

**Confessions** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 - 10 am (P) (or when they end) and 5 - 6:00pm (J). Also Confessions at any time.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £310.62  
For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Gift Aid £552.06  
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. You are welcome to pop in any time.

#### **500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS TO M Villers**

£100 Winner 61 Week 48 Agent L Raven

#### **Prayer in preparation for the National Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for the Archdiocesan Synod 2020**

*To be said together after Holy Communion.*

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us. As we are fed by you, so now send us out to share what we have received with our hungry brothers and sisters. We humbly ask your help to become the Church that you are calling us to be: a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage and that puts out its nets into new waters. May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts be a source of healing, of new life and of a deeper trust in you. We ask this in faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **Christmas Day 10:00 am Children's mass.**

- We want children to bring a present (toy) to this Mass for a blessing.
- Children go out for a special Christmas Day Little Church session to design & colour a Christmas Card
- All who produce a Christmas Card receive a prize
- Children share their Christmas Card with a member of the congregation at the end of mass
- Please invite people personally among your friends to make this the mass they attend but if they cannot go to one of the other masses

**Christmas Carol Service** All welcome especially if living with dementia. Wed 20th December Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 2pm see poster.

**Christmas Candles** still £5 each please use a multipurpose envelope or your own one. Please state on the envelope what you would like as the intention on the candle. Please hand in asap to help us thank you.

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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.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE,  
LEYLAND PR25 1PD - 10th December 2017  
455955 CHURCH Sr Veronica 424665**

Steve i.c. Youth 07580496292

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

2nd SUNDAY Advent P 28 or 30

#### **MASS TIMINGS**

**Sat** 6.00 (*Vigil Mass*) Burke family intentions

#### **Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent**

9.30 EBC / Barrie Cox Intentions (Catenians)

11.00 The Parish / Mary Taylor (sick)

#### **Monday 11th December**

9.00 Monica Knight RIP

12.15 Louise McNulty RIP

#### **Tuesday 12th December**

7.50 (*with schools*) Tom O'Prey RIP

12.15 Frank Kellett RIP

#### **Wednesday 13th December St Lucy**

9.00 David Ormisher Birthday remembrance

12.15 Celia Goode's intentions

#### **Thursday 14th December St John of the Cross**

8.00 (*Alverna*) Paddy Donnelly RIP

12.15 Requiem Mass John Leonard

#### **Friday 15th December**

9.00 Edward Murphy Anniversary

12.15 Margaret Bradford birthday wishes

#### **Saturday 16th December**

9.00 Mary Sykes RIP

6.00 (*Vigil*) EBC / Kearney family intentions / John Leonard R.I.P.

#### **Sunday 17th December Third Sunday of Advent**

9.30 The Parish / Carol Bagwell and Sharon Seddon (sick)

11.00 Fr Abbots Intentions / For all recently dead and the bereaved



*The 2nd candle is one of Faith like that of Mary and Joseph*



*The 3rd candle is for joy. It is often called the Shepherds' candle because of the joy of world at the coming birth of Jesus*

## **THE PARISH FAMILY: BY BAPTISM** Hayden Lloyd Robinson

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK** Norah Platt, Harry Embrey, Sharon Seddon, Mary Taylor, Barrie Cox, Margaret Evans, Declan Brewer, Allen Withnell, Carol Parkinson, Christine and Bernard Hayes, Marjorie Parr, Mary Newsham, Margaret Booth (née Worsfold), Rebecca Coates, Harry and Vi Gardner, Roy Thompson, Joan Sullivan, Bernadette Thompson, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Carol Bagwell, Derek Taylor, Graham Dunn, Catherine Breen, Janet Turner, Glenda Kelly, Michael Waite, Eileen Hilliard, Peter Beatty, Eileen Whelan, and connected with us, Rev. Martin Smith Tom Halliwell, Tony Campbell, Brother Anthony Jukes SSS, Molly Byrnes, Kevin Barnes, Elizabeth Garcia, Mary Cobham, and for all sick people known to parishioners.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED:** especially John Leonard and Ellie Jaye Sumner and all who died recently, those who died in violence over the past week, those connected with us; and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Jimmy Jones, James Grundy, Margaret Janes, Edith Hannah Jackson, Bridget Kearney, Joan Parr, Donald Anthony Dennis, Brother Kevin McInnes, Stanley Gammans, Joan Scales, Bernard Derry, Ellen Coupe, James Phillips, Pat Foster,

**THIS WEEK Today: No Journey in Faith:** it resumes 14 January 2018

**Youth group** 7-9pm Priory House

**Family Rota of Prayer** Smith family 20 Cross Street

**Monday Church Cleaning** 9am 'A' team

**Wednesday Word of Life** 7pm

**Thursday SLEAP** 6pm celebrates its silver jubilee in the Civic Centre  
**"Sparkle and Shine"** 6.30pm St Anne's Christmas production in Church  
**High School Carol Concert** 6:30pm in the High School

**Lancashire Sings Christmas** 7pm in the cafe Tesco Extra. Everyone is invited to come and sing well known carols with BBC Radio Lancashire.

**Friday St Mary's Primary School** 10am Family Carol Service in Church

**NEXT Sunday Third Sunday of Advent.** Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday and Baminelli Sunday (*see the next page*)

**Youth group** 7-9pm Priory House

**The Family Rota of Prayer** Courtney family 27 Sandringham Avenue

**Leyland Band Concert** in church 7pm Tickets £8 each or £3 under 10. Under 3 are free. Tickets are available from the Priory House.

**Charity Prize Bingo** 8pm KSC Club Fleetwood Street 7th and 14th December. All Welcome.

## **WAY OF LIFE**

John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As the people were baptised in the River Jordan they confessed their sins and they were baptised. God wants to bring salvation to the whole human race and to the whole of creation. Being born to die the Messiah *would* die and then defy death by his resurrection.

**REFLECTION:** The people of Israel before Jesus' birth were excited and rightly so: they had been hearing about the Messiah coming for about 1000 years. Now that at last he *was* coming they responded to the proclamation to repent of their sins. Should we not do in our way what those people tried to do and failed? 'Repent and believe', be joyful, because the Messiah baptises us with the Holy Spirit not just with water.

## **WORD OF LIFE**

**Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. (Lk 1: 38).**

Meditating on this Gospel passage, Chiara Lubich wrote: '*To fulfil his plans, God just needs people who surrender themselves to him as humbly and as readily as a servant. Mary is the true representative of humanity, whose destiny she took on. With this attitude, she gives God all the space he needs for his creative action. However, the term "servant of the Lord" is not only an expression of humility, but also a title of nobility, given to great servants in salvation history like Abraham, Moses, David and the Prophets. Therefore, by using these words, Mary also affirms her greatness.*'

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

**Christmas Flowers** are paid for by donations so please do as above and mark for Flowers and your intention. Please hand in asap to help us thank you.

**The Advent Reconciliation Service** will take place on Wednesday 20 December at 7pm. This service will be for parishioners and the deanery with a group of priests helping with the sacrament.

The High School students will also be invited and will come under the umbrella of their "Faith in Action" project.

The young people will help us to see the importance of the sacrament. This celebration provides a new way for Parishioners to find a relevant way of celebrating Reconciliation. It is a necessary sacrament to benefit us on our Catholic Spiritual journey.

**Share and Prayer group** every Friday during Advent 7.30-8.30pm at 'Alverna' Westgate.

## **The Christmas Masses and Liturgies**

### Sunday masses for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass 23<sup>rd</sup> December.
- 10:00am One Sunday morning sung mass 24<sup>th</sup> December.



### Christmas Day Masses and Vespers

- 6:00pm Vigil Mass 24<sup>th</sup> December with the folk group.
- 9.15pm Carols by candlelight with the choir
- 10.00pm Night Mass with the choir
- 08:00am First morning mass on Christmas day with carols accompanied by the Bromiley family and their brass instruments.
- 10:00am Family mass. Blessing of a Christmas present from each child present, and colouring competition of a card for the children
- 3:30pm Sung vespers with the Lancashire Ampleforth monks in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

After Christmas Weekday masses will be at 10:00am except on Boxing day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December and on New Year's Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 when mass will be at 11:00am.

## **The Bambinelli Project**

We would like to encourage parishioners to bring the baby Jesus from their family cribs to be blessed on Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent 17 December. If your baby Jesus is part of a crib already, bring the whole crib.

We suggest that the baby be wrapped up in Christmas wrapping paper and be the first present that is opened on Christmas day. Then place the baby in your crib and have all the fun of unwrapping the other presents.

## **Parking for the Christmas Vigil 6 pm Sunday 24th December**

This is always a very busy family mass. As most of you probably know we are no longer able to park on the Piazza so people need to think ahead about parking.

- Could you walk to church if you don't live far away?
- Could you park up at Tesco or behind the swimming baths or on South Ribble's car park??
- If you have elderly or disabled parishioners perhaps you could drop them by the bell tower and then go and park elsewhere.

Parking in nearby streets is limited and if you use it please be courteous and don't block driveways. Remember there is parking up all of Broadfield walk both sides of Nursery Close.

Many thanks for reading this and we look forward to seeing you all at one of the Christmas masses.

## **Act in Support of Catholic Education**

Our Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP is asking us to help him: he writes.

*"Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised to abandon it. Now the government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy. We need you to tell the government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools".*

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> Fr Jonathan has done it; it is very easy and the website works. If you go on the Parish website you may be able to copy and paste it rather than copy it out carefully.