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**ST. MARY, OSBALDESTON**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**CHURCH CHURCH** Plans are being drawn up for when our churches can open firstly for private prayer and then for the celebration of Mass. As we all know things will be much different from what they were. Social distancing will obviously mean a limit to the number of people that can be at Mass. How we can sort that one out is not known at the present. There will also be a need for volunteers to monitor the church and to sanitise it on a regular basis. As soon as plans are published we will be asking for volunteers. So hold yourself in readiness to answer the call when it comes.

**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** 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](http://stmaryschurchlangho.org) and click on "Prayer Bulletin Board." there you can leave your prayer requests.

**COLLECTIONS** Gift Aid **£100**. Standing Orders for April **£591**. 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.

**WORK** has begun to landscape the new section of the cemetery. This involves levelling the site, adding topsoil and then laying turf. It is work that needs to be done to preserve the graveyard.

We pray for **Danny Barlow, Jane Mary Taylor, Arthur Bibby, Gwen Rawstron, Margaret Kobell, Joanne Newsham, Julie Heyes, Lisa Melody, 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, Margaret Donnelly,** and all who died recently.

We also remember **David Lucas, George Miller, Zygmunt Richards, Vincent Higginson, Brian Dobson, Rex Tootle, Mary Agnes Fairclough, Bernadette Hubert, Carmel Higginson, Sharon Beard, Alan Robinson** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.