

**Confessions** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 - 10 am (J) (or when they end) and 5 - 6 pm (S). Also Confessions at any time. Ring to arrange.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £250.30 Gift Aid £518. 48**

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 S Johnson**

**£100 Winner 45 Week 5 Agent M Giles**

**The Headteacher of St Mary's Leyland Catholic High School** Philip Mooney announced this last week his decision to retire at the end of the academic year. All the goals set out for the school in 2015 have been achieved and he sees that the school and the excellent pupils will flourish God willing, with a new leader. The school is in good health and there is much talent around him at all levels with professional colleagues and school governors and wonderful pupils. St Mary's has recently been designated by the DFE a National Support School to help other schools in difficulties.

We would like to thank Mr Mooney for all his hard work on behalf of our parishioners, parents and pupils, and wish him well in his retirement. We will pray for him and his family and ask him not to forget us.

**Mite Scheme** Thank you all for your latest 5ps. They totalled £50.85 and saved 635 lives, bringing the total to 7218! thank you so much.

**The Bidding Prayer rota** is available in the sacristy. **NB** It begins on Ash Wednesday.

**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

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6th Sunday ordinary Time P 63 or 65

**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*) Edmeads family / E B C / Pam Lofthouse died recently / Terence Penzer died recently Special Intention / EBC

**Sunday 11th February 5th Sunday of the Year (B)**

09.30 Cox family intentions / The Parish / Harold Gardner died recently  
11.00 Fr Abbot's intentions / Angela Hughes died recently

**Monday 12th February St Benedict of Aniane**

09.00 Mary Taylor  
12.15 Maggie Halliwell 70th birthday intentions.

**Tuesday 13th February**

09.00 Debbie Valentine (sick)  
12.15 Frank Kellett

Pope Francis is calling for a World-Wide day of prayer & Fasting on Friday 23 Feb which is also CAFOD Lent Fast day.

**Wednesday 14th February**

**Ash Wednesday** Ashes distributed at all masses

08.00 Tony and Irene Rogerson  
11.30 - 13:30 Pizza and Ashes for the "Faith in Action Children". Meet at Worden Park Car Park - full supervision by responsible adults.  
12.15 Joan and Gerry Dunne  
7.15 Barrie Cox RIP

**Thursday 15th February**

08.00 (*Alverna*) Intentions of Eileen Hilliard  
12.15 Bert Edmeads birthday remembrance

**Friday 16th February** 9.00 Sheila Durrigan anniversary

12.15 John Hampson birthday remembrance

**Saturday 17th February** 9.00 Cheryl Hitchen anniversary

6.00 (*Vigil Mass*) The Parish / Benefactors of Newman fund

**Sunday 18th February 6th Sunday of the Year (B)**

9.30 Dewhurst & Heffron families intentions / E. B. C.  
11.00 Richard Humphreys (sick)

**THE PARISH FAMILY: By Baptism** we welcome Rocco Daniel Ronald Eastham and Sienna Jane Lumby

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK** Tony Loftus, Max, Eileen Standidge, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, Mary (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, 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, Peter Keane, William Gardner, Rev. Martin Smith, 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, Amanda Brewer and connected with us Sister Mary Feane (who used to be the much loved Prison Chaplain at HMP Wymott), and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Michael Kelly, Winifred Parkinson, Teresa Dewhurst, Dorothy Yates, Audrey Devine, Thomas McGillicuddy, Edmund Aspindle, Barbara Jakiemczuk, Patricia Trumper, Cheryl Hitchen.

**THIS WEEK Today: 11th February** Archbishop's Pastoral Letter  
**Journey in Faith** 5 - 6pm **Youth Group** 7 -9 pm Priory House  
**Family Rota of Prayer** A Kirk 1 Chestnut Court

**Monday Church Cleaning** 9am 'B' team  
**Widows welcome** 7pm **SPUC** 8pm

**Tuesday SVP** 7.30pm **Friday** the usual Divine Mercy Prayers

**Thurs** 7.00-8.30pm **Called Beyond** Core Meeting in the Priory House

**Friday Stations of the Cross:** 11:30 in Church.  
**Alverna Lent Scripture group** 7.30 - 8.30pm

**NEXT SUNDAY :18<sup>th</sup> February Presentation of new**  
**Youth Group** 7 -9 pm Priory House  
**Family Rota of Prayer** Jones family 11 Parkgate Drive

**Can you help?** Galloways friendship group for people struggling with sight loss meets Tuesdays 1-3pm - Parish Centre. Volunteers needed to help with refreshments & friendship. See poster for the contact number.

**Divorced and Separated Catholics** The next course begins 21st Feb. See the poster for details and contact number as booking is essential.

**Thank you** everyone who attended the Songs of Praise last Sunday afternoon. It was an uplifting event of joint witness and praise enjoyed by those attending. £301.52 was raised for Churches Together in Leyland projects & the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration on May 20<sup>th</sup> 1pm in our Church.

**OUR WAY OF LIFE** Leprosy in the Old Testament and in the time of Jesus would have been a living death. You are cut off from family and friends for the rest of your life and in a sense cut off from being yourself. Jesus cured various lepers and wants us to be healed.

**A REFLECTION** The curing of lepers by Jesus or any miracle healing shows us the compassion of God. God wants everyone to be healed ultimately. Sometimes God teaches us that the sufferings of life can be for us our way to the fullness of life. Lent, coming this week is the time for us to explore more fully the ways of God and deepen our relationship with Jesus.

**WORD OF LIFE** *To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.* (Apoc 21: 6)

The first signs of this final goal are already apparent to those who have sincerely begun to live their life searching for God and his Word that reveals his plans. They can be found by those thirsting for truth, justice, and fraternity. God sees this thirsting and searching positively, as a good start and he even promises to give us the spring of the water of life. The water God promises is given freely. It is not given only to those who hope to please God through their own efforts, but also to all those who feel the burden of their weakness and entrust themselves to his love, believing that they will be healed and will find the fullness of life and happiness. Let us ask ourselves then, for what do we thirst? Moreover, to which springs do we go to quench our thirst?

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

**Why we need more Deacons?** Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening giving more information. See poster for more details.

**Lent** This year we are offering various new initiatives in Lent

- This Sunday at each mass Ken Townsend will be giving a brief introduction to Mindfulness from a Christian perspective and inviting people to become involved in the experience of Mindfulness Practise. Mental health and well-being is a gift available to all.
- We would like to promote Lectio Divina, a typically Benedictine way of linking the Word of God with ordinary life. The next meeting is on Wednesday 28 February from 7-8pm.
- Lenten Scripture sharing group with Sr Veronica in Alverna, 35 Westgate. We will hold it on Fridays of Lent, 7.30 - 8.30 pm.
- The Benedictine Prayer book for Parishioners to join in a daily prayer in the monastic way, simplified. In the Piety Shop £10. More copies will be ordered.
- What about considering daily mass in Lent (Harold Gardner managed it in his 90<sup>th</sup> year!) or at least extra. Some penances?