

Chairman's Report: PPC Meeting 2nd April 2008:

1	Women's World Day of Prayer was marked at URC Leyland on 7 th March and on the same day a Mass for the recently bereaved was held at St. Mary's in the evening.
2	Archbishop Kelly began his Lent talks at St John's Standish Wigan 7 th March.
3	8/9 th March Fr. Kieran Monaghan OSB spoke at all Masses about hospitality at Ampleforth.
4	Run for Unity Meeting on 10 th March in Church. This will take place on May 10 th at All Hallows School, and is an international event in which young people try to promote values of peace and the values of co-operation and harmony. It begins in New Zealand and each time zone will have its own hour from 4-5 p.m. for its activities. LSMCTC, Brownedge High School and All Hallows school are working together, with our Youth Group and other groups from Protestant Churches, and there is quite some enthusiasm among the young people. It includes sport, dance and music. There will be a carnival atmosphere with many events to join in with from 2.00 p.m. onwards.
5	Meeting of the Network group of the Pastoral Area schools (13 th March) at SMCTC to discuss ethos. We approved the following mission statement and have plans to promote Catholic ethos in practical ways: <i>With the teachings of Jesus in our hearts our mission as the parochial area network of schools is to develop a deeper understanding of the distinctive nature of Catholic Education.</i> <i>We will strive to promote the Catholic and Christian nature of our schools within the family of school communities to which they belong.</i> <i>We will work together to ensure that all our children, students, staff and governors experience the Catholic Tradition in a vibrant, supportive and caring way.</i> <i>We hope and pray that this will inspire all involved in our schools to value our catholic faith and grow spiritually, morally and in holiness and that by this they may achieve their full potential for each other and the world around us.</i>
6	KIT Meeting at the priory house on the 13 th March. The meeting led to a practical initiative to hand out invitations to neighbours about the importance of Holy Week in St. Mary's
7	Youth Group outing to Blackburn for ice-skating on 14 th March. On Easter Sunday morning the youth group publicly gave a cheque of over £400 to contribute towards the cost of over £2k for one of the youth of the parish to attend the WORLD Youth day in Sydney. Money came from the chocolate raffle and the Holy Week sheltered accommodation services, i.e. from the parishioners, organised by the youth group.
	Easter Services began on Palm Sunday (16 th March). These centred

8	on the Triduum and included the Walk for Witness, which ended with a service in URC Leyland. We entered the Church after 11 weeks away on Maundy Thursday.
9	Chrism Mass Liverpool Cathedral on Wednesday 19 th March. 32 people attended a beautiful ceremony. We realise how busy the cathedral is for the year of culture.
10	The Church renovation work finished on Thursday 20 th March, Maundy Thursday, with workmen still doing electrical work and laying carpet and clearing out at 5.15 p.m. A small group of parishioners continued and were ready by about 7.15 p.m. just in time for the Maundy Thursday mass. From then on the services have been in the main Church for the Triduum and for Sundays. People have commented only favourably to Frs. Ambrose and Jonathan: probably those who are not happy with the changes have not shared with them. There have been a lot of favourable comments however, including from one parishioner who is so pleased she has put in a mass for the intentions of Frs. Jonathan, Ambrose and all St. Mary's Parishioners in thanksgiving.
11	Distribution of prayer cards during Easter week for our Cathedral City of Culture. The Archbishop would like us to pray the prayer each day .
12	Divine Mercy Devotions held in church on Sunday 30 th March.
13	Performance of 'Oliver Twist' at SMCTC 2-4 April Inclusive.