

Sunday 3rd July

9.30am Edward Fairclough (A)
 11.00am John Lilley
 6.30pm Frank Smith

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am Tony Hardyman
 Tues. 8.30am Mr. J. Clare (LD)
 Wed. 8.30am Stephanie Unsworth
 Thurs. 8.30am Fr. Firth
 Fri. 8.30am Wilcock family (FM)
 Sat. 8.30am Fred Padmore (LD)

Sunday 10th July

9.30am Special Intention
 11.00am Josie Down (LD)
 6.30pm Parishioners

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison · Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Howard Line · Maureen Mclver · Bill Burns · John Marshall · Lois Chiasson

Sadly we heard on Monday that Alan West had been killed in an accident in Switzerland. How very sad. We offer our sympathy to May and assure her of our prayers. The date of Alan's Requiem has not yet been fixed. May he rest in peace.

Church Paving

Many thanks to Lee Walsh and his team for the work they have done in re-laying the York stone at the front of the church. It is an excellent job. They have also rebuilt the church drainage system linking it into the main water sewers, which should prevent the heavy flooding we get with water from the church roof.

It was not possible to move the stone below the inscription on Canon Greenhalgh's grave as it would have brought the whole well down. We will get the inscription redone as it is badly faded. Canon Greenhalgh was the third parish priest here (1842 – 1817). It was he who enlarged the church by adding the two side aisles and a bell/clock tower. He also added the main porch and baptistery – the lodge was also built at the same time. Canon Greenhalgh also opened the new church of St. Joseph at Anderton. He was parish priest here for twenty eight years and is buried at the north corner of the church just outside the side entrance.

Baptism

Today we welcome Hollie Ann Vaughn in baptism and on Saturday next Joshua Alexander Bradie.

A Happy Birthday

Rose Anne Tighe is 90 next Saturday. We all wish you a splendid celebration, continued good health and every happiness.

Collection

Many thanks for the collection last week of 946, and the envelopes you returned for 'Peter's Pence'. That collection will close this week.

Holy Year – The Year of Mercy

All the four great Basilicas in Rome have a "holy door" which is opened by the Pope at the beginning of a Holy Year.... to save the necessity of travelling to Rome. Pope Francis allowed every bishop to designate a Holy Door in his diocese – either in the Cathedral or in a major church. St. Mary's, Leyland is the designated Holy Door in our area of the diocese. The symbolism is simple: "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved". In this Year of Mercy we are invited to go through the Holy Door to receive God's mercy. Do try to pay a visit to St. Mary's. Fr. Jonathan will make you very welcome. There is actually a service there this Thursday (7th) at 6.00pm to 8.00pm which Fr. Burns from Bishop Eaton will lead about the gift of Mercy... an opportunity for Confession.... Tea at 7.45pm.

S.V.P.

The S.V.P. collection will be taken today after Mass. Please pray that the work they do in our name will be blessed.

Parish Accounts

Attached is the Finance Committee annual report on the parish accounts. Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish and many thanks to the Committee for their always helpful and supportive advice.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters (4th July) John and Mary Mark

Rotas (10th July, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

S.A.S. Margaret Scard

Dial a Ride Barry Crossen and Catherine Jackson

Readers Andrew Nightingale

Sharon Hobin

Alex Duxbury

Ministers David Chadwick

Edward Brierley

Paul Rynn

Catherine Todd

Emmy Moss