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FOURTH SUNDAY

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 their 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 online. It can be viewed at stmaryschurchlango.org . The Sunday sermon can be heard on the same website. It is posted under News - Archived homilies.

MASS can be viewed online. 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 stmaryschurchlango.org and click on “Prayer Bulletin Board.” there you can leave your prayer requests.

MASS INTENTIONS Jennie Langthorne, Maureen Elizabeth Ramsden, Jim Hackett, Norman Chadwick.

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 Standing Orders February £576. March £576. Envelopes received £57. Thank you. Envelopes can be kept until you can next come to church.

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 **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 Paul Dillon (former parish priest of Whalley), Frank Kinney** and all who died recently.

We pray for **Gregory Murray, Harry Ainsworth, Chris Boothman, David Lucas, George Miller, Zygmunt Richards, Vincent Higginson, Rex Tootle, Mary Agnes Fairclough, Bernadette Hubert, Carmel Higginson, Sharon Beard, Alan Robinson, Jenny Langthorne** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.