

Today we light the second Advent candle. The first was for Hope, the second is for Love – God's love for us. On Tuesday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis asks us to begin a 'holy year' to celebrate in this year God's mercy, forgiveness and love.

Sunday 6th December

9.30am John & Elizabeth Watmough (A)
11.00am Cyril Moss (A)
6.30pm Jack Barton

Sunday 13th December

9.30am Leo and Sheila and Paul Dickinson
11.00am Mgr. Leo Alston
6.30pm Margaret and James Entwistle, Pauline Simpson

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am Doreen and Harry Ainscough
Tues. 8.30am Special Intention
Wed. 8.30am Joe Linskey
Thurs. 8.30am Gertie Polding (A)
Fri. 8.30am Teresa Hamer (A)
Sat. 8.30am James Critchley (A)

Tuesday is the Feast of the

Immaculate Conception – Mass as usual

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret and Fred Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh O'Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · David Woods · Frank Morris · David Lynch · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · John Lilley

Offertory Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1036.

Diocesan directories

These directories tell the story of Church life in our Diocese... all the parishes of the diocese are listed in them and what is happening in them. They make interesting reading. £3 each (a discount off the cover price!!)

S.V.P.

The SVP take their collection today. They aim to offer a small gift at Christmas to our older parishioners to show them that they are not forgotten. If you know of anyone in real need this Christmas don't hesitate to ask the SVP to visit them.

Carol Service

On Thursday the children will present the Christmas story in carols and drama here in the church at 7.00pm. Do please join them in this lovely service.... an opportunity for us all to get into the Christmas spirit with an evening of carol singing.

Confirmation

Bishop John Rawsthorne celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday for twenty seven of our children in Year four. It was a lovely evening. Sincere thanks to the School and our Parish Team who prepared the children and the service. We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire them all as they take this next step in their Faith journey.

The Holy Door

The Church has celebrated holy years (usually every twenty five years) since 1300. Christians have made pilgrimages to Rome to seek "forgiveness for sin". Each pilgrim had to pass through the 'Holy Door' in St. Peter's which is opened only for this year. It is then sealed and closed until the next holy year. Bishops are allowed to designate a Holy Door in their diocese for this celebration. Archbishop Malcolm has designated three – the Cathedral, Holy Cross St. Helens and St. Mary's Leyland. The Archbishop will open the Holy Door at St. Mary's Leyland next Tuesday with Mass at 7.30pm. All are invited to join the Archbishop at Leyland.

Are you sitting comfortably?

Well you should be now with new cushions on the benches! As we get older together kneeling becomes more and more difficult, so please don't hesitate to sit during mass. You don't have to kneel to pray!

And New Lights

Many thanks to Gerry Gallagher who has installed new lighting in the side aisles – something we've been meaning to get done for a long time!

Youth Group

The group are organising two events – a social night for the older youth (year 7 up) on Friday 18th December (7.00pm – 9.00pm) and a children's party (year 3 – year 6) on Sunday 20th (after the 11.00am mass).

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters (7 December) Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre

Rotas (13th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent)

S.A.S. Sandra Donnelly, Madge Martin, May West

Readers Angela MacLeod

David Fairclough

Paul Tate

Ministers Emmy Moss

Sharon Hobin

Terry Turner

Catherine Todd

Paul Thompson

Dial a Ride

Barry Crossen

Catherine Jackson