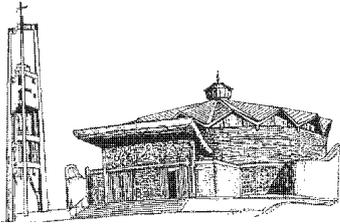


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A smile is a light in the window of the soul indicating that the heart is at home.

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.

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve
6.00 Sung Vigil Mass (with Folk Group) and initial blessing of the Crib
10.15 Carols by candlelight and Readings with the Choir and Organ
11pm Christmas Mass at night for Joan Parr and all who have died / blessing of the Crib and all Parish cribs.



Sunday 25th December Christmas Day Birthday of Our Lord
8.00 The Parish Simple Mass with some carols
10.00 Family Mass and Children's Mass Barbara Stoney and for God's blessing on all parishioners living and dead
3.30 Christmas Vespers sung by the Monks at St Mary's Brownedge



Monday 26th December St Stephen
11.00 Guild of St Stephen Mass / Lily Fowler

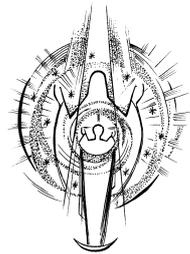
Tuesday 27th December St John
10.00 Harry Minshull Anniversary

Wednesday 28th December Holy Innocents
10.00 Fr Ambrose Griffiths

Thursday 29th December St Thomas Becket
10.00 Coomer family

Friday 30th December Holy Family
10.00 Edward Murphy Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 31st December
10.00 Agnes & John Dandy
6.00 (Vigil Mass) E. J. Whelan's intentions



Sunday 1st January 2012
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9.30 Moll family intentions
11.00 The Parish

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 am (or when they end) and c 5.15 - 6.00 pm.

(JF) Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £430.72 Gift Aid £460.40 Many thanks!

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

The Congregation says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.



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Sunday 25th December Christmas Day Birthday of Our Lord
Christmas Masses from page 34 or 36
Theme: Today a Saviour has been born to us

THE PARISH FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Therese Wilkinson, Rex Tootle, Jackie Holly, Derek Kedward, Len Rice, Maureen Howard, Frank Calderbank, Gerry Heywood, Joe Breen, Eddie Purcell, Georgia Martin, Sandra Parsons, Elliott Burns, Maree Coan, Miller girls, Mary Pemberton, Eddie Turner, Joyce Smith, Margaret Miller, Frances Hart, Martin Glancy, Rebecca Shanks, Terry Donnelly, Mary Magee, Mary Douglas, Tracey Anne Holly, Danny Bonner, Gerald Ralphs, Graham Halstead, and connected with us Tony Lock, Stuart Kirkham, Marjorie Pearson, Katy Holmes (age 11), Jenny Naylor, Ellen Breslin, Olivia Slater, Andrew Liddell, Beryl Appleton and Maria Llewellyn Let us know those who you wish to pray for by Thursday of each week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: May baby Madison Alston-West who died still-born pray for us and her parents Stephanie & Kenny. Pray also for John Leatherbarrow, Barbara Stoney, and connected with us Stephen Taylor who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Peggy Cruice (nee Knight), Patricia McLoughlin, Mildred Foxcroft, Harry Sharpe, Flora Rodgers, Harry Minshull, Rosina O'Connor, Harry McCabe, Margaret Dewhurst and John Cutajar.

THIS WEEK Today:
Christmas Day Birthday of Our Lord
Family Rota of

Prayer: Mr & Mrs M Jordan, 3 Dalehead Road

Tuesday:
Church cleaning 8.30 am 'B' team
No Chess Club until 10th January

Thursday:
Parish Walk departs from Church at 10.40am.

Friday: Divine Mercy prayers 11.00 am in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY: New Years Day Solemnity of Mary



The all powerful Word of God became flesh: and dwelt among us

Adoration in the Special Chapel when you can come. Come and spend some time with the risen Lord in peace

Bible Alive is ready for collection for those who subscribe. The price for next year is £17.50. If you do not want to subscribe next year please let us



know. Thank you





Christmas Blessings

Love: the special happiness that fills each Christmas day

Hope: the shining candle that helps us on our way

Peace: the lovely promise of joy the whole world through

These Christmas Blessings are warmly wished for you.

Christmas Gift to yourself perhaps?? We have procured from St. Paul's Book shop a number of missals that give all the readings for Sundays, all the Eucharistic prayers and all in the modern translation for the whole of 2012 until December 31st. The cost is a modest £6.00. For anyone who wants an up to date Sunday missal that lasts for ever (so to speak!) the CTS have produced a good one that sells at £18 These are available on this Christmas Day; in the Piety Shop there are others.

H.C.P.T. - the 'cake-bakers' would like to thank all their loyal customers (and anonymous donors) for their support. The sum raised in December was £200 for which they are extremely grateful. Happy Christmas to all.



Kath Cox thanks all her wonderful friends at St Mary's for cards and good wishes on her recent birthday, and for the support shown to her and Barrie in the past year. God bless you all

The Alternative Nativity - the Year 7 pupils at our High School have been busy creating their ideas of a modern Nativity and have displayed them around Church for your pleasure.



Vacancy for Lay Chaplain at St Mary's catholic High School, Astley, Manchester. Closing date 9th January 2012. Please see poster on the Notice Board.

Forthcoming Events

New Years Eve - in the Parish Centre. Disco and buffet. Band - Dr Boogie. Tickets on sale - £10 each - see Martin in the Parish centre.



The Universe and Catholic Times - Christmas and New Year deliveries (issues dates 25th December 2011 and 1st January 2012) will both be a double issue. Price will be £2.60 each and will revert to the old price for issues dated 8th January 2012.

White Flower Appeal 2012 - Sunday 8th January.

Leyland Historical Society - talk on the Ancient Olympics by Edward Almond at the Civic Centre on Mon 9th Jan at 7.30 pm

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: by air from Liverpool John Lennon Airport, Friday 20th July - Friday 27 July 2012. Also overland by coach. Pilgrims who need help with mobility, nursing or medical care on the journey or in Lourdes should register as soon as possible with the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: 0151 727 4000. Closing date for registration: 31st March 2012.

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner M Charnock Week 49 No. 273 Agent H Gardner



This year we have the first *post Fr. Ambrose Christmas*. He will be joining us in our celebrations and prayers and thanks with many others in heaven that are our friends and relatives.

- For all those who pray with us in the liturgy.
- For all who pray for us
- For all who make our Church a clean and beautiful place.
- For all who help us with their singing, serving, reading and distributing communion and those who welcome people.
- For all who support us financially,
- For all those who look after the vestments, the altars the candles and wash the purificators.
- For all who beautify the Church with flowers & decorations.
- For all who think about the furniture in Church and help to improve, mend and repair, make so many things for our use, whether in fabric or in wood or other materials.
- For all who look after our grounds around the Church, and at the cemetery.
- For those in need who come to us for help and for our new Newman fund and those who run it.
- For those who are open to the needs of others and support them in many ways, sometimes financial, with furniture, with a listening ear, or sharing ideas and advice.
- For those who draw parishioners and others together.
- For all who help us to proclaim the good news.
- For our sick and housebound and those who help them,
- For those who help the bereaved.
- For those who support and work with our young people.
- For those who work in our schools.
- For those who work in the Priory house and club.
- For those who work for Update or for our website.
- For those who are catechists for our children and parents, in little Church.
- For those in prayer groups or Gospel groups or in the Journey in Faith.
- For our brothers and sisters in the other Christian Churches in Leyland who are our friends and supporters, as we try to support them.
- For all those of good will with convictions different from ours and who also support us and help us in many ways.
- For those who are good role models, and remain cheerful and hopeful amid difficulties.
- For those we have not mentioned or seem to think they are forgotten that they know their contribution and continue being those who build up God's Kingdom.

WORD OF LIFE

Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight (Lk 3:4)

We need the courage to choose between our way and his way for us, between our will and his will, between a programme we want to follow and the one thought of by his all-powerful love. And once we have made the decision, we have to work to make our own obstinate and wayward will conform to his.

*Copies of the full text are on the table in front of the Piety Shop.
Please help yourself*