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Mass is on page 27 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		Year C
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 8th December	<b>6pm</b>	<i>(Vigil)</i> Burke family intentions/ EBC		
Sunday 9th December	<b>10am</b>	Cox family intentions / The Parish / Shirley Abram died recently	<b>Journey in Faith</b> 4.30 – 5.30pm No Journey in Faith next week <b>Youth group</b> 7 - 9pm Priory House <b>Family Rota of Prayer</b> Sullivan family 35 Atherton Road	
Monday 10th December	<b>9.00</b> <b>12.15</b>	<b>No Mass</b> Joyce Hesketh RIP		<b>Church Cleaning</b> 9am 'A' team <b>Widows Welcome</b> 7pm
Tuesday 11th December	<b>7.50am</b> <b>12.15</b>	<i>(with schools)</i> Barrie Cox anniversary Parishioners to find new ways of being church		<b>Faith in Action</b> 6-7pm
Wednesday 12th December	<b>9.00</b> <b>12.15</b>	Michael O'Brien RIP Loftus family intentions		<b>Word of Life</b> 7pm
Thursday 13th December <i>St Lucy</i>	<b>8am</b> <b>12.15</b>	(Alverna) Mary Taylor 1st anniversary Requiem David Rodgers		<b>Benedictine Charism</b> 7.15pm
Friday 14th December <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	<b>8am</b> <b>9 am</b> <b>12.15</b>	(High School) Edward Murphy anniv <b>No Mass</b> Minshull family intentions		<b>Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work</b> 9.30-4.30 <b>Scripture Sharing for Advent</b> 7.30 - 8.30pm, at Alverna on Friday's in Advent
NEXT WEEKEND		3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT		Year C
Saturday 15th December	<b>9am</b> <b>9.30-10</b> <b>5-6pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	David Ormisher birthday remembrance Confessions 9.30 till they end (B) Confessions 5 – 6pm (J) <i>(Vigil)</i> Kearney family intentions / The Parish		
Sunday 16th December	<b>10am</b>	'Bambinelli Sunday' please bring baby Jesus to be blessed at Mass Almond/Jolly family intentions /EBC / David Rodgers recently died		<b>Youth group</b> 7-9pm Priory House <b>Family Rota of Prayer</b> Jackson family 4 Long Moss <b>Leyland band concert</b> 7pm

**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 £493.77** **Gift Aid £449**  
For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683 **Many thanks**

**Week 48 500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS TO B Cowdall £100 Winner 42 Agent: B Cowdall**

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

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** **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

**Vespers with the Monks** 15:30 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**The Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation before Christmas: Individual Confessions:**

<b>Friday 21 December:</b>	<b>16:30 – 17:30 (J)</b>	<b>Sunday 23 December:</b>	<b>16:30 – 17:30 (B)</b>
<b>Saturday 22 December</b>	<b>09:30 – 10:30 (B)</b>	<b>Monday 24 December:</b>	<b>11:15 – 12:15 (J)</b>
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**THE PARISH 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 and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Percy Smalley, Jimmy Jones, Margaret Janes, Walter Davis, Barrie Cox, Edith Hannah Jackson, Bridget Kearney, Joan Parr, Donald Anthony Dennis, Mary Taylor, Patrick Mills, Brother Kevin McInnes and Stanley Gammans.

**Thank you** to all who helped collect and sort food and drive the van for the recent Tesco collection. **Thank you** to the High School chaplain and students who prepared and delivered our Reconciliation Service last Wednesday. It went very well and looks to the future of this great sacrament.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is an important sacrament to celebrate and fundamental if you know you have committed serious sin (the older way of putting it was "mortal sin"). It is a sacrament that strengthens a person in practicing humility. It is a personal encounter with Jesus who we get to know and love better and better. Please note the times for Sacramental absolution over Christmas

**BIBLE ALIVE** January edition available for those who subscribe

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** if you wish to make a donation to the flower display in church for Christmas please do so as soon as possible. The more donations the better the display that can be provided by the flower arrangers. It is your donations that fund the display, please use envelopes available in the Narthex. **Christmas Candles** please can you hand in any donations for candles asap. Thank you.

**NEWMAN FUND RAFFLE** this is the last weekend raffle tickets are available to help those in need in the local community.

**LEYLAND ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2018.** This year we are supporting the local Charity 'Tinies Christmas Wishes' by providing packages for babies / children ages 0-6yrs. There is a cardboard box in the Narthex, clearly marked TINIES CHRISTMAS WISHES! All donations must be received by this Wednesday. For further information, contact Steve McBride, Parish Youth Worker on 07580496292. There is a poster in the Narthex explaining much more on the box in the Narthex

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

**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 to sing well know carols. Refreshments available from 6:30 to 7:00pm in the café.

**Day of Retreat** at Alverna Friday 21st December beginning at 10.00 am and ending at 4 pm. Includes a light lunch. Retreat given by Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ. Confessions for anyone who wants them 14:00 to 14:30. Please sign the list for coming to this pre-Christmas retreat day, as lunch will be provided for all who attend, and we need to know the number coming.

#### **OUR WAY OF LIFE**

The time has come for John the Baptist to prepare us for the imminent coming of the Word of God once again. Every year we need John the Baptist to open the way for Jesus to help us grow on the Holy Journey of Life, both personally and within the community we belong to.

**A REFLECTION** There are paths to be made straight in the life of each person; the valleys that prevent us trusting God need filling; the mountains of lacking in love for God and our neighbour need flattening.

#### **WORD OF LIFE Rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4)**

What was St Paul's secret to rejoice in the Lord always since there are not that many reasons for feeling good about life, never mind joyful. Chiara Lubich wrote "*There is a reason why, despite all our difficulties, we should always be joyful. If we take the Christian life seriously, it gives us joy. Through Christian life, Jesus lives fully within us and when we are with him we cannot fail to be joyful. He is the source of true joy, because he gives meaning to our life and guides us with his light. He frees us from fear, whether we are concerned about the past or about something yet to come. He gives us the strength to overcome all the difficulties, temptations and trials that we might encounter.*"

Christian joy is not simple optimism, nor is it the security given by material wellbeing. It isn't the cheeriness of those who are young and healthy. Instead it is the fruit of a personal meeting with God in the depths of our hearts.

*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*