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ST. MARY'S LANGHO

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH With the appearance of Jesus to Thomas the apostles were now united. They had all been forgiven and reassured of Jesus's love for them. Their confidence was restored. They now had a future that would be successful not a past that would weigh them down with failure. They still had to spend time together before Jesus would send them out into the world. It was a time when they could draw strength from each other. This is our time of waiting. When it is over we will emerge into a world that will be different from the past. What that will be we do not quite know yet. But we need to draw strength from each other. We need to support and encourage each other. We are all lame dogs climbing over a fence. But if we all help each other then we all get over the fence. No one gets left behind.

NEWSLETTER A weekly newsletter for both our churches will continue to be produced and posted on line. It can be viewed at stemposted-under-news-churchlangho.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. 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 <u>stmaryschurchlangho.org</u> and click on "Prayer Bulletin Board." **POPE FANCIS 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 George Quirke, Jack Conboy, Frank Boswell, Rebecca Holt, Michael Taylor.

CONDOLENCES to Nora Boswell on the death of her husband Frank. May he rest in peace.

To the family of the late Maureen Ramsden. May she rest in peace.

To the Quirke family on the death of George well remembered for his work as headteacher of St.Bede's High School, Blackburn. May he rest in peace.

To Julie Singleton on the death of her brother Michael Taylor. May he rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS 5th April & 12 April Gift Aid £502. Loose £55. Standing Orders. £100. Total £657.

Thank you. Envelopes can be kept and returned when normal services resume.

200 CLUB £50 No. 48 Coleen Morgan. £25 No. 21 J & E Simpson. £15 No. 111 Ellie Midgley.

£10 No 82 Nuala Hanson.Prizes will be distributed when normal service resumes. Thank you for your support.

SOME LOCAL SHOPS are beginning to home deliver. It might be worth while checking out your local supermarket, butcher etc to see if they are providing this service.

We pray for Father Peter Harvey, Jean Wilson, 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, Frank Kinney, Sarah Hybryk, Annette Thompson, Margaret Pannikar, Father Leo and all who are sick.

We pray for all who have left our world recently to journey home to God especially Frank Boswell, George Quirke, Maureen Ramsden, Michael Taylor and all who died recently.

We pray for Christopher Vincent Westell, John Barry, Jimmy Cain, Stephen Peterson, Jack

Conboy, Monique Warden, Mary Jackson, Kieran Keigher, Helen Houghton, Claire Drogan, Marion Driver, Margaret Moss, John Taylor and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.