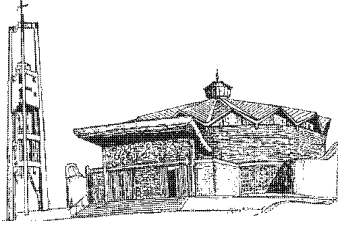


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Speak and act as if
everything you do is a joy
to you.

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4th Sunday of Advent

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Theme: I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

THE PARISH FAMILY

BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME: Harry Parr who has entered fully into communion with our Church and Aidan James Taylor and Evie Rose Iles



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 17th December

6.00 (Vigil Mass) Kearney family intentions/The Parish

Sunday 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30 Croasdale family intentions / E.B.C. / Kath Cox 70th Birthday

11.00 E.J. Whelan's intentions



THIS WEEK PLEASE SEE OVER FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME

Monday 19th December

9.00 Gerry & Kathleen Heywood
12.15 Frank Peet

Tuesday 20th December

9.00 James Hilliard Birthday Remembrance
12.15 Thomas Craig 21st Birthday
7.00pm Reconciliation Service (see across)
(all the priests and extras)

Wednesday 21st December

9.00 Safe Journey
12.15 Lily Cottam

Thursday 22nd December

8.00 (Alverna) Margaret Kennedy
11.30am Reconciliation (confessions) till 12.15pm (Fr. John JF)
12.15 Requiem Mass for Joan Parr

Friday 23rd December

9.00 Ned O'Brien
9.30am till they end - Reconciliation (confessions) (Fr. Paul P)
11.30am Reconciliation (confessions) till 12.15pm (JF)
12.15 Almond & Jolly family

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

9.00 Jack Dumont
9.30am till they end - Reconciliation (confessions)
(Fr. Jonathan J)
5-6pm Reconciliation (confessions) (P)
6.00 **Sung Vigil Mass** (with Folk Group) Initial blessing of the Crib with the children
10.15 *Carols by candlelight and Readings* with the Choir and Organ followed by **Christmas Midnight Mass at 11 pm** and the blessing of the Crib and all the Cribbs in the Parish

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** with the Folk Group
3.30pm **Christmas Vespers** sung by the Monks at St Mary's Brownedge



THIS WEEK Today: 4th Sunday of Advent

Lourdes Treasurers will be in the Library after 9.30 am Mass.
Advent Course: Celebrating an Adult Christ at Christmas with Fr Paul 3.30-4.30pm in the Priory today, **18 December.**

Leyland Band Concert 7 pm Tickets from the Parish office or on the door **No Journey in Faith No Youth Group**

Family Rota of Prayer: Mr & Mrs K Jordan, 5 Parkgate Drive

MONDAY: Church cleaning 9 am 'A' team

TUESDAY: Chess Club 6.30 pm

7pm RECONCILIATION SERVICE Rite 2 in Church. This is particularly good for those who struggle with the traditional way of celebrating the sacrament. We will have extra confessors here and this is open to all in the deanery.



A night of festive music with The Elizabethan Singers at St Mary's Brownedge, 7.30 pm
S.V.P. abbot Herbert Room 8 pm

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Christmas Day Birthday of Our Lord

Last Sunday:

Offertory Loose Plate £549.97 **Gift Aid** £288.50
Archbishop Patrick's collection £200
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.

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.

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner Fr Jonathan Week 48 No. 324 Agent E Ellison

Newman Fund Draw. Prizes are on the board. Many thanks to all who participated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK ESPECIALLY OVER CHRISTMAS WHEN WE LIKE TO HAVE THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN GOOD HEALTH

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 OVER CHRISTMAS. WE WILL HAVE MANY OF THEM REMEMBERED WITH THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES:

especially Joan Parr and connected with us, Mary Frodsham who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Evie Lomax, Anne Cordell, Mary Lathrope, Jim Tully, Margaret Hendrickson, Peggy Pemberton, Margaret Sumners, Roy Brundrett, Walter Newell, Clifford Fairclough, Winifred Durkin, Bernard Gaskell, Bernard Peter Gallagher and Gerry Walsh.

Solar Panels on the Priory House Roof. With the help of Frank Mills, Jim Blackledge and the PPC we have managed to put three rows of Solar Panels on the roof of the house. This is part of a bigger scheme to improve our heating system in Church, make running costs minimal and eco-friendly. Because of a Government Scheme that we have entered supporting renewable energy, we also hope to recover the capital costs over a period of some years. Many thanks to all involved who managed to complete the work, help the environment and us in a short time.

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.



Confirmations 2012 Please will those who have children in years 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 who would like to be confirmed pick up the A5 leaflet and return the back page to us by **Wednesday 21st December.** The pamphlets are in the Narthex.

Christmas Candles/Flowers - as usual we will be having candles around the Church at Christmas. If you would like one please write the name or names on one of the multipurpose envelopes. Mark it "Christmas Candle", enclose £5 and hand in as soon as you can to help us get them ready in good time. Donations towards the Christmas Flowers will be greatly received. Please use the multipurpose envelopes. Write the name/names and "Christmas Flowers"



Forthcoming Events

The Essential Christmas Guide continues this Thursday 22nd December, helping us to receive the greatest gift of all this Christmas. 7 - 9 pm, St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Winckley Square, Preston. ALL WELCOME! More info on the Notice Board or ase contact Joe/Ruth on 07957 566741 www.metanoiaproject.co.uk



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.

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

Christmas Cards: Parishioners may like to send one card to all their friends in the Parish, which will be displayed on the boards in the Narthex. *We request that cards be of a religious and appropriate nature.*



Money saved will go to the poor via the Newman fund. If you would like to participate please write on the outside of your envelope "For display on the shared Christmas card board" and either pop through the Priory letter box or place on the collection plate. Donations to be placed in a separate envelope marked '***Newman Fund Christmas cards***' and left on the collection plate.



WORD OF LIFE

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

Each of us is called to prepare the way of the Lord who wants to enter into our life. We must, therefore, make the paths of our life straight so that he can come in. We have to prepare the way for him, removing every obstacle one by one: those arising from our limited way of seeing things and from our weak will.

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

This Christmas (HSBC Survey)

1. On average, Brits will each spend £378.18 in total on presents for their immediate family, which includes their parents, siblings, grandparents and their own children, as well as any nieces and nephews.
2. However, the amounts vary considerably with 18% spending over £400 in total.
3. The biggest spenders will be those aged 35-44 and 45-54.
4. In general, older people will spend more than younger people.

*HAVE A HAPPY AND HOLY
PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT
CHRISTMAS FEAST.*

*CATHOLICS OFTEN LIKE TO CELEBRATE
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
BEFORE THE BIG FEAST DAYS: CHRISTMAS,
EASTER, AND PENTECOST.*