.



Next Sunday Holy Week begins. 1st - 8th April

This is the most Holy Week of the Year when we ourselves let the events of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus enter into our humble lives. Jesus came not to call the healthy but the sick, so it is wise to realise that we all are in great need of the gift of God's grace. This is the week to receive these gifts from God. Make a special effort this year.

The full programme for Holy Week is in the UPDATE. Also on the boards in Church.

1. Confessions: Main Service is NEXT FRIDAY at 7pm with confession service rite 2 in Church, and extra confessors. Also Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week 11.30 am - 12.15 pm, Thursday 12 noon until they finish and Good Friday after liturgy, Saturday normal confessions.
2. Sign up for the Chrism Mass WEDNESDAY 4th April in the Cathedral (dep 5.30 pm return c. 10.30 pm)
3. We need 12 apostles who have their feet washed for the Maundy Thursday Mass at 7.30pm Please sign up for it.
4. Good Friday ecumenical walk of witness from URC, Hough Lane to St Ambrose's, Moss Lane. Meet at 9.15 am for a 9.30am start.
5. The Preston Passion broadcast on BBC1 12 noon - 1 pm
6. Good Friday liturgy 3pm
7. Holy Saturday Liturgy - most important of the year 8.30pm with the fire and 3 enter into full communion.
8. Easter Sunday - one morning Mass at 10.30 am followed by family party and shared lunch. Extra evening Mass at 6 pm

Easter Sunday Shared Buffet - please sign in the Narthex for



what you want to bring. Food should be brought on Easter Sunday morning before Mass. We still need lots of Easter eggs for the Egg Hunt! Thanks!

Update Easter 2012 Collating of the Easter

Update took place on Wednesday and the issue is now ready for delivery. Please help with this if you can. Thank you to all who helped in any way to produce, print, collate and deliver the magazine - you do the Parish proud. The Editor.

Sheila, Margaret and Sean have been overwhelmed by the support, kindness, love and sympathy during their recent loss of their Mum, Mary Dever. We would like to thank you for the Masses and generous contributions to St Catherine's Hospice. We are truly grateful and a Mass will be offered for all your intentions on Easter Sunday at 10.30 am.

Maureen and Walter Courtney would like to thank all their friends in St Mary's for their generous donations to Cancer research UK on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. A grand total of £890 was raised. God bless you all.

Readers Rota for 9.30 am and 6 pm Masses are ready for collection this weekend from the pigeon-hole marked 'readers'. Please collect from there. All readers - Easter Services sheets will be available for collection next weekend. Thank you.

Male Voice Choir Concert - unfortunately this concert had to be cancelled. Individuals who purchased tickets will be given complimentary tickets when we hope to reschedule the concert (unless they stated it was a donation).

Piety Shop gifts and cards for confirmation now in stock. Plenty to choose from. Pop in and see.



Easter Candles and Flowers. Easter Candles £5 - use one of the multipurpose envelopes; mark it Easter Candle and the name or names on the label. Likewise with Easter Flowers - Please hand them in as soon as is convenient so that we can prepare things. Thank you.



Furniture Scheme - if anyone has an unwanted washing machine or electric cooker in working order, please let us know at



the Priory. Also we are desperate for beds, single, double and bunk beds.



Lourdes Pilgrimage - Due to unforeseen circumstances there are 2 seats available on this trip in September. Please contact Barrie on 01772 432488 for details.



Forthcoming Events

Focolare Gathering 2.30-4.30pm is for ALL parishioners who may be interested. We will have a relaxed meeting with a chance to hear from Parishioners about the spirit of unity which is found in the Mariapolis and what it is about and how it helps parishioners. This week-end John Mills and Lesley Raven are at a congress of Parishes from all over the world on this subject.

Knit & Natter - the next meeting of the group will be on **Tuesday 3rd April** from 2 - 4 pm in the Library. All are welcome. There is a basket in the narthex for your unwanted double knit wool. Thank you for all your donations so far.



Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday after Easter) The feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated here at St Mary's on **Sunday 15th April** at 2.45 pm for a 3 pm start. Many blessings will be received on that day. Please see poster.



Class of '82 Leyland St Mary's High School. Did you or any of your family or friends leave St Mary's High School in 1982? There is a school reunion for the Class of '82 on **Saturday 21st April** from 7.30pm at the Old Leyland Gates on Golden Hill Lane. Spread the word. It would be great if as many as possible came after 30 years!

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje contact Jo on 0151 486 5205

Ampleforth Ladies Retreat 25th - 27th May 2012 - would those wishing to go please contact Kate Jordan? Tel: 435721

WORD OF LIFE

Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life (Jn 6:68)

Peter had understood that the words of his Teacher were different from those of other teachers. Their words came from the earth and returned to the earth; they belonged to and had the destiny of the earth. Jesus' words are spirit and life because they come from heaven: a light that comes down from Above and has the power of Above. His words have a quality and a depth that other words do not have, whether they be philosophical, political, or poetic. They are 'words of eternal life' (Jn 6:68), because they contain, express, communicate the fullness of the life that never ends since it is the very life of God.

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