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**SUNDAY 17th MAY 2020**

**ST. MARY'S LANGHO**

**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](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 on line. 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 on 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** Stephen Counsell, Edmund George, Keith Houldsworth (2), Monica Bailey.

**COLLECTIONS** 3rd May & 10th May : Gift Aid £260. Standing Orders £100. Total **£360**. Thank you. Envelopes can be kept until you return to church or put through the presbytery letter box.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** cannot take place at the moment. We hope to rearrange them for some time 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 **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 Peter Gooden, Keith Holdsworth, Margaret Donnelly, Sheila Hibbert, Tom O'Hanlon, Stephen Counsell, Edmund George** and all who died recently.

We pray for, **Michelle Kiss and all who died in the Manchester Arena Bombing Tragedy, Margaret Ashton, Margaret Vivian, Francis Cooper, Jim Jones, Desmond Lambe, Maureen Lambe, Jean Fenton, John Hooper, Jim Charnock, Kathryn Natalie Wachala, Harold Ainsworth, Tommy Haworth, Marjorie Williams, Sarah Kelly, Monica Bailey** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.