



**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE,
LEYLAND PR25 1PD** Sunday 11th of December 2016
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3rd SUNDAY of Advent P30.

Confessions Sat 9.30 - 10 am (P) (or when they end) and 5 - 6 pm (P). Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £438.99**

Gift Aid £547.16

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 Margaret Jordan
£100 Winner 315 Week 48 Agent E Ellison

Christmas Masses and services
Tuesday 20 December 7.00pm Rite 2 Parish Reconciliation Service with High School pupils adding to the joy. Extra priests help us to make individual confessions.
Saturday 24 December 6.00pm Folk Group vigil mass
9.15pm Carols with the choir by candlelight
10.00pm Night Mass Organ and choir
Sunday 25 December 8.00am Carols with Bromiley Brass ensemble
10.00am Morning mass with carols
 **Christmas Vespers** 3.30pm in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Monday 26 Boxing day Mass 11.00. Tuesday to Saturday 31 Dec One Mass at 10am
Saturday 31st December Vigil Mass for Sunday 6.00pm Last day of the year.
The Te Deum Mass will be in thanksgiving for the past year: *The Folk Group*
Sunday 1st January New Year's Day. No 09.30 Mass: 11.00 Sung mass with choir
Sunday 1st January Extra Mass at 4pm

Lancashire Sings Christmas: Thurs 15 Dec 7pm at Tesco extra Towngate - Café area: well known carols & fun with CTL & Radio Lancashire: mince pies & hot drinks.

Christmas Flowers are by donation. Use the multipurpose envelopes and write on the dedicated name; hand in as soon as possible.

Christmas Candles - Please use any envelope (multi- purpose are available) and mark it Christmas Candle £5 with the name.

Christmas Cards: we want to extend the practice of past years, and ask for many more Christmas cards to be sent to each other via Church to decorate the inside of the Church. Money saved will go to help the desperate people in Aleppo and Mosul. Please donate as soon as possible so the cards are up for next Friday 16 December.

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 10th December 6.00 (Vigil Mass) Kearney family / The Parish

Sunday 11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent 9.30 EBC / Kellett family intentions.

11.00 Knight and Rogerson family intentions

Monday 12th December 9.00 Elizabeth Grifoné / Jimmy Jones anniversary.

12.15 Requiem Mass Patricia Bagley

Tuesday 13th December St Lucy 07.50 (with schools) Leonard Almond sick

12.15 David Ormesher birthday remembrance

Wednesday 14th Dec St John of the Cross 9.00 David Bullock birthday remembrance
12.15 Elizabeth Brogden anniversary

Thursday 15th December 8.00 (Alverna) Edward Murphy anniversary
12.15 Donald Bond RIP

Friday 16th December 8.15 In the High school For all the staff
9.00 McAteer family.

10.00 Leyland Primary Schools sing carols in Church. This event "starts Christmas" for some, because the children come from all the Churches of Leyland and sing with joy.

12.15 Sheelagh Kelly (V&PR)

Saturday 17th December 9.00 Richard Bell RIP
6.00 (Vigil Mass) Hodgson family intentions/The Parish

Sunday 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent
9.30 Almond & Jolly families' intentions

11.00 EBC / Patricia Bagley died recently



Hope, Peace and Joy



Hope, Peace, Joy and Love,

THE PARISH FAMILY PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Bernard McWilliam, 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, Tony Rogerson, Gordon Miller, Janice Wardley, Graham Dunn, Tony Scott, Tom Halliwell, Louise McNulty, June Embery, Baby Abigail Bowman, Grace Fernando (HS Year 8), Peter Blackwell, Catherine Breen, Janet Turner, Glenda Kelly, Paul Rhodes, Michael Waite, Eileen Hilliard, Allen Withnell, Ann Hanlon (Dever), Peter Beatty, Marjorie Hart, Eileen Whelan, Marjorie Parr, Fr Theo, and connected with us, Emma McManus, Bridget Crompton, Julian Cotton Leonard Almond, Paul Beck, Catherine Walker, Marie Purslow snr and jnr, Mary Commons.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Jack Madigan connected with us who died recently and Leo Hall the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Margaret Janes, Edith Jackson, Bridget Kearney, Joan Parr, Donald Dennis, Brother Kevin MacInnes, Donna Martland, Harriet Gascoigne, Joan Scales, Bernard Derry, Ellen Coupe, James Phillips, Barbara Stoney, Leo Blackhurst.

THIS WEEK Today: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Rejoicing Sunday (Gaudete!)
Newman raffle: this is the last weekend to buy raffle tickets for this fund which has helped many people in our parish and local community.

Family Rota of Prayer Lancaster family 46 Westgate
Journey in Faith 4.30 – 5.30pm. **Youth Group** 7 – 9pm.

Monday Church Cleaning 9 am ‘A team **Widows welcome** 7.30 p m
SPUC 8 p m Priory house

Thursday: St Catherine's KS2 play 6.30 pm in church. The Christmas story told traditionally with carols for all to sing. All are welcome.

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

NEXT SUNDAY Family Rota of Prayer Barron family 28 Pasturefield Close
Leyland Band 7pm in our Church: tickets from the Priory house.

We need Hospitality volunteers: for various functions throughout the year: Christmas and Summer Fairs; the Leyland Band concert; next year Mike Barrett's Ordination on 15 July and others. There is no previous experience required!! You can help with only one event in the year or more - as you wish. Let us know in the Priory house and we will pass on details to the Hospitality group. A big thank you to all those who have looked after Hospitality over the years.

St Mary's High School Christmas Concert Wednesday 14th December @ 6.30pm in school. Cost £3 adults and £2 concessions. Festive refreshments are included. There will be a raffle.



WAY OF LIFE

Today is Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday. Very often the Priest wears Pink Vestments, and the Third candle to be lit is Pink, taking away from the austerity of Purple. In the gospel today, Jesus points out that great as John the Baptist was in God's plan for humanity, the least that belong to the new Kingdom of God begun in Jesus is greater.

Reflection: Do we thank God enough for our faith that leads us to be in the Kingdom while on this earth where we know Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, and then the bliss of heaven forever?

WORD OF LIFE "He will come and save you (Isa 35:4)

The Lord does not come for a casual visit. His is a decisive intervention, a matter of the greatest importance. He comes to save us! From what? Are we in grave danger? Yes. At times we are aware of it, at other times not. He intervenes because he sees our selfishness, our indifference to those who suffer or who are in need, our hatred and our divisions. The heart of humanity is ailing. Moved by pity, he comes towards each one he has made, whom he does not want to be lost.

The Lord offers his outstretched hand as if to the drowning victim of a shipwreck. Sadly these days this image is always in front us, brought to mind day by day when we see those refugees who are trying to cross seas, those immigrants crossing borders. We witness how quickly they grasp an outstretched hand or a life jacket. We too, in every moment, can grasp God's outstretched hand and follow him with trust. He does not only heal our hearts from self-absorption, which closes us off from others, but he makes us, in our turn, able to help those who are in need, who are sorrowful, who are going through trials.

St Mary's Catholic High School celebrates its Diamond Jubilee next year; we plan an informal gathering of pupils past & present Saturday 15 July on school grounds - staff, governors and community to celebrate 60 years. See last week's bulletin on the website to get more information and news of this event.

Benjamin Errington: Last Saturday, December 10th Benjamin, a former student in our High School in the 1990's from St. Peter and Paul's Parish Mawdesley was ordained a priest in Rome with 30 companions in the new Religious Order called the Missionaries of Christ. Benjamin, a gifted musician, left St Mary's in Year 10 to attend Cheetham's school Manchester where he could specialise in music. After university and 10 further years of studying he is destined for Ireland as a priest. Thank God, pray for him, and pray that other vocations will come from our community to priesthood and religious life for the glory of God and the good of the Church. His former RE teacher Mr. Gardner will be at the ordination.