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ST. MARY, OSBALDESTON

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH There is a saying “Gratitude is the memory of the heart.” Now we all have a heart. But is there room in that heart for gratitude ? Take a few minutes and think of the people in your life. Family, friends and neighbours spring immediately to mind. We can think of many reasons why we are grateful for them. They have brought love into our lives. They have shared happy and sad moments. But now we are realising there are many more people we can add to that list. People whose names we do not know and will never know. People who in the past we took for granted or did not even notice. People who are putting their own lives at risk to ensure our survival. Pope Francis calls them “the saints next door.” Let us hope that when this pandemic is over we will continue to show our gratitude to them and our appreciation for all that they do.

NEWSLETTER A weekly newsletter for both our churches will continue to be produced and posted on line. 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 on line . 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.

COLLECTIONS Gift Aid £120. Thank you. Envelopes can be kept until you next return to church.

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.”

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS cannot take place at the moment. We hope to rearrange them for sometime during the autumn. When this can be organised due notice will be given.

THE BISHOPS have been in consultation with the Government regarding the reopening of the churches. They have already submitted a detailed plan in full accordance with public health guidelines for churches to be open for private prayer. This will be the first safe step towards their use for public worship. They await a reply.

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 Peter Gooden, Keith Holdsworth, Margaret Donnelly, Sheila Hibbert, Tom O'Hanlon** and all who died recently.

We also remember **Michelle Kiss and all who died in the Manchester Arena Bombing Tragedy, John Joseph Yates, Margaret Murphy, Peter Rourke, Alice Hargreaves, John Noblett, Margaret Thompson, Joseph Mooney, Michael Ponsonby, Monica Bailey, Fr. William Drake** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.