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ST. MARY, OSBALDESTON

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH On New Year's Eve 1939 King George broadcast to the nation in their darkest hour. He quoted "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year "give me a light that I may venture out into the unknown." He said to me "Go forth and put your hand into the hand of God and this will be to you better than light and safer than a known way." Jesus tells us today that he is the Way. He is preparing palace for us and will return to take us to that place.

So we know our future. We know where we will be going and who will take us there. All Jesus asks us is to "take his hand." Just like you said to your children when you came to cross a busy road "Hold my hand and don't let go."

NEWSLETTER A weekly newsletter for both our churches will continue to be produced and posted online. It can be viewed at stmaryschurchlangho.org . The Sunday sermon can be heard on the same website. It is posted under News - Archived homilies.

MASS can be viewed online. The link is <https://churchservices.tv/timetable/> Several local church are amongst the many which now stream Mass each day (Good Shepherd Colne & St. Mary's Bamber Bridge.). Mgr Corcoran continues to offer Mass each day here in St. Mary's as I do in Langho. So you are remembered each day.

PRAYER BULLETIN BOARD We now have an online Prayer Board for you to leave your prayers. Go onto the parish website stmaryschurchlangho.org and click on "Prayer Bulletin Board." there you can leave your prayer requests.

POPE FRANCIS ON CONFESSION "I know that many of you go to confession before Easter ... many will say to me: 'But Father I cannot leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me How can I do that unless I find a priest?' Do what the catechism says. It is very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He is your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."

FATHER PAUL DILLON parish priest of English Martyrs, Whalley from 1995 - 2003 died in his home town of Duagh, Co Kerry on 25th April. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Duagh Parish Church on 28th April. A Memorial Mass is to be arranged.

We pray for **Danny Barlow, Jane Mary Taylor, Arthur Bibby, Gwen Rawstron, Margaret Kobell, Joanne Newsham, Julie Heyes, Lisa Mellody, Father Peter Harvey, Rachel Pilkington, Teresa Lovick, Brian Fisher, Sarah Hybryk, Annette Thompson, Margaret Pannikar, George Hutchinson** and all who are sick

We pray for **Father Paul Dillon (former parish priest of Whalley), Keith Holdsworth, Margaret Donnelly, Sheila Hibbert, Tom O'Hanlon** and all who died recently.

We also remember **Andrea Pinder, John Woodworth, Brigid Ponsonby, William & Edith Martin, George Scott, Margaret Coar, John & Emily Dickinson, James Graham** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.