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Mass is on page 25 in the parish mass book

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS**

*If you are new to the parish or have moved house within the parish-  
 Please ask a collector for a Record Form, complete and return to collector*

THIS WEEKEND		THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		Year C
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 1st December	<b>6pm</b>	(Vigil) Margaret Morphew's intentions / The Parish /		<i>Today is the start of the Church's Year a good moment to take stock.</i>
Sunday 2nd December	<b>10am</b>	Harwood family intentions / Sacramental Programme /Martin Anderton recently died		<b>Journey in Faith</b> 4.30 – 5.30pm <b>Youth group</b> 7 - 9pm Priory House <b>Family Rota of Prayer</b> Turner family 8 Long Moss
Monday 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	<b>9.00</b> <b>12.15</b>	<b>No Mass</b> Beatty family intentions		<b>Church Cleaning</b> 9am B' team <b>6.30pm South Ribble</b> Scouts Carol Service in church.
Tuesday 4th December	<b>7.50am</b> <b>12.15</b>	(with schools) Hilda Murphy Anniv Fr Ambrose birthday remembrance		<b>Faith in Action</b> 6-7pm <b>Knit and Natter</b> 2pm library <b>SVP</b> 7.30pm
Wednesday 5th December <i>Memorial of St. John Almond</i>	<b>9.00</b> <b>12.15</b> <b>6 pm</b>	In grateful Thanksgiving David Craven RIP <b>THE PARISH</b> Advent Reconciliation Service (see over)	<b>Mindfulness</b> 10-12 noon 7:30pm Pray for the new vicar of St John's Church, Rev Andrew Meeson who will be inducted this evening and for all the Church members.	
Thursday 6th December	<b>8am</b> <b>12.15</b>	(Alverna) Michael O'Brien RIP Roy William & Catherine Hodkinson RIP	<b>Mindfulness</b> 10-12	
Friday 7th December <i>Memorial of St. Ambrose</i>	<b>8am</b> <b>9 am</b> <b>12.15</b> <b>7.15pm</b>	Mary Dynan RIP <b>No Mass</b> Requiem mass Shirley Abram. The Recently Bereaved	<b>10.00 Inter Schools Carol Concert</b> In church. <b>Scripture Sharing for Advent.</b> At Alverna on Friday's of Advent from 7.30 - 8.30pm.	
NEXT WEEKEND		1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT		Year C
Saturday 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>9am</b> <b>9.30-10</b> <b>5 – 6pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	Sharon Seddon sick Confessions 9.30 till they end (B) Confessions 5 – 6pm (J) (Vigil) Burke family intentions		
Sunday 9th December	<b>10am</b>	Cox family intentions / The Parish / Shirley Abram died recently		Priory House <b>Journey in Faith</b> 4.30-5.30pm <b>Youth group</b> 7-9pm Priory House <b>Family Rota of Prayer</b> Sullivan family 35 Atherton Road

**Confessions** Available at any time. Ring to arrange.

**Adoration in Church. St. Joseph's** You are welcome to pop in any time.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £474.82**  
 For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

**Gift Aid £355.50**  
**Many thanks**

**Week 47 500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS TO B Meadows £100 Winner 21 Agent:E Ellison**

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK** The Congregation says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

**THE PARISH BY BAPTISM** we welcome Eliza Bettie Alice Bean and Francesca Grace Dunne.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Rosalia Lakot (Fr Leonsyo Akena's mother) Monica Maguire, Bernadette Clarke, Colin Bennett, Frank King, Vanda Brown, Pat McMahon, Bernadette Thompson, Matthew Cox, Tony Loftus, Eileen Standidge, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, Sharon Seddon, Margaret Evans, Allen Withnell, Carol

Parkinson, Christine Hayes, Marjorie Parr, Margaret Booth, Rebecca Coates, Vi Gardner, Joan Sullivan, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Derek Taylor, Catherine Breen, Glenda Kelly, Eileen Hilliard, Peter Beatty, and connected with us, Rod Ellington, Elaine Brown, Bernadette O'Brien (Sr. Veronica's sister) Malcolm Wright, Anthony McMahon, Chris Berry, Peter Keane, Alison Gardner, Kevin Barnes, and for all sick people known to parishioners.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED** for all those who died recently Dennis Salisbury (Brian's brother) David Rodgers and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Joseph George Fenton, John Leonard, Louis Penzer, Clare Boys, John Dever, Leo Hall, Paul Richard Bruce, Peter Shorrocks, Brian Keeping, Laurence McLoughlin, Jeanne Duckworth, Maureen Thistlethwaite and James Joseph Stoney.

**Cardinal Newman College Advent Vigil** 4th December at 6.30 pm all welcome at Larkhill Rd, Preston PR1 4HD

**LEYLAND ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2018.** This year we want to support the local Charity 'Tinies Christmas Wishes' by providing packages of 'New or Nearly New babies or children's Christmas Pyjamas' (0-6yrs), a story / sticker / activity book and a 'sweet treat' - could be small chocolate treat - maybe a bar of chocolate for mum or dad with a Christmas card telling them they are doing a great job! If it's a pack for older baby / toddler, rusks, wafer biscuits, or even 'baby Christmas meal pouches' could be put in. If each pack can be placed in a festive gift bag, clearly marked for the age of child (e.g. 0-6 months, 6months - 2 years, 2-6yrs) that would be great! We will leave a cardboard box in the Narthex, clearly marked TINIES CHRISTMAS WISHES! All donations must be received by 11th December at the latest. Any further information, please contact Steve McBride, Parish Youth Worker on 07580496292

**Christmas Dinner** organised by Catenians at Leyland Golf club Wednesday 19 December at 7 pm 3 courses £21 contact John Mills.

**Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** is this coming week on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and is a very good way to prepare for Christmas in Advent. The first message of Jesus was the same as that of John the Baptist. "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is close at hand and believe in the Gospel". Repenting is for each day, believing in the Gospel demands changing our ways to avoid consciously or unconsciously taking on worldly ways that are far from Gospel values. Think about celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation, that leads to that peace and freedom that the world cannot give.

**Some Advent events:** **Inter Schools' Carol Service** Friday 7 December: 10:00am in our Church  
**Lancashire Sings Christmas** Thursday 20 December with Churches Together in Leyland: 7:00pm in Tesco Café. Radio Lancashire links up with groups all over the county.

#### **Masses on Christmas Day**

**The Vigil Monday 24 December 6pm** Mass - Music Folk Group type hymns

**9:30pm** The Night Mass preceded by Carols at 9am - Music traditional Choir group carols

**Christmas Day Tuesday 25 December 8:00am** Mass with carols.

**10:00am** a family mass. At this mass there will be a special little Church and the children will bring a present for blessing, and there will be other children's' activities as well. The Todd family will kindly provide the music and if anyone would like to support them, please make yourself known to the music group.

**OUR WAY OF LIFE** At the start of the Church's year we need to go back to first principles. No Christian can divide Love; there is only one Love, and it is the Love that is God. Our task is to respond to God with Love, help others to do so, avoid all that makes our hearts coarse as Jesus explains in today's gospel, and make reparation for our sins and the sins of the World.

**A REFLECTION** God is present in every event, every thought and every person that is part of my life. To Love without any "divisions" means to love others with the Love that God gives us, the Love that is God. We should love others more than last year, because Love to be genuine must grow. Also our Love for God himself should improve, and in practice that will mean to worship him together, be faithful personally to our prayers, the sacraments and the fellowship in the Church and other places where God is among us.

#### **WORD OF LIFE**

**Rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4)**

St Paul wrote to the community in the city of Philippi at a time when he was being persecuted and in serious difficulties. Yet he advised these dear friends of his, in fact he almost commanded them, to "rejoice in the Lord always".

Is it right to command this kind of thing?

Looking at the world around us, there are not that many reasons for feeling good about life, never mind joyful!

With all the worries we have, the social injustice and strained relationships between nations, it's already hard work to avoid being overwhelmed and discouraged, and therefore just living for ourselves.

Nonetheless, we hear Paul's invitation to ***Rejoice in the Lord always.***

*The Word of Life is available in full in the Narthex, in New City (free) in front of the Piety Shop, and on the website*