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EASTER MESSAGE FROM FATHER GRAEME

May the peace of the risen Christ come down upon you and all your families.

May I also take this opportunity to thank those many people who gave of their time, skill and enthusiasm to enhance our church and celebrations over this most Holy of Week (also one of the busiest) Their hard work and dedication has enhanced all that has taken place this week. Thank you.

Finally, I look forward to celebrating with you all the Mass for Canon Firth, on the first anniversary of his death. I'm sure it will be a beautiful tribute to him and his ministry and as such a fitting conclusion to the Octave of Easter.

It only remains for me to wish you all a

Happy Easter! Fr Graeme

Reflection

'I have been blessed with more than my share of happiness'

Easter Day has dawned, a day like no other. A day filled with joy so great that we cannot begin to

describe it. In these last days as we have remembered the events of the holiest week of the year we have experienced every human emotion: triumph, betrayal, suffering, pain, and desolation. Our remembrance goes back 2,000 years and yet those emotions are very much alive in our world; in

our lives today. It is a joy that will never end.... Through the resurrection of Jesus we know that death has been conquered and that we are assured of an eternal life, a happiness the like of which we have never experienced before, one which will last for ever.....

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP - see his full Easter message on the notice board

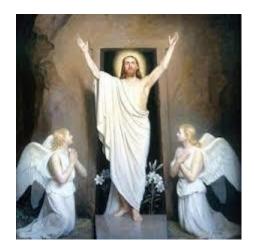
Easter Sunday 1977 – from the 1st pastoral letter of Archbishop Romero - soon to be canonised

...We have together lived through a Lent that was a Way of the Cross, and a Good Friday that has come to full flower in this bright and hopeful hour of the Easter of resurrection...

Let us know how to give reason for this hope by the witness of unity, of communion, of Christian authenticity, and of apostolic work.

Children's Corner

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<u>1st April</u> 9:30am John Lilley (A) 11:00am Easter List **NO EVENING MASS**

8th April, 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:30am Peter Evans (A & B) 11:00am Canon Firth

Note: NO EVENING MASS

Weekday Mass

Monday	10:00am	John & Judith Kenyon			
Tuesday	10:00am	Requiem Kathleen Marmion			
Wednesday	11:00am	Requiem Jean Devlin			
Thursday	10:00am	Requiem Margaret Brindle			
Friday	10:00am	Joseph Robinson (A)			
Saturday	10:00am	Roger Alan (LD)			

Weekly Confession: after Saturday morning Mass

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Margaret Wood, Bill Burns, Margaret Bower, Winifred Calderbank, Hugh O'Daly, Victoria Mary Birkett, Lois Chiasson, Mildred Bridge, Robert Stretton, Bill Barnes, Maureen Jackson, Olive Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill, Fred Simpson, Thomas and Joan Woodruff

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Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £846.66.

And thank you for your offerings of Lenten Alms, and Holy Places and CAFOD collections. Totals will be announced when available.

Feast of Divine Mercy

Next Sunday 8th April. All are invited to the Divine Mercy celebration at St. Mary's Leyland in Leyland. Please see the poster at the back with the novena intentions plus leaflets to pick up.

FORWARD PLANNING

Walsingham Pilgrimage

The Annual Pilgrimage of members and friends of the Chorley Branch of the Association from throughout Lancashire will take place this year from 18th to 22nd June. The cost will be £304.50 per person, and the coach will leave Chorley early in the morning. More information from J. Noblet, 01257 265498. Please see poster.

Leisure Time Travel to Lourdes

See the notice board for special offers, departing on 29th May and 4th June.

Brownedge Parish and & Community Festival

Saturday 5th May to Friday 11th May @St. Mary's Church, Brownedge Lane, Bamber Fridge. Grade II listed building, enlarged by Peter Paul Pugin in 1891/92, with a fine collection of stained glass windows. In addition to the main evening events, the church is opened each week day with refreshments and various activities. An ideal opportunity for an outing. See poster for details of the programme.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting S.A.S. 8th April Dial a Ride " Readers " Eucharistic Ministers John and Mary Mark Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler Taxi Marissa Sanders C Margaret Scard Li George Walmsley P Jack Knight H

Canon Firth's family Linda Walmsley Paul Thompson Helen Mather