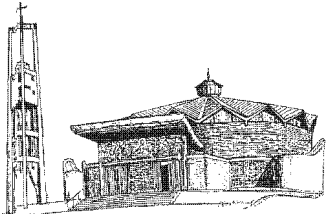


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This month we pray that the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of Africa.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> March

6.00 (Vigil Mass) Cox family intentions

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9.30 The Parish/Maggie & George Pearl Wedding  
11.00 E. J. Whelan's intentions

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

9.00 Patrick Hilliard Anniversary  
12.15 Kay & Alan Williams  
2.30 Graveside service Susan Deanes

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

8.00 (With Schools) Sr Veronica speedy recovery  
12.15 Requiem Mass for Robert Gardiner

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

9.00 Lily Sheeran  
9.15 St Anne's Primary Reconciliation Service  
12.15 Requiem Mass for Barbara Brown  
1.00 Crem only – David Turner  
2.30 Funeral Service for Elizabeth Randall  
7.30 Chrism Mass Liverpool (depart 5.30pm from Church)

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday (one Mass only)

10.00 Pram Service in Church  
7.30 Michael Taylor (KK) Mass of the Last Supper

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday

9.30 Walk of Witness start at URC  
10.30 Short service at St Ambrose Church  
12.00 The Preston Passion broadcast on BBC1  
2.00 Children's Stations of the Cross  
3.00 **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday

8.45 Office of Readings  
8.30 (Vigil Mass) The Parish. Tonight John Baggaley, Andrea Carney and Wendy Dickinson enter into full communion with the Church & three others in St. Bede's at Clayton Green who are a part of our Journey in Faith.



### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday

10.30 For all Parishioners intentions/Barbara Brown and Robert Gardner recently deceased.  
6.00 (Extra Mass) E.B.C./Dave Turner and Elizabeth Randall recently deceased.

**Confessions** Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 am (JF) (or when they end) and c 5.15 - 6.00 pm. (P) Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

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

**Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £529.76 Gift Aid £273.91**

Many thanks! For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE, LEYLAND

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Theme: Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord

## THE PARISH FAMILY

**BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME:** Daisy Louise Hogan

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK** Connie King, Eileen Burns, Marie Johnson, Gerry Gough, Mandy Turner, Alan and Kay Williams, Peter Worden, Mary Pemberton, Sarah Latham, Dale Zaporowski (little boy ill at St. Mary Magdalene's Penwortham), Betty & Terry Donnelly, Chris Atkins, Simon Brown, Evie Lawler, Paul Hewitt, Sr Susan FMSJ, Pam Barron, Therese Wilkinson, Rex Tootle, Jackie Holly, Len Rice, Maureen Howard, Frank Calderbank, Gerry Heywood, Joe Breen, Eddie Purcell, Georgia Martin, Sandra Parsons, Maree Coan, Miller girls, Eddie Turner, Joyce Smith, Margaret Miller, Frances Hart, Martin Glancy, Rebecca Shanks, Mary Magee, Mary Douglas, Tracey Anne Holly, Danny Bonner, Gerald Ralphs, Graham Halstead, **and connected with us,** Thomas Marsh, Hyewon Walker, Alice Dewhurst, Julie Ann Mitton, Geoff Brown, Norman Malcolm, Steve Jones, Tony Lock, Stuart Kirkham, Marjorie Pearson, Jenny Naylor, Olivia Slater, Andrew Liddell, Beryl Appleton and Maria Llewellyn *Let us know those who you wish to pray for by Thursday*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED:** Especially Robert Gardner, Elizabeth Randall, Barbara Brown, David Turner who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Paul Kelly, Peter Patten, Hilda Sutch, Bernard Turner, Agnes Cayton, Mary Teresa Monks and Agnes Carter..

### THIS WEEK Today: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

**Focolare gathering** 2.30-4.30 pm Library. Anyone interested to find out more about the spirit of the Focolare welcome.

Lent Course 2012: Early in the morning on the first day of the week... A reflection on the meaning of the Easter Gospel for us Christians – and the whole human race – as found in scripture and verse; with Fr Paul in the Priory, 3.30-4.30pm, today.

**Journey in Faith** 5-6pm **Youth Group** 7-9pm.

**Family Rota of Prayer:** Cath Sullivan, 35 Atherton Road.

**Monday: Church cleaning** 9 am 'B' team

**Tuesday: Knit & Natter** 2 pm in the Library

**Chess Club** 6.30 – 8 pm in the Narthex

**Engaged Couples** 8 pm in the Library

**Wednesday: NO PPC** this month

**NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday**

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

One morning mass 10.30am followed by Family Fun Day

**NO Church Parade NO Youth Group. NO Journey in Faith**

**Adoration** in the Special Chapel when you can come. Come and spend some time with the risen Lord in peace and quiet, hallowing God's name and praying for all.



See on the Next Page about "Good" Friday

# A Blessed Holy Week to All

**GOOD Friday** Does it strike you as strange that we call the day that Jesus was murdered good? It has been called this for time immemorial and the word may have come from "God" Friday. Of course it is the day that our God redeemed us by the utter love of Jesus His Son who simply left Himself in abandonment to His Father's will. Did Jesus in his manhood know that God the Father would raise Him from the dead? Do we know when we abandon ourselves to God in impossible situations that God will make it all work out for the best?? Let us reflect and apply these things to our lives. Good Friday is the hub, and makes sense of the mutual love of Maundy Thursday and of the vindication of all on Easter Saturday night.

**Reconciliation this week:**

**Monday and Tuesday:** 11.30 am - 12.15 pm + 6.30 pm - 7 pm  
**Wednesday:** 11.30 am - 12.15 pm only  
**Thursday:** 12 noon  
**Friday:** after the Liturgy  
**Saturday:** as usual



**Easter Sunday Garden Party 8<sup>th</sup> April** -our annual Parish Easter Celebration: Mass is at 10.30am: afterwards in the garden, weather permitting, for a 'Jacobs Join' (*list in the Narthex for food to bring. Please sign up.*) and various games including an Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet parade, face painting, traditional races and craft activities. Categories for the Easter bonnet parade are as follows, Little Church age group, Junior church age group and Teens so please start planning your bonnets. Thank you for so much support. Final eggs still welcome!



**Easter holidays** - St Mary's CTC closes on Wednesday 3.10 pm. St Mary's and St Anne's Primary schools close at 2 pm on Thursday. All 3 schools return on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Happy holidays.



**Ministers of Holy Communion** - the rota for the Holy Week services is available from the pigeon-hole in the Sacristy.

**Bible Alive** The Easter edition is available for those who subscribe from the sacristy.

**HCPT Cake Stall** - the "cake ladies" want to say thank you for your support and generosity (especially the very kind anonymous gentleman!) A fantastic amount of £176 has been forwarded this week. God bless you all.



**Piety Shop** gifts and cards for confirmation now in stock. Plenty to choose from. Pop in and see.

**Furniture Scheme** - if anyone has an unwanted washing machine or electric cooker in working order, please let us know at the Priory. Also we are desperate for beds, single, double and bunk beds.



**Lourdes Pilgrimage** - Due to unforeseen circumstances there are 2 seats available on this trip in September. Please contact Barrie on 01772 432488 for details.



**500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!**

**£100 Winner V McIntyre Week 11 No. 92 Agent M Halliwell**

**A French student of 20 seeks** a job without pay for the month of May or June in return for accommodation in a family; she speaks English well enough but needs to improve it and is willing to do all sorts of tasks in the home or elsewhere and could look after children. For more information contact Fr. Peter Bowe OSB who is at present at St. Anne's Ormskirk tel. 01695 572168 or email [maisonstbenoit@gmail.com](mailto:maisonstbenoit@gmail.com) (or Fr. Jonathan)

**Forthcoming Events**

**Parish Ramble** Easter Monday 10.45am. Local walk



**Knit & Natter** - the next meeting is **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** from 2 - 4 pm in the Library. All are welcome. There is a basket in the narthex for your unwanted double knit wool. Thank you for all your donations so far.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** 15<sup>th</sup> April (2.45 pm) for 3 pm start here in St Mary's. A nine day Novena starts on Good Friday. Please pick up a leaflet from the Narthex.



**Class of '82 Leyland St Mary's High School.** Did you or any of your family or friends leave St Mary's High School in 1982? There is a school reunion for the Class of '82 on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April** from 7.30pm at the Old Leyland Gates on Golden Hill Lane, Leyland. Spread the word. It would be great if as many as possible came after 30 years!

**Please give blood** on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.** See poster.



**Beatles Night** 12<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Centre a great night for all ages and definitely family friendly. Adults £2.50, OAP £2.00, Under 16 £1.50, Family £7.00. Make a date in your diaries tickets will be on sale in near future.

**Pilgrimages to Medjugorje** - 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September. For details contact Jo on 01514865205

**Ampleforth Ladies Retreat 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012** - would those wishing to go please contact Kate Jordan? Tel: 435721. A deposit of £20 is required

**Winckley Square Convent School Guild Reunion** -Past Pupils welcome at St Teresa's Social Centre, Queensway, Penwortham on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September between 1 and 5 pm. For information contact Joyce Simpkins (Cottam) on 01772 613463 or Jenny Halliwell (Catlow) on 01772 742170.

**WORD OF LIFE**

**You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. (Jn 15: 3)**

I think when the disciples heard this clear word of encouragement spoken by Jesus, their hearts must have leapt for joy. How wonderful if Jesus were to say it to us as well!! In order to be slightly more worthy of it, let's seek to understand it. Jesus had just been using his well-known image of the vine and the branches. He is the true vine, the Father is the vine-grower, who cuts off every branch that bears no fruit and prunes every branch that does bear fruit so that it may bear more.

*Copies of the full text are on the table in front of the Piety Shop and will be soon on the website. Please help yourself*

**Holy Saturday** is a strange day! Jesus has died and is buried. No Mass allowed; no sick communions; only quietness. WILL Jesus rise from the dead or not? It is the question for this strange day.