

Parish of Saint Mary, Leyland

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Liverpool (Reg Charity 1199714): www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk



THIS WEEK	6 th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year B	10 th / 11 th February 2024
Saturday 10 th February	17.15-17.50 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Terry King (birthday remembrance) / Parishioners
Sunday 11 th February	10.00	Margaret Anthony (RIP) / Tom Dacosta (thanksgiving)
Monday 12 th February		NO MASS
Tuesday 13 th February	10.00	Doug Morphew (RIP) / In Thanksgiving
Wednesday 14 th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00 18.00	Christine Hayes (anniv)/ Tony Mills (RIP) Barney Sullivan (RIP) / Anne Holden (RIP)
Thursday 15 th February	10.00	Requiem Mass: Gabrielle Boyle
Friday 16 th February	10.00	Requiem Mass: Patricia Beadsmoore
NEXT WEEKEND	1 st SUNDAY LENT - Year B	
Saturday 17 th February	17.15-17.50 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Margaret Anthony (RIP) / Paul Borg (B'day remembrance)
Sunday 18 th February	10.00	John Farrington (RIP) / Anthony Henry (RIP) / Parishioners

Offertory Collection Total £741.64 Standing Orders £602.30

St Mary's Local Charity Fund £123.12 Thank You

Donations to the Parish Go to <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-mary-leyland>

Gift Aid For information contact John Baggaley 07763 423230.

Thank you to those taxpayers who do Gift Aid. Please use an envelope unless you have a Direct Debit.

Week 6 300 CLUB - Congratulations! To Cath Collinge (No. 30) *Agent:* L Raven

If you would like to become a member or have another number, please contact E Jackson 07902 098798

Communion for the Sick: The Congregation says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Parish Prayer:

We believe in God the Father who gave us a world to share in friendship, equality and peace.

We believe in Jesus Christ, living, suffering, dying and rising - the life force in the whole of creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who calls us to listen to each other in love, faith and trust as brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

PLEASE pray for all the departed: and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Kelly, June Hodgkinson, Christine Hayes, Edmund Aspindle, Valerie Sweeney, Dorothy Knight and John Shannon.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Andrew Rowett, Mary MacBride, Sheila Holmes, Nichola Atkin, Dave Marshall, Eileen Dempsey, Pat Rogers, Julie Fitzpatrick, Duncan Neilson, Patrick Cahill, Gerald Benson, Terry and Ann Smith, Matthew Cox, Maurice Green, Dylan Agnew, Tom Dacosta, Paul Jackson, José Davis, Rhoda Fletcher, Frank King, Georgia Martin, Kathryn Boulton, Des Hatton, Bill Clarke, Elaine Hunter, Michael McLaughlin.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for a sick or deceased person, in thanksgiving, or for a special intention, envelopes are available at the back of church. Please fill in the details as indicated and place the envelope in the collection or through the letterbox of the parish office.

Diamond Jubilee Committee: Many thanks to those who came to the meeting on Friday. We have come up with some great ideas to help us celebrate this important milestone in the life of our parish – the 60th anniversary of the consecration of our church. More information will be given in due course.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome: Those who are taking part in the pilgrimage to Rome will have received their final invoices last week; the balance needs to be paid to Anthony Coles Travel before **20th March**. There will be a meeting in the Community Centre on **Thursday, February 22nd at 7 pm**.

Catholic Lancs Youth Club: Young people local to our family of parishes are invited to our third gathering of our youth club on **Sunday, February 18th 5pm-7pm**, Scout Hut @ St Teresa's Church, Penwortham PR1 0DS. Please fill in this form in advance: <https://forms.gle/jm1h8DTUfTVKqGt6>

The Season of Lent: Lent begins this Wednesday with the distribution of ashes at both the **10.00am** and **6.00pm** Masses. This season is a time for us to re-evaluate our relationship with the Lord; one way that the Church encourages us to do this is through fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday. Abstinence means that we abstain from a particular food, drink, or pastime; fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence is to be observed by all those aged over 14 and fasting by all those aged between 18 and 60.

Lenten Alms: There will be a Lenten Alms box at the back of church during Lent. Our charitable donations will support the suffering children of Gaza.

Stations of the Cross: We will gather as a family of parishes to pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 7.00pm:

Friday February 16 th	St Teresa's, Penwortham
Friday February 23 rd	Our Lady's, Tarleton
Friday March 1 st	St Catherine's, Farington
Friday March 8 th	St Oswald's, Longton
Friday March 15 th	St Mary's, Leyland
Friday March 22 nd	St Mary Magdalen's, Penwortham

CAFOD Fast Day for Lent: At next weekend's Masses members of the parish CAFOD group will speak about this year's Lent Fast Day which is on **Friday February 23rd**.

Parish Statistics: Each year every diocese in the world sends parish statistics to the Vatican. Here are our statistics for 2023 and how they compare with 2022.

	2022	2023
Baptisms	68	37
Receptions into Catholic Church	2	1
1 st Communions	56	44
Confirmations	58 (family of parishes)	96 (family of parishes)
Weddings	2	2
Funerals	42	49
Mass attendance	247	272

Archdiocese of Liverpool – 2024 Confirmations: Any baptised young person in Year 8 or above can register for Confirmation preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday, February 14th at 10.00am & 6.00pm: Ash Wednesday Masses.

Wednesday, February 14th 11am -2pm: Warm Space with soup, at St Mary's Community Centre.

Friday, February 16th at 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross at St Teresa's, Penwortham.

Sunday, February 18th 5.00pm – 7.00pm: Catholic Lancashire Youth Club in the Scout Hut, St Teresa's Church, Penwortham PR1 0DS.

February 17th/18th: Collection after Mass for St Mary's St Vincent de Paul group.

Friday, February 23rd: CAFOD Family Fast Day.