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Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.

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SUNDAY *St Stephen and the Holy Family* P.41

Theme: May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Christmas Day Birthday of our Lord**

8.00 Simple Mass with some carols

10.00 Family Mass and Children's

Mass with the Folk Group

3.30 Christmas Vespers sung by

the monks of the area

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

*St Stephen and the Holy Family*

11.00 Guild of St Stephen Mass

5.00 (one evening mass only) The Parish

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December *St John*

10.0 Jack Gallagher Anniversary

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December *Holy Innocents*

10.00 Houghton family

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December *St Thomas Becket*

10.00 Harry Minshull 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

12.00 Funeral service for Evie Lomax

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 Requiem Mass for Bernard Derry

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December

10.00 Doris & George Sanderson 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

7.00 For all our Parishioners *Final Mass of the*

*Year with TeDeum to thank God for the Year 2010*

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011

*Solemnity of Mary*

11.00 Stephen Miller / To ask God's

Blessing on the Year 2011

4.30 (Vigil Mass) Ruby Wedding Anniv.

6.00 (Vigil Mass) E.B.C.



### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

**Epiphany of the Lord**

9.30 Moll Family intentions

11.00 The Parish

*Confessions* Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 a.m.

(or when they end) and c 5.15 - 6.00 p.m.

Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £345.15 Gift Aid £338.50**

For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002/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.

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

# A Happy and Holy Christmas

to all our parishioners, our friends and all the people in Leyland. The monks and Sister Veronica and all who are closely involved with us in the Priory house who have been given the chance to serve others are humbled by the fact that we receive much more than we give in the calling that God has given to us. Thank you for your good will and support shown by so many cards, gifts, and signs of good will and may God bless us all.

**SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR ALL THE POOR IN OUR WORLD**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK

Fr David Morland OSB (Ampleforth), Fr. Bede Moore OSB (Belmont Abbey), John Mills, Ellen Pope, Derrick Fitzsimmons, Denis Chatburn (operation), Lily Sheeran, Lee Derbyshire, Gaynor Hilliard, Eric Woof, Lynn Hamer, Annie Kelly, Gordon Cottle, Patricia Thompson, Alan Newby, Vincent McFarlane, May Stromberg, Robert Williams, Gerry Walsh, Joan Walmsley, Jimmy Doherty, Anne Smith, Henry Deacon, Sheila Latham, Kathleen Heywood, Maria Whitfield, Imogen Stafford (Primary School), Elle Miller (High School), John Southworth, Winifred Parkinson, John Kelly, Barbara Jakiemczuk, Terry Donnelly, Steve Jones, Mary Magee, Mary Douglas, Tracey Anne Holly, Joe Breen, Jenny Finch, Paul Hewitt, Jim McKay, Dot Reynolds, Susan McCarthy, Walburga Hall, Danny Bonner, Gerald Ralphs, Graham Halstead, and connected with us, Thelma Walmsley, May Watson, Simon Thompson,. *Please tell us those for prayers by Thursday*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED:** Especially John Wilson, and we ask Evie Lomax to pray for us all and especially her family to help us have the fullness of life. Evie had 54 days of life. We pray for all who have died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mary Kosickis, Harry Sharpe, Flora Rodgers, Harry Minshull, Henry Halpin, Harry McCabe, Margaret Leah Dewhurst, Mary Holden, John Cutajar, Joseph Wright, Wilfrid Morley, Gordon Sutton and Stephen Miller.

### THIS WEEK Today: *St Stephen and the Holy Family*

Guild Mass for all Altar servers past and present at 11 am and afterwards in the Library to continue the celebrations

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

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

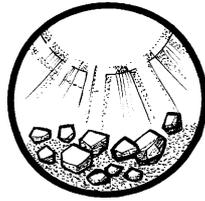
**Thursday:** Youth group Skiing

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

### NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany of the Lord

*No* Journey in faith and *No* Youth Group

**Focolare group** gathering 6pm library: some food, some slides, some shared entertainment. If anyone would like to come see Fr. Jonathan for catering purposes.



## Crib gifts for Jesus in the Poor

Any money gifts we will give to the Nugent Care Society, the local Catholic Archdiocesan society that helps those in social need of all kinds. Please put money in the safe box provided in the narthex by the crib.

GIFTS (chocolates, sweets, unwanted Christmas presents) FOR OUR POOR LOCALLY IN LEYLAND SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE CRIB IN THE NARTHEX, NOT THE CRIB IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR. These will go to our local Women's Refuge or other poor and needy people locally so that they may have some treat at Christmas time.

## Putting Christ back into Christmas

It was members of the Parish Pastoral Council at their planning away day who suggested that we should try to celebrate more publicly the great feast of Christmas by some special decorations. After much discussion of different options we have come up with the Crib that faces Broadfield Drive, the crib in the Narthex and the crib in front of the altar. We have to assess each of these initiatives and see how we can improve. Any ideas from parishioners would be welcome: also for other seasons of the Christian year, especially Easter, Pentecost or the feast of All Saints.

## Thank you

to all who have spent much time and energy in getting these cribs ready, working with the flower arrangers who have for years been celebrating the great feasts and making our Church worthy of them, in conjunction with our cleaning teams, those who work on the fabric of the Church, and you parishioners who help us to pay for all these things.

*There is a crib in the St Anne's chapel for the children to play with. Please put the figures back in the crib.*

## The Heating in Church

*Our heating engineer has given us good support with many difficulties with our different Church boilers, and has worked out how to increase the warmth in the main Church. We have had the heating on all last week and people have commented on the warmth in the Church. Now we will experiment how quickly the Church in very cold weather can be heated from scratch, and make a decision accordingly about the times of Saturday night mass. For the present we will continue the two vigil masses on Saturdays in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 4.30 and 6.00pm. We are trusting in providence as will be many parishioners to help us meet our heating bills.*

**St Mary's Ladies Retreat to Ampleforth.** This has been booked for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011. Accommodation for twenty guests has been arranged in the Grange. More details nearer the time.

### 500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

**£100 Winner B Ryan Week 49 No. 219 Agent A Holden**

**John Mills** John was very ill last week; thanks be to God who has looked after him, he was well cared for by those who know how to administer first aid and by the local hospitals and has been surrounded by prayer. Thank you to everyone for all kind thoughts and prayers in this time and for your support for the family. John is recovering well at home now. Have a Happy and Holy Christmas and God bless. Sue, Sarah and Andrew Mills.

**Fairtrade** Thank you to all who support the monthly Fairtrade stall. There will be no stall in January, but back to the first Sunday of the month, starting February 6th. Thanks to all the extra donations which have enabled us to buy a "Gift for Life" to help farmers in Kenya. Angie Bolton

**Fox Street Community, Preston** - a letter of thanks has been received to thank everyone for the recent donation of money, games and food. Please see letter on the Notice Board.

### Forthcoming Events

**Taste and See . . . .** An event for teachers aspiring to leadership in Church schools on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Corpus Christi Catholic Sports College, Preston. Please see poster on the Notice Board for more details



**Heart speaks to Heart** - a weekend away for young people aged 15 - 25, from 11 - 13 February 2011 at Savio House, Bollington, Cheshire. Cost £55.

**HCPT** is seeking volunteers for the pilgrimage next Easter 2011. If you feel able to help and would like further details, please contact Richard McDowell 01772 792264

**A visit to the Shrine at Medjugorje** 24 - 31 May 2011. Please see poster on the Notice Board for more details

### WORD OF LIFE

#### Nothing is impossible to God (Lk 1:37)

This boundless trust, which makes us feel in the arms of a Father for whom all things are possible, should accompany all that happens in our life. This does not mean that we will always get what we ask for. His almighty power is that of a Father and he uses it always and only for the good of his children, whether they realise it or not. The important thing is to live nourishing the certainty that to God nothing is impossible, and this will make us experience a peace we have never known before.

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

*Many friends have written to us wishing us a Happy Christmas. These include those of our monks and sisters who have served us in the past: Frs. Theodore, Rupert, Martin, Sister Anna, and also our visitors, Fr. Egidio, Fr. Luis, Brother Alfons. We are united with them and all others and they with us in this special and holy time and if they read this on our website we send them our very best Christmas greetings.*

