

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 | 3rd SUNDAY LENT - Year B | 2nd / 3rd March 2024 |
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| Saturday 2 nd March | 17.15-17.50 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Paddy Burke (b'day remembrance) / Anne Holden (RIP) |
| Sunday 3 rd March | 10.00 | Margaret Anthony (RIP) / Tony Lyonette (anniversary) / Parishioners |
| Monday 4 th March | | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 5 th March | 10.00 11.30 | Peter Foster (RIP) / Denise Price Funeral Service: Ethna Davies |
| Wednesday 6 th March | 10.00 | Clare Evens (RIP) / Antonia Loughran (b'day rem'brance) |
| Thursday 7 th March | 19.00 | Mass for the recently bereaved |
| Friday 8 th March | 10.00 19.00 | Anne Holden (RIP) / David McDonald (RIP) Stations of the Cross: St Oswald's, Longton |
| NEXT WEEKEND | 4th SUNDAY LENT - Year B | |
| Saturday 9 th March | 17.15-17.50 18.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Doug Morphew (RIP) / Mitchell & Simpson family / Parishioners |
| Sunday 10 th March <i>Baptism Presentation</i> | 10.00 | Rev Simon Hoare (RIP) / Agnes Salisbury (RIP) |

Offertory Collection Total £603.00 Standing Orders £602.30

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 9 300 CLUB - Congratulations! To A. Lee (No.79) 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: Ethna Davies and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Tony Lyonette, Vaughan Atkinson, Margaret Mary Talbot, William (Bill) Pilkington, Nina Tootle, Lesley Ambrose Jolley, Glenda Kelly, Joyce Elder, Wilfred Swarbrick, Teresa Henry, Joseph Breen and Mona Hurley.

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, 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.

Pastoral Letter: This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop.

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

Thank You: CAFOD Family Fast and Soup Lunch raised **£659.41**. It will change the lives of many people.

Children's Choir: Practice for the Jubilee Mass begins this Sunday after 10 am Mass. If your child is interested in taking part please also come along on Sunday, 17th and 24th March.

A few updates: Historic Churches England has granted permission for the baptismal font to be relocated to the top of the central aisle. This work will take place as soon as possible. Tenders have been received for the work on the carpark and church steps and we are waiting for the Finance and Buildings Departments of the Archdiocese to arrange a start date.

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.

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:**

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| Friday 8 th March | - | St Oswald's, Longton |
| Friday 15 th March | - | St Mary's, Leyland |
| Friday, 22 nd March | - | St Mary Magdalen's, Penwortham |

There will also be Stations of the Cross each Friday morning in Lent at **10.30am** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Świeconka: This is a Polish tradition for the blessing of Easter food which will take place in our church on **Holy Saturday at 10.00am**. Traditionally the items that people bring in their Easter baskets to be blessed are: bread, eggs, lamb, salt, sausage, horseradish, and Polish Easter cake. Everyone is welcome.

Easter Bonnet Parade: On **Easter Sunday, 31st March**, after 10 am Mass will be the Easter Sunday Celebration, in the Community Centre. With an egg hunt and Easter bonnet parade; the theme is Diamond Jubilee, Easter crafts and dancing. Please donate Easter eggs that can be given as prizes, after Masses or to the parish office. Volunteers are also needed, if you can help, please contact Catherine.

The anointing of the sick: "Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church" (Letter of St James 5:14-16). Over the past twelve months Fr Joe has visited the sick of the parish and has given them the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. As a Sacrament of healing, it ought not be left until the final days of a person's life but is to give comfort and healing throughout illness and time of weakness. If you know of any parishioner who would like this Sacrament, please speak to Fr Joe, to a Eucharistic Minister, or to the Parish Office.

Criminal Justice Bill: From the end of February, it is likely that the Criminal Justice Bill will return to Parliament and that amendments will be tabled to decriminalise abortion up to the point of birth.

As well as a direct attack on the dignity of the unborn, it is highly likely that these amendments, if passed, will have unforeseen consequences which could be very serious for both unborn babies and their mothers, especially given the increase in home abortions following the legalisation of the provision of abortion pills by post.

We are invited to lobby our Member of Parliament to support **an amendment to lower the abortion time limit from 24 to 22 weeks**. Please fill in the postcards available at the back of church and send to **Katherine Fletcher MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA**.

Run 15 in February 2024: Tim Sullivan is taking part in aid of Brain Tumour Research. Tim has been inspired to participate in this sponsored run as some of our parishioners have been affected by this disease. To donate go to justgiving.com and search for Tim Sullivan.

Gala Dinner, Leyland Golf Club, 26th April 2024, 7pm: If you would like to attend, please collect a menu from Catherine, either in the parish office or after Mass. Places are filling up, to secure yours please return your menu along with your money by **10th March**.

Dates for your diary:

This weekend, 2nd/3rd March: Collection after Mass for St Mary's Local Charity Fund.

Wednesday, 6th March 12 pm: Community Lunch, at St Mary's Community Centre.

Friday, 8th March at 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross at St Oswald's, Longton.

Sunday, 31st March: Easter Bonnet Parade, after 10.00 am Mass.

Sunday, 7th April 10.00am: Solemn Diamond Jubilee Mass with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. Refreshments in the Community Centre.

Friday, 26th April: Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner at Leyland Golf Club.

Saturday, 18th – Friday, 24th May: Diamond Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome.

Saturday, 22nd June: Diamond Jubilee visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool with Mass and a tour of the Crypt and Museum.