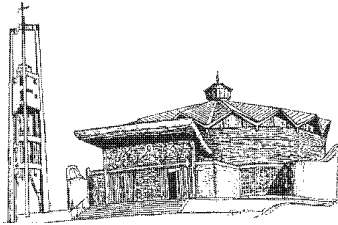


Regenerating the Parish



Try not to be hurt when people are sharp, perhaps they are preoccupied with worries and difficulties.

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

6.00 (Vigil Mass). The Parish / Richard Tyndall recently dead.

Sunday 22nd March 4th of Lent

9.30 3rd Mass 1st H.C. Programme / Helen Rawlinson sick / Fr. Abbot's Intentions / Catherine Hodgkinson recently dead.

11.00 The Parish / Mary Tobin recently dead.

Monday 23rd March

9.00 Marian Kirk (A&C)

12.15 Paul Boys (V&P)

6.15pm *Extra mass for Vocations for priesthood and religious life, organised by the Catenians to which all are welcome*

Tuesday 24th March 8.00 *With Schools*
Pat O'Shea

12.15 The Miller family

Wednesday 25th March

The Annunciation of the Lord

9.00 Maggie Rush RIP followed by stations of the Cross & other Prayers.

12.15 Mary Kedward (Birthday remembrance.)

Thursday 26th March

8.00 Peter Addison-Jones RIP

12.15 David Ormesher (Anniv)

Friday 27th March 8.15 (In the High School) John Cranney

11.30 Stations of the Cross.

12.15 Alan Donnelly Birthday remembrance.

Saturday 28th March 9.00 Paul Boys (MW)

6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish

Sunday 29th March 5th Sunday of Lent

9.30 Special Intention (NT)

11.00 The Parish

6.00 (Bl Sac Chapel) Youth Mass For Young people in our area organised by our youth – all are welcome.

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. (or when they end) and 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £587.27 Gift Aid £238.38
For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002 **Many thanks!**

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 Church. St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel

We have the rota for watching and we hope it covers much of the week. You are welcome to pop in any time.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BROADFIELD DRIVE, LEYLAND
455955 CHURCH **Sr Veronica 424665**

Steve i.c. Youth 07977249636 **Website** leylandstmarys.org.uk
SUNDAY 22nd March 2009 4th of Lent P.83

Theme: Let us hasten towards Easter with the eagerness of faith and love.

THE PARISH FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Moyra Haynes, Joyce Willcox, Danny Bonner, Annie Kelly, Jack Derbyshire, Eve Hankin, Pauline Burwin, Frances Rice, Mary Dever, Tracey Anne Holly, Evelyn Swarbrick, Jamie Nelson, Joe Copeman, Gerald Ralphs, Sister Mary Cairns, Eileen Kenyon, Bro. Francis Casey FC. (Lisieux Hall), Tegan Hyslop (5yrs), Helen Meldrum, Paul Bruce, Steve Clarke, Martin Glancy, Edith Rice, Harris Iqbal, Alice Ogden, Margaret Wallbank, Graham Halstead, Baby Casey Cross, Baby Liam Hodgkinson, & connected with us, David Lyons, Ashley Smith, Marilyn Riordan, Andrew Liddell, Anne Brien, Louie Baines, Stephen Harris Joe Harris, Stephen Leah, Marian Littlechild, Malcolm Pyman, Peter Mee, Baby George Bushell, Frank Dever, Stephen Taylor, Thomas Lionel Edens. Long-term sick are prayed for each day at mass. *Let us know those who you wish to pray for by Thursday of each week for either the bulletin and / or the long term sick.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Peter Addison-Jones, connected with us, who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mary Grugel, Denis Donn, Josef Ragonza (snr), Lawrence Nixon, Cecily Almond, Bob Edmondson, Monica Pickup, Iris Fishwick, David Ormesher, John Joseph Cooke, John Christopher Daly, Betty Rawlinson, Maureen Anne Bell, Edward McGoff and James Pilkington.

THIS WEEK Today: Laetare

Sunday Mother's Day.

Youth group go bowling after 9.30am mass. No Youth Group evening activity

Family Rota of Prayer:

Meldrum family 14 Crofters Meadow

Journey in faith 5 – 6pm

Monday **Word of life** 7pm blue room.

Catenian Council Priory library

7pm NB Mass before 6.30pm

Tuesday **SVP** 8pm Priory house

Wednesday:-

Feast of the Annunciation

Parish Day of Recollection –

This Wednesday 25th March there will be a half day of recollection. Mass at 9.00am, 9.30 Stations of the Cross, 10.00 Coffee break, 10.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11.00 Talk by Sr Veronica, 11.30 Quiet time, 11.45 Final Prayer.

Thursday **Wymott Focolare / Word of life group** 5 45 pm

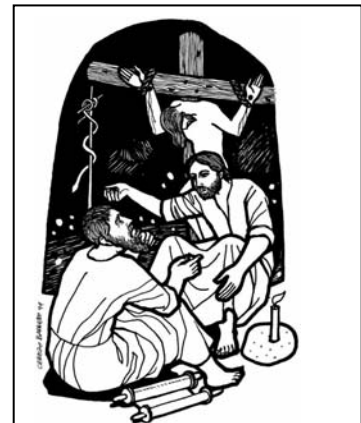
Friday:- **Stations of the cross** 11.30am all welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Journey in faith 5 - 6pm

Youth Group Youth mass followed by quiz and pizza 6pm

All Parliamentary Pro Life Group have written about the attempt to add an amendment on to the Coroners and Justice bill that has its report stage pushed forward to Monday &



The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert.... God sent his son into the World, not to condemn the World, but that through Him the world might be saved.

Tuesday of next week to support assisted suicide or euthanasia. This is a serious development of our legal system, a back door way to legalise euthanasia. Those in favour of euthanasia think public opinion is on their side of the argument after recent publicity of those who went to be killed in Switzerland. In the Narthex find an article from the Sunday Times 14th December 2008 written by an atheist against euthanasia. It is very important that as a society we do not open the door to euthanasia as then what will stop it? Witness the Abortion act! Some points are:

1. To name euthanasia "A right to die" is nonsense: we are all going to die anyway - it should be called a right to be killed when *we* want. (Fr. Jonathan's comment - Isn't that an aspect of idolatry-we want to be in control and not trust in God? Would it not be better to concentrate on caring for all who are sick or disabled, give them all they need to have a sense of worth, a purpose for living and relieve their pain?)
2. In 2005 the British Medical Journal had an article promoting "physician-assisted-suicide". Doctors (the main readers) wrote back condemning the idea as it would lead to doctors losing the trust their patients give them, especially elderly patients.
3. In the "enlightened Netherlands" where euthanasia is legal, $\frac{1}{4}$ of "physician assisted deaths" occur without the consent of patients, and people going to hospital carry cards with this message: "Please do not kill me!"

No time to write letters asking MP's not to vote in favour of any amendments supporting euthanasia. If anyone wishes to do this ring our local office of David Borrow 454727 asap, or in London 020 7219 3000 at the House of Commons and ask for David Borrow our MP.

Update - Thank you to all who wrote articles, edited, copied, prepared, collated, stapled, bundled, and to those who deliver. Many thanks. Bundles are ready for delivery this weekend

Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper we require twelve apostles (male or female young or old) to have their feet washed there is a list in the narthex to sign up on if you are prepared to help on this important evening.

Thank you Mary Dever and family wish to thank Fr Jonathan, Sr Veronica, parishioners and friends for their prayers, Mass offerings and good wishes. Mary is now home and recovering well. A Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Mites We are still collecting 'mites' (5p) these are used to buy sugar, salt and clean water to rehydrate children in poor parts of the world who would otherwise die. Place any you have in the offertory basket in an envelope marked 'mites'. This is a project we do in partnership with the URC church and began many years ago when one of our parishioners heard about the project when she was participating in a Lent course.

Easter Sunday Celebration For the Easter Sunday Celebration we would be grateful if you could donate an egg or eggs. Please bring the eggs to church to be collected by Catherine Sullivan. Thank you

500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS! £100 Winner Barrie Forde
Week 9-No. 45 Agent L Raven

Forthcoming Events

Fairtrade Fashion Show 25th March 7pm Debenhams (see board)

Lenten Vigil 31st March Cardinal Newman College 7pm (see board)

Open Gardens' A Possible fundraiser. If anyone is interested in a fundraising effort which involves opening your garden for parishioners and friends to visit one afternoon this summer say July. Please would you come to a meeting on Tuesday 31st March in the Library at 8.00 p.m. Proceeds would go towards the heating of the church next winter.

St Mary's Chorley on Thursday 26th March, Tony Berry of the Houghton Weavers will be in concert in aid of Fr Norbert of Zimbabwe. Please see the poster for tickets sales etc.

KIT meeting Wednesday 1st of April at 7.30 p.m. to plan for the summer. Please could all KIT members and any new people who would be interested in keeping in touch with parishioners by visiting them during the summer months please come along.

Parish and Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service Thursday 2 April 7.30-8.30pm. The service will be as the last one; a chance to celebrate reconciliation and later for those who wish to celebrate in a joyful way the sacrament.

Thursday Night Fever. 70's nite April 2, 2008 Please introduce someone new to Jesus.- Priory Club 7:45pm, tickets £5.00 in advance from Mike Cowburn 07519 669951.

Silver Jubilee of Archbishop Kelly's ordination as Bishop 3rd April: Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 5.30pm. All are very welcome. As parking will be difficult we will try to go together, mini-bus or coach. Please sign the list. Transport leave at 3.45pm & we expect to be back by 8-8.30pm.

Cemetery clean up - Saturday 4th of April from 10.00 until 1pm. Try and come along and give our cemetery a well needed spring clean before the mowing season begins. There are lots of jobs light and heavy ones no previous experience needed.

Chrim Mass Wednesday 8th April we will take a coach leaving at 5.30pm and back between 10.30-11.00pm. Please sign the list.

Ampleforth Ladies retreat -8th to 10th May. Will those ladies wishing to go please let Kate Jordan have £20 deposit asap.

WORD OF LIFE

If you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you
It could even be that you ask for things, but without any intention of bringing your life into line with what God demands.

In this case do you think it would be fair for God to grant your request? He doesn't just want to give you a gift, he wants to give you complete happiness. And you can have that only if you live God's commandments, live his words. It is not enough just to live his words. It is not enough just to think about them, or merely to meditate on them; they must be lived. If you do this, you will obtain everything.

To sum up, would you like to obtain things from God?
Ask for anything you want, in the name of Christ, with the intention of doing his will and obeying his laws.
God is very happy to give us things. Unfortunately, it is often we who close his hands.

*Copies of the word of life are available from the back of church.
Next meeting Monday 23rd at 7 p.m. in the blue room.*