

PARISH OF SAINT MARY, LEYLAND

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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:		3 RD SUNDAY ADVENT – YEAR C (GAUDETE SUNDAY)		14 TH / 15 TH DECEMBER 2024	
Day	Time	Service	Intention		
Saturday 14 th December	17.00	Exposition and Confessions			
	18.00	Mass	Gladys Kearney (anniv) / Esther Cole intentions / Parishioners		
Sunday 15 th December	10.00	Mass	Corrigan family / Kathy Byrne intentions		
	15.00	Reconciliation Service	St Gregory's, Weld Bank, PR7 3NW		
Monday 16 th December	10.00	Mass	Peter O'Connor (RIP) / Fr John Kelly (RIP)		
Tuesday 17 th December	10.00	Requiem Mass	Kathleen Smith		
Wednesday 18 th December	10.00	Mass	Damian Cox (RIP) / David Ormesher b'day remembrance		
Thursday 19 th December	10.00	Mass	Brian Pooley (anniversary) / Elizabeth Welch, John Thomas & Agnes Dandy (RIP)		
NEXT WEEKEND:		4 TH SUNDAY ADVENT – YEAR C			
Saturday 21 st December	17.00	Exposition and Confessions			
	18.00	Mass	Callaghan & Rogers family intentions / Peter Stringfellow (RIP)		
Sunday 22 nd December	10.00	Mass	Doug Morphew (RIP) & Houghton family / Frank Calderbank (anniv) / Parishioners		

Total Offertory Collection: £598.00 Standing Orders £682.00.

St Mary's Local Charity Fund £197.21 Thank you.

Gift Aid For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 50 300 CLUB – Congratulations! P Coan (No. 150) 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: Shirley Blackhurst, Kathleen Smith, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Prescott, Anthony Henry, Ellen Reynolds, Linda Clement and Frank Winward.

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.

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

Children's Nativity Play: Whoops -a-Daisy Angel is on Saturday 21st December at 11am in church. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Carols before Christmas Eve 9pm Mass: Christmas carols will be sung from 8.30pm. Come along and join in.

Mary's Meals: Double the love Mary's meals.org.uk (for information) all donations to this charity totalling 1.1 million will be doubled by a group of supporters. £10 provides a meal for 100 children.

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

Jack Traynor miracle declared: Please read the attached statement from the Archbishop. Jack was a pilgrim on the Archdiocese's first official pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923 and was cured dramatically of epilepsy, paralysis of the right arm and paraplegia during the pilgrimage. This is the 71st officially recognised miracle in Lourdes since Our Lady's apparitions to St Bernadette in 1858.

Change of parish boundaries: After due consultation, the Archbishop has decreed that: "*Buckshaw Village is transferred into the territory of St Catherine Labouré at Farington, and Farington Moss is transferred into the territory of St Mary at Leyland from 8th December 2024*". The catchment areas of the parish schools are not changed.

Christmas Day Collection: In keeping with Archdiocesan practice, the collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are paid into the parish bank account to cover usual parish expenses.

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, 26th 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, 17th 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 2nd – 4th June (Approx £250 per person half board); and by plane to Lourdes with the Archdiocese 24th – 31st 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 23rd 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: 15th, 22nd, 29th January; 5th, 12th, 26th February; 12th, 19th, 26th March; 2nd, 9th 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:

Wednesdays:	11.00	Warm Space in the Community Centre
Next Weekend 21st & 22nd Dec:		St Vincent de Paul collection.
Saturday, 21st December:	11.00	Children's Nativity Play, in church.
Sunday, 22nd December:	19.00	Leyland Brass Band Christmas Concert, in church.
Tuesday, 24th December:	18.00 20.30 21.00	Christmas Eve Mass. Carols before Mass Christmas Eve Mass.
Wednesday, 25th December:	10.00	Christmas Day Mass.
Thursday, 26th December:	11.00	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
Saturday			18.00	17.00	17.00
Sunday	10.00	11.00	09.30		08.30