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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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		Year C
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 15th December		6pm	(Vigil) Kearney family intentions / The Parish	
Sunday 16th December	10am	'Bambinelli Sunday' please bring the infant Jesus from your crib to be blessed at Mass Almond/Jolly family intentions /EBC / David Rodger recently died		NO Journey in Faith Youth group 7 - 9pm Priory House Family Rota of Prayer Jackson family 4 Long Moss Leyland band concert 7pm
Monday 17th December	9.00 12.15	Mary Brogan RIP Edward Murphy birthday remembrance		Church Cleaning 9am 'B' team <i>Thank you to Fr Dermot for all your help: he goes back to Dublin today.</i>
Tuesday 18th December	7.50am 12.15	(with schools) Graham Halstead Frank Kellett RIP		Faith in Action 6-7pm SVP 7pm
Wednesday 19th December	9.00 12.15	The Purcell family Anne Holden's intentions		Catenians Christmas dinner at Leyland Golf Club (see below)
Thursday 20th December	8am 12.15	(Alverna) Jim Hilliard birthday remembrance Frank Calderbank anniversary		Lancashire sings Christmas 7.00pm at Tesco Café. (See below)
Friday 21st December	9am (NB TIME) 11.30 16:30 - 17:30	Michael O'Brien RIP High school end of term Mass Confessions (J)		10am - 4pm. Retreat day Alverna: Scripture Sharing for Advent 7.30 - 8.30pm, at Alverna on Friday's in Advent
NEXT WEEKEND		4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT		Year C
Saturday 22nd December	9am 9.30-10 5-6pm 6pm	Mary A Jones RIP Confessions 9.30 till they end (B) Confessions 5 - 6pm (J) (Vigil) Hodgson family intentions / Fr abbot's intentions		
Sunday 23rd December	10am 16:30 - 17:30	O'Brien family intentions (MW) / The Parish Confessions (B)		Youth group 7-9pm Priory House Family Rota of Prayer Trish Henshaw 16 Lowerhouse Road
Monday 24 December	Confessions	11;15 - 12:15 (J) 16:00 - 17:00 (B)		

Adoration in Church. St. Joseph's Chapel

You are welcome to pop in any time.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £431.60**

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Gift Aid £ 471.71

Many thanks

Week 49 500 CLUB Congratulations to N Tootel £100 Winner (No.269) Agent: J Lee
£50 Bonus Winners over leaf

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 9pm - 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

At the 10am mass we would like to sing the beautiful carol Silent night in many different languages. We have a German family to sing first in their language (Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht composed near Salzburg, Austria) but could we manage Polish, French, Italian, Portuguese, any African Language, Chinese, Philippino, English etc. Please let us know). 100 years ago the first World War ended, and in 1914 104 years ago the troops sang Silent Night with each other as well as fraternising with each other. It was a prophetic sign of how fighting could end!

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

THE PARISH BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME Suzanne Barczynska and Ellie Liya Blake

PLEASE PRAY FOR Tony Kerrigan, 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: Joan Scales, Bernard Derry, Ellen coupe, James Phillips, Pat Foster, Barbara Stoney, Leo Blackhurst, Evie Lomax, John Alan Leatherbarrow, Agnes Chester, Mary Lathorpe, Natalie Hardy, Frank Calderbank, Walter Newell, Madison Louise Alston-West, Ann Woodacre, Barbara Anne Littler and Jennifer Ann Wilson

500 CLUB BONUS DRAW £50 WINNERS

WINNER (no 114) P Ross AGENT: L Raven	WINNER (no 102) A Ribchester AGENT: M Giles
WINNER (no 55) C & A Bruce AGENT: E Ellison	WINNER (no 194) M Dalton AGENT: M Smith
WINNER (no 288) A Kirk AGENT: A Turner	WINNER (no 78) M Todd AGENT: L Raven
WINNER (no 274) P McManmon AGENT: E Ellison	WINNER (no 287) M Green AGENT: A Anthony

Christmas Flower Donations 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 by 18th of December. Thank you.

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.

St Mary's Youth Group would like to thank Parishioners for all their generosity in donating gift packs and the donation of money that helped us create a few more packs . Special thanks to the Knit & Natter group who donated baby cardigans , hats , scarves and blankets to go with the gift packs . Thanks also to my team of volunteers - Lee, Nichola, Paul, Amie & Rebecca . We have delivered 34 Gift Packs to "Tinies Christmas Challenge" for 2018. Thanks again and we wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas time . Steve

OUR WAY OF LIFE The five Advent candles represent important values: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light. Today it is Gaudete – Rejoicing Sunday with rose vestments to help mitigate the fearfulness of the second coming and to transfer it into our joy, awe and wonder at the birth of the Word of God in the baby Jesus.

A REFLECTION Prayer for the blessing of the baby Jesus in family cribs:
O God, All Holy Father, Who with such love for mankind has sent His only Son, begotten from all ages, to be born for us; Deign to send your blessing + upon these "Bambinelli", these images of the Christ Child for our cribs and nativity scenes as they bring joy to Christian Families.
May these images of the mystery of the incarnation sustain and strengthen the faith of parents and adults, enliven the hope of children and strengthen all in love and charity. We ask you this, through your most beloved Son, Jesus who has saved us with His death and resurrection and who intercedes for us all, with you always. Amen

WORD OF LIFE Rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4) Paul went on to say that this joy enables us to welcome others in a kindly way and be ready to use our time for others. Moreover, on another occasion, Paul referred explicitly to Jesus' saying, "There is more joy in giving than in receiving." (Acts 20:35) Being in Jesus' company gives us an interior peace and the "disarming" power of this peace, can have a positive impact on the people around us.

Not long ago, despite the dangers and challenges of the war, a large group of Syrian young people met together to share their experiences of living the Gospel and experiencing the joy of mutual love. They went home again determined to witness that it is possible to live as one family.

We were sent this feedback by one of the people there:

"We heard so many stories about great suffering and pain but also about great hope and heroic faith in God's love. Some people have lost everything and their families are living in a refugee camp. Others saw their loved ones killed. These young people really want to help make a new start. They have organised festivals in different towns, involving thousands of people. They worked to rebuild a school and a garden at the centre of a small village where construction had never been finished due to the war. They have helped many refugee families. The words of Chiara Lubich come to mind, 'Christian joy is like a ray of sunlight shining through a tear, a rose flowering from blood-stained ground. It is the essence of love distilled from suffering. That is why it has the apostolic power of a glimpse of Paradise.' In these Syrian brothers and sisters of ours, we saw the fortitude of the first Christians in the way they witness, during this terrible war, to their trust and hope in God who is Love. Their witness helps their friends have the same trust and hope. Thank you, Syrian friends, for this lesson in lived Christianity!"

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

Happy and Holy Christmas to all in our Schools. Each school has given us beautiful and imaginative Christmas Carol Concerts that have helped those who attended to celebrate the wonder of the little baby Jesus being born on earth in humble circumstances. Now Jesus himself, the Word of Life, can be my and our greatest friend in a way that makes a real difference; all the many strands of busy and often stress filled lives can be brought together into one by him.