

**Confessions** Saturday 3 June 2017 9.30 - 10 am (S) (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 £308.39**

**Gift Aid £448.80**

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.

**500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS TO P Rice**

**£100 Winner Week 20 Agent E Ellison**



**Summer Fair Sunday 2nd July**

will happen come rain or shine. Please start collecting raffle prizes for us: bottles, unwanted gift sets, other suitable items. Items can be left under the table in the Narthex. Please start filling jars for the jar pull stall. Raffle tickets will be on sale **today** £1 per ticket. The Plant stall have asked Gardeners to start taking cuttings and saving suitable plants for their stall. Cake stall now have a list for those who will make a cake or cakes to sell on the day please sign up. *New helpers and ideas are always welcome.*

**Right to Life Walk Clitheroe Bank Holiday Monday 29 May.** The Walk starts at 12:30 at St Michael and St John's Church, Lowergate, Clitheroe, BB7 1AG. There are speeches by people and also instructions about the walk which will start properly at 1:00pm. Refreshments at the end are magnificent and provided by the parishioners. The walk is 8 miles through beautiful countryside along the river.

Sponsor forms will be available for people to sponsor those who go. Fr. Jonathan is going and you can sponsor him or Archbishop Patrick Kelly or Lord Alton, if you wish. Please contact Moira Billinge: email is [moira.billinge@btinternet.com](mailto:moira.billinge@btinternet.com) or phone 07545 118743 for sponsor forms and we need to book for the catering arrangements. The money raised will support the expenses of Right to Life to protect the Right to Life. *This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act. "Right to Life" will continue to do all in its power to protect the unborn child and all vulnerable life from conception to natural death, other pro Abortion groups will mark the event trying to promote Abortion on demand and for any reason up to birth. There is a 10 minute bill already tabled to proceed on this in the House of Commons proposing to "decriminalise" abortion. This was accepted because there was insufficient opposition on a low vote by MP's (173-143). There is much work to be done by Right to Life.*

**The Hying Monastery weekend** 23rd to 25th June - Fr Stephen's weekend this year is 'Sharing the Gospel'. Booking forms are available in the narthex.



New Church 1964 - 2014  
Parish founded 1845

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE,  
LEYLAND PR25 1PD Sunday 28th May 2017**

**455955 CHURCH**

**Sr Veronica 424665**

Steve i.c. Youth 07977249636

**Website** [leylandstmarys.org.uk](http://leylandstmarys.org.uk) Blog [www.stmarysblog.co.uk](http://www.stmarysblog.co.uk)

Ascension Sunday

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**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*) The Parish

**Sunday 28th May ASCENSION DAY** *One of the great feast days of Jesus in the scriptural liturgical year and "World Communications Day".*

9.30 E.B.C / For the families and friends of Abigail Bowman – Abigail a fifteen month year old is united in the Eucharist with us; she will also pray for her family and each one of us and we can all pray for those who mourn her death

11.00 Wedding anniversary (K & K)

**Monday 29th May** Bank Holiday

10.00 Elizabeth Welch & John & Agnes Dandy RIP

**Tuesday 30th May** 9.00 Alice & William Fowler

12.15 Terry Donnelly RIP

**Wed 31st May** Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**9.00 No Mass**

12.15 Service of Communion & Word.

**Thur 1st June** St Justin Martyr

8.00 (*Alverna*) Maureen Courtney (K&B)

12.15 Sheila Peddie anniversary

**Fri 2 June** 9.00 Patrick Smith RIP

12.15 Monica Knight's intentions

7.15 Mass for the Recently Bereaved

**Saturday 3 June** St Charles Lwanga

9.00 Jim Hilliard anniversary

6.00 (*Vigil Mass*) The Parish

**Sunday 4th June** Pentecost Sunday

**NB Note time (Road is blocked by 10:30)** 9.00 McNulty family intentions / EBC

11.00 Civic Service For the Intentions of the Mayor and Mayoress

Flowers on the altar to celebrate the 80th birthday of Frank Fletcher



*Jesus' Ascension to Heaven  
All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me...  
Know that I am with you always; yes to the end of time.*



*Speak to the Holy Spirit and the Spirit will respond and help you to follow in the way of Jesus*

**THE PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:** Alisha Megan Mary Dewhurst and Summer Louise Dewhurst, Willow-Amiyah Marie Leighton and Reeva-Mai Olive Sutton.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK** Mary Newsham, Margaret Booth (née Worsfold), Frances Hart, Rebecca Coates, Harry and Vi Gardner, Roy Thompson, Carmelina Groves, Joan Sullivan, Tony Scott, Bernadette Thompson, Bernard Macwilliam, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Carol Bagwell, Derek Taylor, Teresa Richards, Lesley Saunders, Norah Platt, Neil and Jean Fow, Margaret Pollard, Graham Dunn, 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, Kevin Barnes, Elizabeth Garcia, Mary Cobham, Larry Brennan, Julian Cotton, Paul Beck, Catherine Walker, and for all sick people known to parishioners and others.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED:** Especially Jean Hardman who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Margaret Sach, George Church, Rex Tootle, Nellie Ingram, Julie Mayor, Thomas Smalley, Mary Moores, Brenda Leonard, Dennis McDonald.

**THIS WEEK On this Ascension Sunday** (World Communications Sunday retiring collection) as we stand with the disciples at the Ascension and journey towards Pentecost we pray that the Lord may bless us with his Spirit of boldness. For those whom we love; may they be touched by the Good News of Jesus Christ. May we proclaim His love in word and action to all those we meet.

**General Election letter** to us Catholics from the Bishops of England and Wales is available for you. This letter may help you to consider on what issues you will place your vote. You can ask question of candidates on issues at a hustings.

**Family Rota of Prayer** The Jones Family 11 Parkgate Drive.

**No Journey in Faith** 4.30 – 5.30pm (Bank Holiday Weekend) **Youth Group** 7–9pm

**Monday Church Cleaning** 9 am ‘A’ team

**Thursday Hospitality meeting to prepare for the Ordination** 2.30 p m Priory library.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY :**

**Family Rota of Prayer:** Meldrum family 14 Crofters Meadow

**Michael Barrett's Ordination** Saturday 15th July at 11.00 am we now have a list for people to sign on if they are coming to the Ordination Mass. On the same list we are asking for donations of cakes large or small, we are asking for volunteers to help with Hospitality and maybe other jobs on the day. ***We are having a very short meeting on Thursday 1st June at 2.30 p m*** for anyone who can help with Hospitality (including those people who have already offered to help).

**WAY OF LIFE** written by Rev. Phil Gough Minister at Turpin Green Methodist Church.

At the vigil on the park on Thursday 25 May (Ascension Day) to be in solidarity with all who were involved in the Manchester bombing (Monday last 22 May) I saw the power of music to touch people deeply and move us to tears, unlocking those deep emotions, and as ‘The Lord’s My Shepherd’ rang out across the large crowd, I could barely sing through tears, ‘*Although I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know –and I will trust in You alone...*’ (Georgina Callander and Saffie Rose Roussos are a part of Leyland). Towards the end of the song, our incredible local emergency services came and stood in front of the crowd – ambulance, police and fire service women and men – and we were led into a beautifully held minute of sheer silence.

Then, silently, many pink balloons were released, and the whole crowd turned and watched the balloons slowly drift further away into the cloudless sky, until we could see them no more.....and I remembered this Ascension Day verse ‘*He was taken up before their eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight*’ and a line from our funeral service prayers ‘*Father of us all, we pray for those we love but can no longer see – let Your light shine upon them...*’

I guess, as Jesus’s disciples continued on their roller-coaster experience of loss, hurt, despair (Jesus’s death), shock and confusion turning to joy and celebration (Jesus’s resurrection and appearances over 40 days), and then the pain of separation again (Jesus’s ascension), they gained great strength and purpose in their unity, their standing together, praying together, believing in His words, His promises together. And I felt the Spirit of God whisper, as the balloons in the park disappeared into the sky, and an emotional crowd gazed towards the heavens, ‘*never forget this beautiful moment – Leyland’s ascension day, 2017 – shared with so many – and wait until you receive the power (dunamis / spiritual dynamism) from above, and are baptised with the Holy Spirit, which will enable you to be my witnesses to the ends of the earth*’

I think the people of Leyland – the ordinary fantastic community / family within our town, alongside local councillors, SRBC officers and staff, emergency services personnel, many volunteers who made the vigil possible at incredibly short notice, and the Churches Together in Leyland (celebrating our ‘Week of Prayer for Christian Unity’ this week) –I think we were an incredible witness – via social media, radio (Radio Lancs / Leyland Festival Radio) and television (BBC North West / ITV) – to the power of standing together, looking heavenward, praying as one.

**The Leyland Festival Saturday 17 June** Churches Together in Leyland will have a “Messy Church” tent. Last year this event was very popular with many visitors. The theme for the Festival is “Movies” and CTL have chosen “Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat”. They would like each Church to produce a craft activity based on this movie for the “Messy Church event”. Would any parishioners be prepared to help? It would mean from 1:30 – 4.00pm. Please see Lesley, or Fr Jonathan or Martin or Teresa Smith if you think you might be able to help.