

Confessions Saturday 23rd December 9.30 - 10 am (J) (or when they end) and 5 - 6:00pm (S & P). Also Confessions at any time.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £389.16

Gift Aid £571.60

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. You are welcome to pop in any time.

500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS TO K Breen

£100 Winner 8 Week 49 Agent J Lee

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

Bidding Prayer rota ready for collection from sacristy

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 children at mass will receive a present.
- Children share their Christmas Card with a member of the congregation at the end of mass if they and their parents wish
- 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

Newman Fund would like to thank all those who bought raffle tickets. We raised £533 to help those in need. Many thanks

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3rd SUNDAY Advent P 30 or 32

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*) EBC / Kearney family intentions / John Leonard died recently

Sunday 17th December 3 Sunday of Advent Bambinelli Sunday

9.30 The Parish / Carol Bagwell & Sharon Seddon (sick)
11.00 Fr Abbots Intentions / For all recently dead and the bereaved

Monday 18th December 9.00 Julie Hodgson Anniv

12.15 Elizabeth Welch, John and Agnes Dandy

Tuesday 19th December 7.50 (w schools) Lilian Glancy

10.30 Requiem Mass Walter Davies

12.15 Beatty family Intentions

Wednesday 20th December 9.00 Irene Ellis (Anniv)

12.15 Frank Calderbank anniversary

14:30 Funeral Service Ellie Jay Sumner

19:00 User friendly Reconciliation with various priests: Rite 2

Thursday 21st December 8.00 (Alverna) No Mass

12.15 Requiem Mass Barrie Cox /Jim Hilliard Birthday remembrance

Friday 22nd December 9.00 Gillooly family intentions

11.00 St. Mary's High School Carol Service combined with Mass (All welcome)

Saturday 23rd December 9.00 Monica Knight RIP (GA)

CONFESSIONS 9:30 - 10:am {or when they end} and 5 - 6pm

6.00 (*Vigil*) The Parish / Thanksgiving / Ellie Sumner recently died

Sunday 24th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

NB one morning mass only

10.00 Fr Abbots intentions / Barrie Cox recently died.



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

The Christmas Masses, Confessions and Liturgies

CONFESSIONS: 5 – 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (S and P)

6:00pm *Vigil Mass with the folk group* Delores and Liam Linden ints / Ellie Jay Sumner recently died.
9.15pm *Carols by candlelight with the choir*
10.00pm *Night Mass / Walter Davies recently died*



Christmas Day Masses and Vespers

08:00am First morning mass with carols accompanied by the Bromiley family and their brass instruments.

10:00am Family mass. *Blessing a Christmas present from each child; card colouring competition 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 26th December and on New Year's Day Monday 1st January 2018 when mass will be at 11:00am.

THE PARISH FAMILY: BY BAPTISM Liam James Doran

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Norah Platt, Harry Embrey, Sharon Seddon, Margaret Evans, Declan Brewer, Allen Withnell, Carol Parkinson, Christine and Bernard Hayes, Marjorie Parr, Mary Newsham, Margaret Booth, 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 Barrie Cox, Mary Taylor, Walter Davies and Fr Tom Leigh (Liverpool) 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: Barbara Stoney, Leo Blackhurst, Evie Lomax, John Alan Leatherbarrow, Agnes Chester, Mary Laythorpe, Natalie Hardy, Frank Calderbank, Walter Newell, Madison Louise Alston-West, Ann Woodacre, Bernard Gaskell, David Carney, Gerry Walsh, James Horn.

THIS WEEK Today: GAUDETE (*REJOICING*) and BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

No Journey in Faith: it resumes 14 January 2018

Youth group 7-9pm Priory House

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

Family Rota of Prayer Courtney family 27 Sandringham Avenue

Monday 18 December Church Cleaning 9am 'B' team

Tuesday SVP 7.30pm

Wednesday Advent Reconciliation Service 7pm. 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.

Give Blood 13.45-15.45 & 16.45-19.15 at Civic Centre, West Paddock

Friday Share and Prayer group 7.30-8.30pm at 'Alverna' Westgate.

NEXT Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Family Rota of Prayer Helme family 8 Windsor Road

WAY OF LIFE

"Who are you?" The same question was asked of Jesus. John the Baptist was happy to live out his vocation as the one who prepares the way for the Lord.

REFLECTION: Each person is asked or asks themselves "Who are you?" We are those who belong to the one Body of Christ. The Spirit of Jesus Christ is within each one and among us. Each of us has a unique part to play. May God help me to rejoice and be happy in my vocation!

WORD OF LIFE

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

We, too, can discover God's presence in our lives and listen to the "word" He says to us, as he asks us to fulfil, here and now, a part of his design of love for history. Our weakness and sense of inadequacy may hinder us. So let us believe the angel's words, "Nothing will be impossible with God" (Lk 1:37) and trust in God's power more than in our own strength. This experience will free us from our limitations and from the presumption of being self-sufficient. We will find new energy and talents we did not know we had, allowing us to love in our turn.

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