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ST. MARY'S LANGHO

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH By tradition this Sunday is called "Good Shepherd Sunday". It is the World Day of Prayer for Vocation to the priesthood and Religious life. Today we pray as always for vocations to the priesthood asking the Lord to inspire young people to think about dedicating their lives to the service of God and his people. But when we pray we must be ready to accept the answer that God sends not just the answer that we want. In recent weeks we have seen families and people on their own determined to keep the faith alive. They are determined that we will have a future. So is a new future taking shape ? We are only just beginning to walk down the path that God is now opening up to us. Let us pray we have the courage to continue in that path wherever it takes us.

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. I continue to offer Mass each morning in the presbytery. Church Services can be viewed online. 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 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 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."

COLLECTIONS 19th April & 26th April. Gift Aid £454. Loose £150. Standing Orders £100. total £604. Thank you

MASS INTENTIONS Tony Wright (birthday memories), Special Intentions (2).

75th ANNIVERSARY of VE DAY celebrated this Friday. Not celebrated the way it was planned but still a day to remember the determination, courage and bravery of all who served in the Second World War. We also remember the sacrifices made by the civilian population at home who were determined to play their part in the effort to win the war. We promised never to forget them. This week we remember that promise and pray for them. "Remember this : for your tomorrow we gave our today."

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 all who have left our world recently to journey home to God especially **Father Paul Dillon (former parish priest of Whalley), Michael Taylor, Mary Condon, Frank Kinney, Leisa Livesey** and all who died recently.

We pray for **Edward Baron, Cyril Holden, Bernard Hargreaves, Fred McKean, Thomas & Elizabeth Allen, Susanna Moore, Monica Bailey, Joan Henderson** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.