

# PARISH OF SAINT MARY, LEYLAND

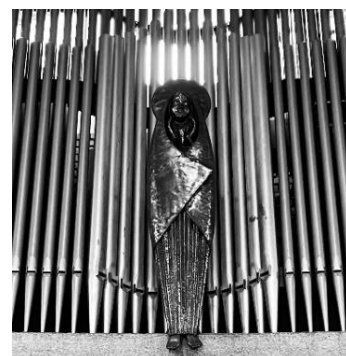
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**South Ribble Family of Parishes, part of the Lancashire Deanery**

St Mary's, Leyland, Our Lady's, Tarleton, St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's, Penwortham, St Catherine's, Farington, St Oswald's, Longton

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THIS WEEKEND:		2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT – YEAR C		7 <sup>TH</sup> & 8 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024	
Day	Time	Service	Intention		
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	17.00	Exposition and Confessions			
	18.00	Mass	Di Burke (birthday remembrance)		
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00	Mass	Damian Cox (RIP) / Chris Rodgers (anniv) / Parishioners		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Immaculate Conception BVM</i>	10.00	Mass	Private intention / Roy, Catherine & William Hodkinson		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00	Mass	Nora and Michael Byrne's intentions		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00	Mass	Barrie Cox (anniversary) / Damian Cox (RIP)		
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	14.00	Mass	High School end of Term Mass in Church David Ormisher (birthday remembrance)		
NEXT WEEKEND:		3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT – YEAR C		GAUDETE SUNDAY	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	17.00	Exposition and Confessions			
	18.00	Mass	Gladys Kearney (anniv) / Esther Cole intentions / Parishioners		
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00	Mass	Corrigan family / Kathy Byrne intentions		
	15.00	Deanery Reconciliation Service	St Gregory's, Weld Bank, PR7 3NW		

**Total Offertory Collection: £638.15 Standing Orders £682.00.**

**Gift Aid** For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 49 300 CLUB – Congratulations! M Lockwood (No. 388) Agent: E Ellison

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

**Communion for the sick:** 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:** Kathleen Smith, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Hanrahan, Vivienne Howard, Frank Fletcher, Ciaran Smith, Ian Burns, and Margaret Watson.

**PLEASE pray for the sick:** Matthew Cox, Helen Jones, Cuthbert Culshaw, Maggie Halliwell, Anthony Dempsey, Patrick Cahill, Maurice Green, Kathryn Boulton, Terry and Ann Smith, Edward 'Roy' Thompson.

**To add a name, "Sick List" forms are available at the back of church.**

**Christmas Flowers and Memorial Candles:** Please fill in the envelopes at the back of church for Christmas Memorial Candles and donations for flowers.

**Christmas Fayre:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre last weekend. Over £2500 was raised for parish funds.

**Advent Service of Light:** Over eighty parishioners from across our Family of Parishes came together last Sunday to begin our journey through Advent.

**Deanery Advent Reconciliation Service:** This will take place at St Gregory's, Weld Bank, PR7 3NW at 3.00PM on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**300 Club:** Please can all Agents collect their cards and record sheets from the back of church.

**Bishops' Conference Statement on the Assisted Suicide Bill:** "We are disappointed that MPs have voted in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill progressing through parliament. We believe that this bill is flawed in principle and also contains particular clauses that are of concern. We ask the Catholic community to pray that members of parliament will have the wisdom to reject this bill at a later stage in its progress. It remains the case that improving the quality and availability of palliative care offers the best pathway to reducing suffering at the end of life. We will continue to advocate for this and support those who work tirelessly to care for the dying in our hospices, hospitals and care homes."

**Christmas Events at St Mary's High School:** on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please see posters in the Narthex.

**New Altar Servers:** A group of adults and children have been trained to be altar servers. They will be officially welcomed during 11.00 am Mass on the Feast of St Stephen, 26<sup>th</sup> December.

**Parish Helpers' Social:** In gratitude for all your support throughout the year, parish helpers and volunteers are invited to a social evening on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm** in St Mary's Community Centre. Please give your names to your group coordinator or sign the list in the narthex. Family members and friends are welcome to attend, but we would them ask for a £5.00 donation.

**Proposed Parish Pilgrimages:** We are hoping to organise two parish pilgrimages during 2025: by coach to Walsingham 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June (Approx £250 per person half board); and by plane to Lourdes with the Archdiocese 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July (Approx £900 twin room/£1115 single per person full board). If you are interested, please hand in your contact details to the Parish Office.

**Could you be a Deacon?** The Archbishop will be hosting a Diaconate Information Evening on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at St John's in Wigan WN1 1XD. The evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7.00pm and will end by 9.00pm. The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Please speak to Fr Joe for more information.

**How to become a Catholic:** Our Family of Parishes has organised a course for those who wish to become Catholics. The sessions take place at **7.00pm** in the Romero Room, St Teresa's Church, Penwortham PR1 0DS on the following Wednesdays: 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> January; 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February; 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**CAFOD World Gifts:** Catalogue available in the narthex or online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

**Used postage stamps:** Please bring in used stamps from your mail to the parish office, in support of Derian House.

#### Dates for your diary:

<b>Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> December:</b>		St Mary's Local Charity Fund collection.
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>11.00</b>	Warm Space in the Community Centre
<b>Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December:</b>	<b>11.00</b>	Children's Nativity Play, in church.
<b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December:</b>	<b>19.00</b>	Leyland Brass Band Christmas Concert, in church.
<b>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>18.00</b> <b>21.00</b>	Christmas Eve Mass. Christmas Eve Mass.
<b>Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Christmas Day Mass.
<b>Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>11.00</b>	Altar Servers' Mass.

#### Sunday Masses in our Family of Parishes

Vigil/Morning Mass	Our Lady's Tarleton PR4 6BP	St Mary Magdalen Penwortham PR1 9QD	St Teresa's Penwortham PR1 0DS	St Catherine's Farington PR25 4QG	St Oswald's Longton PR4 5EB
<b>Saturday</b>			18.00	17.00	17.00
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00	11.00	09.30		08.30