

Confessions Saturday 25 March 9.30 - 10 am (J) (or when they end) and 5 - 6 pm (S). Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £487.51**

Gift Aid £614.88

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Many thanks!

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.

500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS TO J Lee

£100 Winner 127 Week 10 Agent J Lee

Easter Candles and Flowers.

Candles £5 please pop in an envelope with the name (s) you would like on the candle and hand in as soon as possible to allow us time to process them.

Flowers please put your donation in an envelope with the name (s) you would like to dedicate the donation for, again hand it in at your earliest convenience.

Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent at 11.30am in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.

Friday's in Lent Sr Veronica will have a Lent group starting on Friday 10th March at 7.30pm in her house for the four Fridays following. Everyone welcome.

Newman Fund Easter Raffle helping those in need in the Parish and local community tickets £1 each.

St Mary's Catholic High School are hosting a Diamond Jubilee Celebration to commemorate 60 years of school history on Saturday 15th July from 6pm at the school. The evening will showcase musical talents from past pupils and all being well our very own Kevin Simms will perform for us. Market Tavern will provide the liquid refreshment and the ticket price £20 includes food. The invitation extends to all adults in the church community and tickets will be on sale after mass on the following dates 6/7 May, 13/14 May, 10/11 June, 24/25 June and 1/2 July Please support us and help us to make it a memorable evening.

Save a life - give blood Thurs 30th March 13.45 to 15.45 & 16.45 to 19.15 at South Ribble Civic Centre West Paddock.

Grace Fernando Year 8 in the High School recovered from face cancer writes: *I would like to thank all of the parishioners for their prayers for me during my time of sickness. Your prayers gave me strength when I needed it, especially when I had a low spirit during treatment. As it stands now, after my treatment and my operation, all is well. I would like to thank everyone for their support.* Mass will be next Saturday 25 March at 09:00

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**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE,
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3rd Sunday of Lent P78

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.

MASS TIMINGS

Saturday 6.00 (*Vigil Mass*) Margaret Lomas' intentions/EBC / Bernard Lakeland RIP

Sunday 19th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.30 Kathryn & Tony Boulton 34th Wedding anniversary / Tony Lyonette RIP

11.00 McDermott family intentions / The Parish / Betty Rigby RIP

/ Philippa Fetherstone RIP

Monday 20th March St Joseph 9.00 EBC

12.15 John Hampson Senior RIP

Tuesday 21st March Our Holy Father St Benedict

07.50 (*with schools*) The Parish

12.15 Clare Evens Anniversary

Wednesday 22nd March Chapter at Ampleforth

Please pray for our monastery during chapter

9.00 No Mass

12.15 Service of Communion and word

Thursday 23rd March Chapter at Ampleforth

8.00 (*Alverna*) No Mass

12.15 Service of Communion and word

Friday 24th March 08:15 (*High School chapel*) Kenneth Finch

9.00 John McDermott's intentions

11.30 Stations of the cross in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

12.15 Fr Bon RIP (AEP)

Saturday 25th March Annunciation of the Lord

9.00 Thanks to parishioners for prayers from Grace Fernando

12.30 Wedding Anthony Kay and Deborah Blackwell

6.00 (*Vigil Mass*) The Parish

Sunday 26th March 4th of Lent 9.30 Bernie Sheil's intentions/EBC

11.00 Fr Abbot's intentions



Jesus said to the woman
"give me a drink".



The man blind from
birth went off and washed
himself in the
Pool of Siloam

THE PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME: Lyndon Michael Stanley Forrest and Freddie Lawrence Edge: and Ashlee, Madison and Ethen Morley.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Roy Thompson, Carmelina Groves, Maureen Courtney, Joan Sullivan, Tony Scott, Louise McNulty, Bernadette Thompson, Bernard Macwilliam, Jean Hardman, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Carol Bagwell, Derek Taylor, Teresa Richards, Lesley Saunders, Norah Platt, Neil and Jean Fow, John McDermott, Mark Craven, Margaret Pollard, Graham Dunn, Baby Abigail Bowman, Peter Blackwell, Catherine Breen, Janet Turner, Glenda Kelly, Michael Waite, Eileen Hilliard, Allen Withnell, Peter Beatty, Marjorie Hart, Eileen Whelan, Marjorie Parr, Fr Theo, and connected with us, Elizabeth Garcia and Mary Cobham, Larry Brennan, Julian Cotton, Leonard Almond, Paul Beck, Catherine Walker, Marie Purslow snr and jnr.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Margaret Willison (*Joe Kealey's sister who died recently*) and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Keith McDonagh, Jack Muldowney, Moya Ainsworth, Lily Sheeran, David Turner, George Cross, Patricia Cross, John Allum, Bob Edmondson, Marian Derbyshire, Robert Gardner, John Edmondson, Iris Fishwick and Barbara Brown.

THIS WEEK Today: 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Family Rota of Prayer: Helme family 8 Windsor Rd Eccleston.

Journey in Faith 4.30 – 5.30pm

Youth Group 7 – 9pm

Monday Church Cleaning 9 am 'B' team **Catenian Council** 7 p m

Friday: - *Divine Mercy prayers* 11.00am in the Adoration chapel everyone welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY: *Family Rota of Prayer:* Godinho family 70 Great Park Drive

8.30pm on Monday 3rd April The Knights of St. Columba again invite you to a **Darts and Trivia Quiz** at their (newly decorated!) **KSC Club, Fleetwood St., Leyland.** Teams of 3 (or more if numbers dictate), entry £1 per team member, prizes for winning team and best darter and more. Why not come along, have fun, and help raise funds for charitable causes.



Bible Bytes are written by Fr Michael Phillips OSB, now in the monastery infirmary after many years of service in our community. The books are short pamphlets and each one helps the reader to understand what most of the books of the Old Testament are about. There are 25 issues, two of each. They are useful for individuals or groups. We recommend borrowing them and putting them back for others to read. There are two copies of each. If you want to purchase them they can be had for £2.50. The money will go to support the cost of the monastery infirmary. Donation if wished also to the monastery infirmary. Put hand in any money in a parish envelope marked Bible Bytes in the collection or through the front door. They are in front of the Piety shop.

WAY OF LIFE

Jesus is very thirsty and needs a drink, and asks the Samaritan woman to help him. He is not too proud to seek help, and it leads to a profound dialogue during which the woman becomes an evangelist for the gospel. She too is in need as her personal life is a mess. Laity and clergy in the Church can learn from this story. It is not the end of the world if my own life is a bit of a mess. We should never condemn others in this condition. We disciples ought to engage with others and with sensitivity and truth allow the Kingdom of God with its peace and joy to grow in and among us.

Reflection We thank God that there is much less judgement of others in the modern world. Do I engage with others in the way Jesus teaches us, sharing if appropriate my own needs with sincerity and kindness?

WORD OF LIFE “Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor: 5: 20)

Despite our failings that discourage us, or the false certainties that fool us into thinking we have no need, we too can meet God's mercy. His love is so excessive! We can let it heal our hearts and, in the end, set us free to share this treasure with others. Like this we will give our contribution to God's plan of peace for all humanity and the whole of creation. This plan overcomes the contradictions of history, as Chiara Lubich suggests in this passage:

'On the cross, in the death of his Son, God gave us the highest proof of his love. Through Christ's cross, he reconciled us to himself. This fundamental truth of our faith is fully relevant today.

It is the revelation all humankind awaits. Yes, God is close to all people with his love and he loves each person passionately. Our world needs to hear this proclamation, but we can proclaim God's love if first we proclaim it, again and again, to ourselves – until we feel surrounded by this love, even when everything would make us think the opposite... All our behaviour should make this truth credible.

Jesus said clearly that before bringing our offering to the altar we should be reconciled with a brother or sister if they have anything against us (see Mt 5:23-24) ... So let's love one another as he loved us, without being closed or prejudiced, but being open to welcome and appreciate the positive in our neighbour, ready to give our lives for one another. This is Jesus' main command, the mark of Christians, valid today just as it was at the time of Christ's first followers. Living this word means becoming reconcilers.'

The Word of Life is available in full in front of the piety shop (New City), & on the website.

Dates coming up:

Wednesday 29 March

Parish finance committee: 7 – 8 pm

Parish Pastoral Council: 8 – 9 pm

Monday 3 April:

Sacramental Programme in Church 6:30 – 7.30pm