



# Our Lady and St Gerard's Lostock Hall

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### TRACK & TRACE

The Latest easing of restrictions has also brought with it some new instructions from the Bishops Conference of England & Wales. One in particular relates to Track & Trace. We have been asked to encourage the use of the QR Code for Track & Trace in the entrance and Narthex. This has been in place since last year and a few parishioners do already use it.

We have also been able to reintroduce the Offertory Collection but not bench by bench. The boxes will remain in the porch but Stewards will also stand at the doors as you leave for those who haven't used the boxes.

Please do continue to support the church and if you are a tax payer please sign up for Gift Aid as for ever £1 you donate we get back a further 25 pence from HMRC.

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## Jean Hylde Brennand

11th November 1933 ~ 16th April 2021

Jean was known to many people in the Parish from her involvement in various group but because of current restrictions many friends were unable to attend the her Requiem Mass in Leyland. The family have kindly agreed to share this part of her Eulogy with us all.

Marcus read the Eulogy.



Firstly, Sandra, John, Michael and I would like to thank those who have joined us here today to celebrate my Mum's life and also to all those joining us remotely via the video link.

Since Mum's passing we have received some wonderful tributes, generally that she always had a cheerful outlook on life, always had time for people, was very sociable and always had time for a chat.

As well as being a devoted wife, mother, grandma and great grandma mum had substantial involvement in the community over the years and I'd like to now go

through some of the things she was involved with and her various achievements.

### **Our Lady and St Gerard's**

She was involved with Our Lady and St. Gerard's church for a number of years in a number of capacities, running stalls at the summer fairs, hosting garden parties to raise funds for charity, helping to raise thousands of pounds over the years. In 2013 in recognition of her devotion and service to the church she was granted a Blessing by Pope Francis, she was very proud of this achievement and her certificate occupies pride of place at her house.

During her numerous years of involvement with both St Gerard's and St Mary's churches she built a number of long-lasting friendships

and I am pleased to say that some of her friends have been able to join us here today.

## **St. Paul's School**

The later years of Mum's working life were spent at St Paul's school opposite her house, she worked as a welfare assistant for many years and took the approach that she would set up games for the children at break time instead of just standing and watching them. She always enjoyed time spent with the children and her skipping games were legendary!

Her claim to fame was that she taught the Manchester united football player Phil Jones how to skip, which helped give him the balance and strength he needed to become a premier league footballer!

When Mum retired, she continued voluntary work at the school and for many years helped the children learn to read, only retiring from that role very recently. Her colleagues described her as a lovely lady and that she was a huge part of the school over many years, and will be missed.

## **Leyland Barracudas**

Mum also had a long-standing connection with Leyland Barracudas Swimming club, going back over 40 years, with over 30 of those years being in the position of life-vice president of the club. I have fond memories of attending the annual swimming galas with her as VIP's, sitting in the posh seats and presenting our family trophies to the up and coming swimmers of the future, she was always supportive of the children. I am pleased to say that we have some representatives of the club here with us here today.

## **Boys and Mum**

When Ryan and Jake were at Primary School they would go every Friday to mums for their tea, I would ask what they had been doing and they would say, oh, playing football with Grandma! She was in the nets! She was well into her 80's by this time, though there was no stopping her!

I am certain her various grandchildren and great grandchildren here

today will have fond memories of going to grandmas, playing games in the garden and the annual summer garden parties!

## **Preston North End**

When my dad passed away in 2003 we thought of ways to keep Mum entertained and part of this was introducing her to Preston North End. Her first PNE game was in 2004 VS John's side Leeds United. It was a full house at Deepdale and the atmosphere was electric, she was hooked!

We went to many matches after that and a football match with mum was quite an experience, her natural enthusiasm always shined through!

A truly remarkable lady who lived a full and active life.

***HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS***  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**  
*Saint John Lateran Square*  
*Thursday, 4 June 2015*



We heard: how at the [Last] Supper Jesus gives his Body and his Blood through the bread and wine, to leave us the memorial of his sacrifice of infinite love. And with this “Viaticum” filled with grace, the disciples had everything necessary for their journey through history, to extend to all the Kingdom of God. The gift that Jesus made of himself, by his voluntary immolation on the Cross, will be light and strength for them. And this Bread of Life has come down to us! The Church’s amazement at this reality is unending. An astonishment which always feeds contemplation, adoration, and memory. This is shown to us by a really beautiful text from today’s Liturgy, the Responsory to the Second Reading from the Office of Readings, which reads: “*See in this bread the body of Christ*

*which hung upon the cross, and in this cup the blood which flowed from his side. Take his body, then, and eat it; take his blood and drink*

*body of Christ is the bond which unites you to him: eat it, or you will have no part in him. The blood is the price he paid for your redemption: drink it, lest you despair of your sinfulness”.*

There is a danger, there is a threat: to have no part in him, to despair. What does it mean today, this “*to have no part in him*” and “*to despair*”?

We *have no part in him* when we are not docile to the Word of the Lord, when we do not live in fraternity among ourselves, when we compete for first place — climbers — when we do not find the courage to witness to charity, when we are incapable of offering hope. This is when we have no part in him. The Eucharist enables us to abide in him, for it is the bond which unites us to him, it is the fulfillment of the Covenant, the living sign of the love of Christ who humbled and lowered himself in order that we remain united. Participating in the Eucharist and being nourished of him, we are included in a journey which admits no division. Christ present in our midst, in the sign of the bread and wine, demands that the power of love overcome every laceration, and at the same time that it also become communion with the poorest, support for the weak, fraternal attention to those who have difficulty in bearing the weight of daily life, and are in danger of losing their faith.

And then the other phrase: what does it mean for us today to “*despair*”, or to water down our Christian dignity? It means allowing ourselves to be undermined by the idolatries of our time: appearances, consumerism, egocentrism; but also competitiveness, arrogance as a winning attitude, never admitting to mistakes or to being in need. All this leads us to despair, making us mediocre Christians, lukewarm, bland, pagans.

Jesus poured out his Blood as the price and the laver, so that we might be purified of all sin: not to lose hope, let us look to Him, drink at his font, to be shielded from the risk of corruption. Then we will feel the grace of transformation: we will always be poor sinners, but the Blood of Christ will free us from our sins and restore our dignity. It will free us from corruption. Not by our merit, with sincere humility, we will be able to bring our brothers the love of our Lord and Saviour. We will be his eyes which go in search of Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene; we will be his hand which soothes those who are sick in body and spirit; we will be his heart which loves those in need of reconciliation, mercy and understanding.

Thus the Eucharist fulfils the Covenant which sanctifies us, purifies us and unites us in worthy communion with God. Thus we learn that the Eucharist is not a prize for the good, but is strength for the weak, for sinners. It is forgiveness, it is the Viaticum that helps us to move forward, to walk.

Today, the Feast of *Corpus Christi*, we have the joy not only to celebrate this mystery, but also to praise it and sing it through the streets of our City. May the procession we will make at the end of Mass express our gratitude for the whole journey that God has made us travel through the desert of our poverty, to deliver us from servitude, nourishing us with his Love through the Sacrament of his Body and his Blood.

Soon, while we walk along the street, we will feel we are in communion with so many of our brothers and sisters who do not have the freedom to express their faith in the Lord Jesus. Let us feel united with them: let us sing with them, praise with them, adore with them. And let us venerate in our heart those brothers and sisters of whom the supreme sacrifice was demanded for faithfulness to Christ: may their blood united with the Lord's be a pledge of peace and reconciliation for the entire world.

And let us not forget: "The body of Christ is the bond which unites you to him: eat it, or you will have no part in him. The blood is the price he paid for your redemption: drink it, lest you despair of your sinfulness".

**JUBILEE OF MERCY FOR PRIESTS**  
**HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

*St Peter's Square*  
*Friday, 3 June 2016*

*Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

This celebration of the Jubilee for Priests on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus invites us all to turn to the heart, the deepest root and foundation of every person, the focus of our affective life and, in a word, his or her very core. Today we contemplate two hearts: the *Heart of the Good Shepherd* and *our own heart as priests*.

The Heart of the Good Shepherd is not only the Heart that shows us mercy, but *is* itself mercy. There the Father's love shines forth; there I know I am welcomed and understood as I am; there, with all my sins and limitations, I know the certainty that I am chosen and loved. Contemplating that heart, I renew my first love: the memory of that

time when the Lord touched my soul and called me to follow him, the memory of the joy of having cast the nets of our life upon the sea of his word (cf. *Lk 5:5*).

The Heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that his love is limitless; it is never exhausted and it never gives up. There we see his infinite and boundless self-giving; there we find the source of that faithful and meek love which sets free and makes others free; there we constantly discover anew that Jesus loves us “even to the end” (*Jn 13:1*), to the very end, without ever imposing.

The Heart of the Good Shepherd reaches out to us, above all to those who are most distant. There the needle of his compass inevitably points, there we see a particular “weakness” of his love, which desires to embrace all and lose none.

Contemplating the Heart of Christ, we are faced with the fundamental question of our priestly life: *Where is my heart directed?* It is a question we need to keep asking, daily, weekly... *Where is my heart directed?* Our ministry is often full of plans, projects and activities: from catechesis to liturgy, to works of charity, to pastoral and administrative commitments. Amid all these, we must still ask ourselves: What is my heart set on? I think of that beautiful prayer of the liturgy, “*Ubi vera sunt gaudia*”... Where is it directed, what is the treasure that it seeks? For as Jesus says: “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (*Mt 6:21*). All of us have our weaknesses and sins. But let us go deeper: what is the root of our failings, those sins, the place we have hid that “treasure” that keeps us from the Lord?

The great riches of the Heart of Jesus are two: the Father and ourselves. His days were divided between prayer to the Father and encountering people. Not distance, but encounter. So too the heart of Christ’s priests knows only two directions: *the Lord and his people*. The heart of the priest is a heart pierced by the love of the Lord. For this reason, he no longer looks to himself, or should look to himself, but is instead turned towards God and his brothers and sisters. It is no longer “a fluttering heart”, allured by momentary whims, shunning disagreements and seeking petty satisfactions. Rather, it is a heart rooted firmly in the Lord, warmed by the Holy Spirit, open and available to our brothers and sisters. That is where our sins are resolved.

To help our hearts burn with the charity of Jesus the Good Shepherd, we can train ourselves to do three things suggested to us by today's readings: *seek out*, *include* and *rejoice*.

*Seek out.* The prophet Ezekiel reminds us that God himself goes out in search of his sheep (Ez 34:11, 16). As the Gospel says, he "goes out in search of the one who is lost" (Lk 15:4), without fear of the risks. Without delaying, he leaves the pasture and his regular workday. He doesn't demand overtime. He does not put off the search. He does not think: "I have done enough for today; perhaps I'll worry about it tomorrow". Instead, he immediately sets to it; his heart is anxious until he finds that one lost sheep. Having found it, he forgets his weariness and puts the sheep on his shoulders, fully content. Sometimes he has to go and seek it out, to speak, to persuade; at other times he must remain in prayer before the tabernacle, struggling with the Lord for that sheep.

Such is a heart that seeks out. A heart that does not set aside times and spaces as private. Woe to those shepherds to privatize their ministry! It is not jealous of its legitimate quiet time, even that, and never demands that it be left alone. A shepherd after the heart of God does not protect his own comfort zone. He is not worried about protecting his good name, but will be slandered as Jesus was. Unafraid of criticism, he is disposed to take risks in seeking to imitate his Lord. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you...." (Mt 5:11).

A shepherd after the heart of God has a heart sufficiently free to set aside his own concerns. He does not live by calculating his gains or how long he has worked: he is not an accountant of the Spirit, but a Good Samaritan who seeks out those in need. For the flock he is a shepherd, not an inspector, and he devotes himself to the mission not fifty or sixty percent, but with all he has. In seeking, he finds, and he finds because he takes risks. Unless a shepherd risks, he does not find. He does not stop when disappointed and he does not yield to weariness. Indeed, he is *stubborn in doing good*, anointed with the divine obstinacy that loses sight of no one. Not only does he keep his doors open, but he also goes to seek out those who no longer wish to enter them. Like every good Christian, and as an example for every Christian, he constantly *goes out of himself*. The epicentre of his heart is outside of himself. He is centred only in Jesus, not in himself. He is not attracted by his own "I", but by the "Thou" of God and by the "we" of other men and women.

The second word: *Include*. Christ loves and knows his sheep. He gives his life for them, and no one is a stranger to him (cf. *Jn* 10:11-14). His flock is his family and his life. He is not a boss to be feared by his flock, but a shepherd who walks alongside them and calls them by name (cf. *Jn* 10:3-4). He wants to gather the sheep that are not yet of his fold (cf. *Jn* 10:16).

So it is also with the priest of Christ. He is anointed for his people, not to choose his own projects but to be close to the real men and women whom God has entrusted to him. No one is excluded from his heart, his prayers or his smile. With a father's loving gaze and heart, he welcomes and includes everyone, and if at times he has to correct, it is to draw people closer. He stands apart from no one, but is always ready to dirty his hands. The Good Shepherd does not wear gloves. As a minister of the communion that he celebrates and lives, he does not await greetings and compliments from others, but is the first to reach out, rejecting gossip, judgements and malice. He listens patiently to the problems of his people and accompanies them, sowing God's forgiveness with generous compassion. He does not scold those who wander off or lose their way, but is always ready to bring them back and to resolve difficulties and disagreements. He knows how to *include*.

*Rejoice*. God is "full of joy" (cf. *Lk* 15:5). His joy is born of forgiveness, of life risen and renewed, of prodigal children who breathe once more the sweet air of home. The joy of Jesus the Good Shepherd is not a joy *for himself* alone, but a joy *for others and with others*, the true joy of love. This is also the joy of the priest. He is changed by the mercy that he *freely* gives. In prayer he discovers God's consolation and realizes that nothing is more powerful than his love. He thus experiences inner peace, and is happy to be a channel of mercy, to bring men and women closer to the Heart of God. Sadness for him is not the norm, but only a step along the way; harshness is foreign to him, because he is a shepherd after the meek Heart of God.

Dear priests, in the Eucharistic celebration we rediscover each day our identity as shepherds. In every Mass, may we truly make our own Christ's words: "This is my body, which is given up for you". This is the meaning of our life; with these words, in a real way we can daily renew the promises we made at our priestly ordination. I thank all of you for saying "yes", and also for all those many times you secretly say "yes" each day, things that only the Lord knows about. I thank you for saying "yes" to *giving your life in union with Jesus*: for in this is found the pure source of our joy.

## Walking Route Cards

We usually publish monthly a list of Health Walks & Rambles in and around the Borough, but for the last few months these have not been happening. The walks of course are still there and the Walking route Cards are available via the South Ribble Website at <https://www.southribble.gov.uk/content/walking-route-cards>

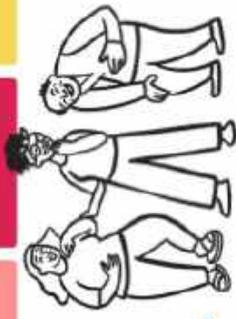
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- 01. Farington Lodges Walk (1.5 miles)**
- 02. Farington Lodges Walk (3.5 miles)**
- 03. Hope Terrace Walk (5.5 miles)**
- 04. Tardy Gate Walk (1.5 miles)**
05. New Longton & Whitestake Walk (2.5 miles)
06. Longton Coastal Walk (5.0 miles)
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- 14. Old Tram Road & Walton-le-Dale Walk (5 miles)**
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17. Nabs Head Samlesbury Walk (5 miles)
- 18. Lostock Hall Heritage Trail (3.5 miles)**
- 19. Lostock Hall and Farington Railway Heritage Trail (3.5 miles)**
- 20. St Mary's Parish Boundary Walk (7.7 miles)**
21. St Leonard's Parish Boundary Walk (5 miles)

# Joyful June 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p>7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good</p>	<p>1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month</p>	<p>2 Say positive things in your conversations with others</p>	<p>3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it</p>	<p>4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it</p>	<p>5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down</p>	<p>6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings</p>
<p>8 Find joy in music, singing, dance, listen or share</p>	<p>9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently</p>	<p>10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them</p>	<p>11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it</p>	<p>12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone</p>	<p>13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side</p>	<p>14 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity</p>
<p>15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it</p>	<p>16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way</p>	<p>17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful</p>	<p>18 Look for something good in a difficult situation</p>	<p>19 Get outside and find the joy in being active</p>	<p>20 Rediscovers and enjoy a fun childhood activity</p>	<p>21 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy</p>
<p>21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement</p>	<p>22 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to</p>	<p>23 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)</p>	<p>24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for</p>	<p>25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others</p>	<p>26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it</p>	
<p>26 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people</p>	<p>27 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh</p>	<p>28 Share a friendly smile with people you see today</p>	<p>29 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others</p>			

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# Weekly Services

## Sundays:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

## Weekdays:

Monday 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 9:15 a.m.  
Wednesday 9:15 a.m.  
Thursday 9:15 p.m.  
Friday NO MASS.

## Holydays:

Eve 6:30 p.m.  
Day 9:15 a.m.

Reconciliation: Confessions  
before Weekend Masses.

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:00 to 18:30

## Baptisms

Are normally conducted on the first and third Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon. Baptism Preparations currently take place every few months on two successive Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Please telephone the Parish Priest or Sister on 335387 for details.

### **No Priest! What do we do?**

If there is an Emergency and no Priest is available for the weekend Masses, the Eucharistic Ministers, particularly those who have been trained, will perform a Holy Communion Service and this will replace the Mass. Please note that this is **Only in an Emergency** and there is no time to arrange for another priest or no other is Priest is available. There may be occasions when the 8.30am Mass on a Sunday is cancelled, but the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am Masses will be as usual.

## Marriages

At least six months notification of Marriage is required. Pre-marriage instruction is mandatory and organised by the Diocese. Please tele-

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