



**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE,
LEYLAND PR25 1PD Sunday 18th December 2016.
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4th Sunday of Advent P33

Confessions Sat 24 December 9.30 - 10 am (P) (or when they end) and 5 - 6 pm (P & S). Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £449.78**

Gift Aid £614.22

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 D Pilkington
£100 Winner 129 Week 49 Agent M Halliwell.

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 Vigil mass *Folk Group*
9.15pm Carols with the choir by candlelight
10.00pm Night Mass *Organ and choir*
Sunday 25 December 8.00am Mass 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

Christmas Flowers are by donation. Use the multipurpose envelopes and write on the dedicated name; hand in as soon as possible. **Last orders Monday 19 Dec.**

Christmas Candles - Please use any envelope (multi- purpose are available) and mark it Christmas Candle £5 with the name. **Last orders Monday 19 December.**

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 via Aid to the Church in Need. Final date for cards: **Monday 19 December**

Next Sunday is the big day; prepare well for it in these last days of waiting. 17 - 24 December is traditionally a Novena before Christmas with the O antiphons showing a different aspect of the Redeemer at daily mass in the Alleluia verse:

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*) 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

Monday 19th December 9.00 No Mass
12.15 George Francis Peet / Irene Ellis Anniv

Tue 20 Dec 07.50 Jim Hilliard Birthday remem
12.15 Frank Calderbank Anniversary
7.00pm Reconciliation Service-prepare for the feast!

Wednesday 21st December
9.00 Welch / Dandy family intentions.
12.15 Requiem Mass Laurence McLoughlin

Thursday 22nd December
8.00 (*Alverna*) Bob Harris / McAteer family
10.00 - 12.30 High School Advent Carol Service
12.15 No Mass

Friday 23rd Dec 9.00 Theresa and Frederick Bray
NB 11.15 Requiem Mass Leo Hall

Saturday 24th December 9.00 Coomer family ints
6.00 (*Vigil Mass*) EBC / For all our Parishioners living in Leyland or elsewhere.
10.00 Midnight mass liturgy / Leo Hall RIP

Sunday 25th December The Nativity of Our Lord.
8.00 For all Parishioners who have died: *we pray for them and they pray for us*
10.00 The Parish / Laurence McLoughlin recently dead.



Hope, Peace, Joy and Love



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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, Peter Keane, Emma McManus, Bridget Crompton, Julian Cotton Leonard Almond, Paul Beck, Catherine Walker, Marie Purslow snr and jnr.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Laurence McLoughlin who died recently, connected with us, Stanley Gammans and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Evie Lomax, John Leatherbarrow, Agnes Chester, Mary Lathrope, Natalie Hardy, Frank Calderbank, Roy Brundrett, Walter Newell, Madison Louise Alston-West, Ann Woodacre, Bernard Gaskell, David Carney, Gerry Walsh and James Horn.

THIS WEEK Today Leyland Band 7pm in our Church: tickets from the Priory house.

Monday Church Cleaning 9 am 'B' team

Tuesday: Parish Reconciliation Service 7pm How do we imitate Mary and pronounce our yes to God as Mary did? We cannot compare with the Our Lady who was sinless, but we can as sinful disciples seek to be cleansed of sin and all its effects as far as possible. The joyful and easy sacrament of reconciliation is on offer tonight. Please consider the immense grace that is available. There will be extra priests coming.

SVP meeting 7.30 p m Abbot Herbert room

Thursday: High School Advent Carol service 9.00 to 12.30 in church.

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

NEXT SUNDAY Christmas Day Family Rota of Prayer: Leigh family 8 Kirkham Cl.

We need Hospitality volunteers: for various functions throughout the year: No previous experience required needed!! Help with one event in the year or more - as you wish. Let us know in the Priory house and the Hospitality group will make contact. *Thank you to all those who have looked after Hospitality over the years.*

Maisonette to let above local charity shop in Bamber Bridge see poster for details.

Humour before Christmas. After the Advent church service, eight year old Lee said to the preacher: 'When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money.' 'Well, thank you,' the preacher replied, 'but why?' 'Because my dad says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had.'

WAY OF LIFE This Sunday the Church introduces Mary into the Advent preparation time for Christmas. She pronounced her "yes" to God and now the Word of God is about to be born as a baby boy.

Reflection: Let us wonder and glorify God at the great things he does in each one of us if we truly trust in Him as Mary did.

WORD OF LIFE "He will come and save you (Isa 35:4) "Certainly it is not the historical Jesus or Jesus as head of the Mystical Body who sorts out our problems," wrote Chiara Lubich. "It is done by Jesus-us, Jesus-me, Jesus-you ... It is Jesus in human beings, in that specific human being (when grace is present in him or her) who builds a bridge, lays down a road ..." "It is as another Christ, as a member of his Mystical Body, that each human being brings his or her characteristic contribution in all fields: in the sciences, in the arts, in politics, in communications, and so on." The person thus works together with Christ.

"It is the incarnation that continues, a complete incarnation that involves all those who are Jesus in Christ's Mystical Body"

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

The Bidding Prayer Rota is available in the sacristy rack - 25 Dec to 26 Feb 2017 and **Bible Alive** January copies are ready for collection for those who subscribe. If anyone wishes to stop their subscription to Bible Alive, please let us know.

The Newman fund officials wish to thank all those who supported the Christmas raffle. The amazing total of £519 was raised. A list of winners is on the notice board and all have been notified. Thank you very much.

We want to explain why sometimes we have to move a mass due to unforeseen circumstances. We try and reallocate the mass as soon as possible. We regret the nuisance that this unavoidable thing happens from time to time.

Blood Donation Thursday 22 December at S. Ribble please see poster for details.

'Prefer Nothing to the love of Christ' A Monastic Experience Weekend Friday 27th to Sunday 29th January at Hynning Hall. See the poster in narthex for details.

Date for your Diary!!! Monday 23rd January 2017 7 p.m. in the Library A power point presentation and talk on "The beauty of ICONS - A window to Heaven" Come and join two of St Marys Iconographers who will bring their icons and tell you all about the beauty of icons, explain the symbols, colours and stories behind some of the most famous icons. Lovely refreshments after the presentation. Possible icon