

**Sick and Housebound**  
**LET US HOLD IN PRAYER**

Those who are sick or housebound, especially:

- Teresa Crosby
- Ann Dingsdale
- William Donohoe
- Oliver Gazda
- Vera Green
- Bernard Halliday
- Carol Heath
- Christine Hollinghurst
- Douglas Lacey
- Kay McCann
- Angela Pearlman
- Mary Powell
- Kate and Terry Rigby
- Hughie Slavell
- Rita Smith
- Kath Swales
- Nell Taylor
- Aoife White

May the Lord embrace them with His healing love.

**Lately Dead**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO**

**HAVE DIED RECENTLY:**

- Anne Connaughton
- Beryl Gaskell
- Molly Lalu

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.  
Amen.

**Anniversaries**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR**

**PRAYERS**

- Mary Garnell
- Ged Gormley
- George Puthenparackal
- Christine Whitfield

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Collection Amounts**

Week beginning 16th March 2025:

The offertory collection for St Leo's was **£91.48**. For St Luke's it was **£408.63**.

The second collection this week-end will be for SURVIVE-MIVA.

The second collection on Sat. 29th/Sun. 30th March will be for Nugent Care.

**Thank you for all your contributions.**



**Mass Intention Envelopes—New System**

Please refer to the calendars at the back of church to see which dates are available. These are updated on a weekly basis.

Please also remember to write your name and telephone number when completing the envelope and place it in the designated box at the back of church.

This ensures that Judith can contact you if the date is no longer possible due to sickness or funeral etc.

**Mill Hill Mission Boxes**—Please bring your red missionary boxes into church to be emptied.



It is with regret that we have had to cancel the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham, due to the low number of people interested. We are sorry for any disappointment or inconvenience caused.

**Baptisms**

We welcome

into God's family of the Church

**Luca Robinson**

who was baptised at St Luke's on Saturday 22nd March.

Holy Rosary after weekday Masses.  
Baptisms on Saturdays at 11.00am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays 10.30am—10.50am



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**THIRD WEEK OF LENT, YEAR C - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday 22nd March</b>		<b>VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
St Leo's	5pm	Priest's Private Intentions
<b>Sunday 23rd March</b>		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
St Luke's	9am	Molly Lalu (LD)
Hospital	11am	<b>NHS STAFF &amp; FAMILIES</b>
St Luke's	2.30pm	Preparation for the Sacraments: <i>First Confessions</i>
<b>Tuesday 25th March</b>		<b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</b>
St Luke's	9.15am	George Puthenparackal (A) - Year 3 Class Mass
<b>Wednesday 26th March</b>		<b>Third Wednesday of Lent</b>
St Luke's	9am	Priest's Private Intentions
<b>Thursday 27th March</b>		<b>Third Thursday of Lent</b>
St Leo's	9.30am	Priest's Private Intentions
<b>Friday 28th March</b>		<b>Third Friday of Lent</b>
St Luke's	9am	Christine Whitfield (A)
	9.30am	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 29th March</b>		<b>Third Saturday of Lent</b>
St Luke's	10am	Mary Garnell (A)
<b>VIGIL OF LAETARE SUNDAY</b>		
St Leo's	5pm	Priest's Private Intentions
<b>Sunday 30th March</b>		<b>LAETARE SUNDAY (MOTHERING SUNDAY)</b>
St Luke's	9am	Priest's Private Intentions
Hospital	11am	<b>NHS STAFF &amp; FAMILIES</b>



## Responsible Giving Guidelines:

### Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders

The new boxes of offertory envelopes for the tax year beginning 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 will be available to collect from the back of church at the end of March, in alphabetical order. Please note your box number may be different. Last year several boxes were unclaimed. As the envelopes cost a few pounds per box, we have reduced the number ordered this year and will allocate them *only* to those who use them on a regular basis and who give above a certain amount. We appreciate the cost of living has increased and many are struggling to pay bills. If you are unable to afford the suggested £5 per week, please think about gradually increasing what you give in small increments over the year.

**Please collect your box of envelopes before April 6<sup>th</sup>, and please use only the new pink envelopes after 6<sup>th</sup> April, not the old yellow ones, as these will not be valid in the new tax year.** It will greatly help our counters and Gift Aid organiser, if you use the correctly dated envelope each week. If you miss a few weeks or are going away a few weeks, it will help if you put extra in the envelope you bring to cover the missed weeks instead of putting money in several different backdated envelopes.

**The Gift Aid scheme raises thousands of pounds each year. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our parish this way.**

## **SURVIVE-MIVA is a national Catholic Charity, founded in the Archdiocese of Liverpool the 1974.**

It exists to provide one vital element for the successful health programmes and pastoral work that is being carried out by the Church in isolated areas of great need in Africa, Asia and Latin America – **an essential form of transport.**

This may be a bicycle, a moped, a trail bike, a 4wd ambulance, a pickup, an outboard motor - it is the people on the ground who know what best suits their terrain and what will best help them to reach out to the people they serve.

In some parishes, for example, the distances that separate one village from the next can be enormous, with one priest having to travel for miles over rough tracks to celebrate Mass, weddings, baptisms and burials with those who live in hard to reach communities. These are people who have no regular access to either the Sacraments or to healthcare when they are unwell – and such care is provided mainly by the Church.

Parish workers and catechists use bicycles to get round their immediate area and take Holy Communion to the sick, motorbikes enable their Parish priests to minister to those living further afield, and the grants the Charity makes also go to fund outboard motors and small boats in those parts of the world where the roads are, in fact, the local rivers.

So often when we hear news from overseas, the headlines talk of disasters and conflict, and of hunger and disease - but there is more positive news too.

SURVIVE-MIVA aims to help those who already have the skills, who are ordained or medically trained, the Sisters who are doctors and midwives, and the village nurses who give life-saving jabs to the young and care for the elderly. Largely unpublicised and rarely if ever making the front pages, the work of the Church goes on all year round, in good times and in bad, carried out by committed staff from the local area, who speak the local languages, and know the culture and the problems their people face, because they share them.

In giving to SURVIVE-MIVA, you are providing experienced professionals with a simple way of getting from A to B, where the availability of transport means they can immediately do their jobs or carry out their apostolate much more effectively, and reach more people, more often.

The Charity provides something that is tangible, highly practical, and is in constant use. Today we are asking once more for your support, in order to put more handlebars and steering wheels into the hands of those who come to us for assistance. Thank you for helping us to help them in a way which will bring about change for the better in poor communities overseas, by widening the scope of the work carried out by those who live there.