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**SUNDAY 10th MAY 2020**

**ST. MARY'S LANGHO**

**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 a light and safer than a known way." Jesus tells us today that he is the Way. He is preparing place 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](http://stmaryschurchlangho.org) . The Sunday sermon can be heard on the same website. It is posted under News - Archived homilies

**MASS.** I continue to offer Mass each morning in the presbytery. Church Services can be viewed online. The link is [www.ChurchServices.tvtimetable](http://www.ChurchServices.tvtimetable). You will find several local churches there amongst the many listed. (Good Shepherd Colne and St. Mary's Bamber Bridge.)

**PRAYER BULLETIN BOARD** We now have an online Prayer Board for you to leave your prayers like you did on the board in church. Go onto the parish website [stmaryschurchlangho.org](http://stmaryschurchlangho.org) and click on "Prayer Bulletin Board."

**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."

**MASS INTENTIONS** Keith Holdsworth, Margaret Donnelly, Sheila Hibbert, Thomas O' Hanlon, Margaret Patton.

**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.

**200 CLUB DRAW** £50 No. 167 Tom Holt. £25 No.152 J.M. Taylor. £15 No. 99 Trish Wiggins. £10 No.55 Maureen Lofthouse. Congratulations. The winnings will be distributed when we return to normal.

We pray for **Father Peter Harvey, Joan Robson, Raymond Marsh, Kathleen Gooden, Nafees Bhatti, Rani Bhatti, James Murphy, Vanessa Capiello, Megan McDonnell, Sean Reilly, William King, Sharon Moran, Warren Astin, David Belshaw, Joe Kemp, Steve Moss, Mary Wiltshire, Mick McKeon, Heather Dost, Muriel Scholey, Ian Ward, Rachel Pilkington, Margaret Clague, Mary Curran, Sheila Aspin, Sarah Hybryk, Annette Thompson, Margaret Pannikar and all who are sick.**

We pray for those who have left our world to journey home to God especially **Father Paul Dillon, Keith Holdsworth, Margaret Donnelly, Sheila Hibbert, Tom O'Hanlon** and all who died recently.

We also remember **Harold Ainsworth, Patrick Walsh, Edward Baron, Vera Hargreaves, Maureen Torbay, Ken Ganley, John Smith, Margaret Patton.** whose anniversaries occur at this time.