

Confessions Saturday 3rd March 9.30 - 10 am (P) (or when they end) and 5 - 6 pm (J). Also Confessions at any time. Ring to arrange.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate** £242.45 **Gift Aid** £606.55
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

You are welcome to pop in any time.

500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS TO P Fryer

£100 Winner 132 Week 8 Agent L Raven

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

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

St Mary's Youth Group Dear Parishioners, we are having a Raffle to support CAFOD and members will be selling raffle tickets after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 17th and after the 9.30 + 11am Masses on Sunday 18th March.

If any Parishioners can help us by providing a Raffle Prize, we would be very grateful. We'll leave a box in the Narthex marked 'Youth CAFOD Raffle'. If you can't provide a prize, we hope that you will purchase raffle tickets - we hope to raise £200, for toilet blocks, with running water that can be built for communities in desperate need. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Free training courses First Aid, Food Safety, Health and Safety here at St. Mary's. See the poster for details. (Tuesday 13 March 1:00 - 3.30pm Priory Library, How to use a defibrillator with Liz Coulton)

Will Gift If when you are drawing up your will you could consider leaving a legacy to the Parish, this would be a wonderful help to future generations. Our present circumstances with big repair costs highlight the issue.

Minibus Many thanks to the Martin family for giving us our minibus in memory of Jeanette Martin who died young in 2004. Sadly due to its age and condition the minibus will go off the road on the 24th March.

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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*) Sr. Veronica's intentions

Sunday

4th March 3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

09.30 09.30 Keane family intentions

11.00 The Parish

Mon 5th March 09.00 **NB** No Mass

12.15 Dorothy Hunt

Tuesday 6th March

07.50 (with schools) Grace Fernando healing

12.15 Win Sankey Birthday remembrance

Wednesday 7th March 09.00 Joe Breen anniversary

12.15 Matthew Cox intentions

Thursday 8th March 08.00 (*Alverna*) Maureen Cairns RIP

No 12.15 Mass *Ampleforth Parish Fathers' day.*

Friday 9th March 08:00 (High School) **No 9:00 mass**

12.15 Deceased members of the Salisbury family

/ Catherine, William and Roy Hodgkinson

Saturday 10th March 09.00 James McManmon 20th RIP anniv

6.00 (*Vigil Mass*) Burke family intentions / EBC

Sunday 11th March 4th Sunday of Lent (B) Mothering Sunday

Missionary Appeal at all Sunday masses

09.30 A thanksgiving mass for all the support and love to Cox family

11.00 The Parish

11:00 *Our Cathedral Liverpool: Celebration of Family life. See the poster. Archbishop Malcolm will preside and it is a beautiful occasion*



THE PARISH FAMILY: BY BAPTISM We welcome Harrison Gary Parker and Annabelle Faith Tierney

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Bernadette Thompson, Matthew Cox, Andrew Noblett, Tony Loftus, Michael Waite, Max, Eileen Standidge, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, May Ward, Norah Platt, Harry Embrey, Sharon Seddon, Margaret Evans, Declan Brewer, Allen Withnell, Carol Parkinson, Christine Hayes, Marjorie Parr, Mary Newsham, Margaret Booth, Rebecca Coates, Vi Gardner, Joan Sullivan, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Carol Bagwell, Derek Taylor, Catherine Breen, Glenda Kelly, Eileen Hilliard, Peter Beatty, Eileen Whelan, and connected with us, Tony Halliwell, Chris Berry, Peter Keane, William Gardner, Tom Halliwell, Tony Campbell, Molly Byrnes, Kevin Barnes, Elizabeth Garcia, Mary Cobham, and for all sick people known to parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: All who have died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Catherine Walmsley, Thomas Shepherd, Robert Trafford, Thomas Gerrard Clarkson, Francis Garstang, Mary Tobin, Pauline Kirkby, Teresa Henry, Joseph Breen, Mona Hurley.

THIS WEEK Today: 4th March 3rd Sunday of Lent
Family Rota of Prayer Turner family 8 Long Moss
Journey in Faith 5-6pm **Youth Group** 7 -9 pm Priory House

Monday Church Cleaning 9am 'A' team

Tuesday Knit & Natter 2pm library
Succession Planning meeting 7.30pm Parish Centre (*see below*)
Baptism Course 8pm

Friday Divine Mercy Prayers 11am Adoration Chapel all welcome
Stations of the Cross: 11:30 in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Alverna Lent Scripture group 7.30 – 8.30pm

NEXT SUNDAY :11th March 4th Sunday of Lent
Fr Oliver Leary of St Patrick's Missionary Society will make an appeal for the missions.

Family Rota of Prayer Sullivan family 35 Atherton Road
Journey in Faith 5-6pm **Youth Group** 7 -9 pm Priory House

Has any Parishioner a car they might like to sell. A parishioner needs one who does a great deal of local driving in our parish.

OUR WAY OF LIFE The Ten Commandments are at the heart of the Jewish Law. The rich and powerful among the Jewish people failed to understand the Love that is behind them: that is that God had a purpose of Love within the Ten Commandments and the whole Law of Moses. We can understand and even identify with those who turned the Holy Temple of God into a place for making money for themselves and extending their power because sometimes we do the same. Jesus, out of Love, drove them all out of the Temple.

A REFLECTION Jesus showed us that it is Love that is behind his Passion and Crucifixion, and that Love is much more important than all the Sacrifices we make. This teaching is also in the Old Testament, but the people chose to ignore it. St Paul explains that the Wisdom of God (who is God Himself) is found not in human power and wealth but in Divine power that changes the inner Spirit of human beings allowing them to change their ways. Sadly like the ancient Holy People of God, we too can forget this basic message. We are still not quite half way through Lent, and we can try to make Love for God and our neighbour the meaning of life. May Jesus fill our hearts with Love and drive out selfishness.

WORD OF LIFE *Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths (Ps 25: 4).*

King David, who was also a prophet, wrote this psalm at a time when he felt weighed down by anguish and poverty and in danger from his enemies. He wanted to find a way out of his painful situation but realised he was completely unable to do so. Therefore, he looked up, with hope, towards the God of Israel, who had always protected his people, and implored him to come to his aid. This month's Word of life draws our attention to the fact that he was asking to know the ways and paths of the Lord, to shed light on the choices he had to make, especially at difficult times.

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

Easter 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.

Easter 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 National Eucharist Congress Liverpool Echo Arena:
7 – 9 September 2018**

- Saturday 8 September A gathering for parishioners from every parish in England and Wales from 09:30 – 17:00. We have 8 tickets and need to find 8 parishioners who would like to attend: a wonderful unforgettable day for those who get there.
- Would you like to attend? Please get a booking form and return to Fr Jonathan or Lesley as soon as possible. (Names were needed by 28 February 2018 - we are behind hand.)
- The cost for the day is £40. Thank you to parishioners who do not wish to attend themselves but have given money into a fund to support others. Our parish is going through difficult financial times at present with heavy expenditure and a declining weekly income.
- The Parish will underwrite the cost for any who may wish to attend and cannot quite afford it.
- Would you like to sponsor someone else? Any small offering is welcome: use a parish envelope if necessary with Eucharistic Congress on it.
- Liverpool Archdiocese is praying to prepare us humbly to become the Church that God is calling us to be: a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage and that puts out its nets into new waters.
- There will HAVE to be necessary developments and changes for the Church and our parish to survive! That is why we need to take seriously the new Commandment of Jesus "Love one another as I have loved you" as we face new ways of doing things with all the inevitable challenges and difficulties.
- On Tuesday next we will have an important "Succession Meeting" opening up this discussion about Parish Succession Planning. This meeting will be the beginning of a process to discern God's plan. We must learn how we can work together so that we can continue to serve the people of Leyland in the future.

Scripture mornings on 8th, 15th & 22nd March 10.30 to 12.00 noon at 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool. Led by Fr Chris Thomas see board for more details.

Two Mindfulness groups have now been established at St Mary's and will continue to meet in the Library each week: Wednesday 10-12 and Thursday 7-9 with a break for refreshments. New members are most welcome at any stage. Some need to alternate between Wednesday and Thursday because of other commitments; that is totally acceptable.

Developments from Called Beyond

- **Succession Planning.** Called Beyond encouraged us to look carefully and objectively at our parish and think about the short (3 years ahead), medium (10 years ahead) and the long term (20 + years ahead) of our parish. This will happen this Tuesday evening 6 March in the Parish centre from 7.30 – 9.00pm. All groups are invited and individuals. It is an important meeting. There will be refreshments.
- **Lectio Divina** We discovered that Called Beyond means also to be "Called Within"; to develop a culture of vocations for everyone we must know the person that we follow: the Word of God who lives within us and among us. On **Tuesday 13 March** from 7-8pm in the Priory House we will have a session of this Christian Practice that has its origins in the long tradition of Christian monastic life. As a parishioner put it: "I would love to understand how the gospel stories are relevant to me in today's world".
- **The Alverna Lent Scripture Group.** This meets on Fridays in Lent in Alverna from 7:30 – 8:30pm and helps us to make the Word our own.
- **Mindfulness:** This too is part of the "Called Beyond" initiative to find help amid the anxieties and confusion of our times to deepen our inner life and find out to remain calm. This area is closely linked to facing the issues of Mental Health. See the dates in the bulletin for Mindfulness sessions (thanks to Ken they are free for those who wish to come: in the world outside the Church you pay for such sessions).
- **Other events:** Called Beyond helped us to reflect that the Benedictine way has been central to the identity of our parish since it began in 1845. We would like in our times to learn from what others have done in rooting ourselves in the Gospel as St Benedict did – see his holy rule – and learn to be more aware of this great tradition. We have taken advice from Ampleforth where they have developed this way for all the staff and the pupils who wish to join in. We will explain more as soon as the Parish Pastoral Council and the present Called Beyond team have piloted an approach.
- **On the feast of St Benedict** on 11 July there will be a celebration in Church in the evening for those who can come; also in the evening a Parish meal with a speaker about the gospel at La Corte Restaurant. Details will be explained later: the cost for the meal is £8 per person. If anyone wishes to book now they can but details will be given later! The two meals we had outside Parish Premises were very successful and very much helped parishioners who attended to enter more fully into the life of the Gospel. One important piece of feedback was that could we please repeat such events. That will happen and this is the first example.