

# 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 Oswald's, Longton.

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## 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	18.00	Mass	Knowles and Bilsborrow (b'day rem) / Allen Withnell (anniv)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Mass	Jim Richards (RIP) / Margaret Anthony (b'day rem)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of St Clare</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Mass	Betty Fisher (anniv)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Mass	Jean White (RIP)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Solemnity of the Assumption</i>	10.00	Mass	Parishioners
	18.00	Mass	Priest's intention

## NEXT WEEKEND - 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	17.00	Exposition & Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Priest's intention
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Baptism Presentation</i>	10.00	Mass	Pauline Pope (RIP) / Parishioners

**Total Offertory Collection: £620.71 Standing Orders £682.00**

**St Mary's Local Charity Fund: £141.84. Thank you!**

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

Week 32 **300 Club** – Congratulations to R Symonds (No 32) Agent L Raven

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

### Jubilee Prayer:

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen



**PLEASE pray for all the departed:** Michael Hoskinson and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time  
Annie Maxwell, Allen Withnell, Margaret Evans, Christopher Andrew Walker.

**PLEASE pray for the sick:** Stephanie White, Teresa Smith, Amelia Maher, Kath Cox, Rachel Hewitt, Mavis Walmsley, Jim Coan, Matthew Cox, Helen Jones, 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.**

**Welcome:** This weekend we welcome Fr Martin Fyles. Many of you will remember that Martin did a pastoral placement with us when he was a deacon two years ago. Then we were privileged to be at his ordination to the priesthood at the Cathedral last year. He is currently doing further studies in Rome and is looking forward to meeting up with us all this weekend.

**Feast of Blessed John Woodcock of Leyland:** Last Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, was the feast of our parish martyr. John Woodcock was hung, drawn, and quartered on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1646 for being a Catholic Priest. His image, and a brief resumé of life, is in the narthex.  
*Blessed John Woodcock, **pray for us.***

**Parish Feast Day:** The Assumption of Our Lady is our parish feast day and is celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August. As it is a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be two Masses, at 10.00am and 6.00pm. *Our Lady of the Assumption, **pray for us.***

**A new Doctor of the Church:** Pope Leo XIV has just declared that England's most recent Saint, John Henry Newman, (1801-1890) has been named a Doctor of the Church.

**Mass of Anointing:** The sick and housebound of the parish have expressed their thanks to everyone involved in the Mass and the afternoon tea afterwards.

**Save the Date - Lourdes 2026:** The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

**Deanery news:** (*Fr Simon Henry writes*) "Last year the parish of St Catherine Labouré at Farington and the parish of St Mary at Euxton were merged to become one parish with two churches. In the months since then we have reflected and held consultations which were used to assist Archbishop John in his decisions for our parish. Through those, it became obvious that we simply do not need and cannot sustain two physical sites for the parish. The result is that the Archbishop has signed the decree which will see St Catherine's Church "taken out of use for public worship" - the formal way of saying that the physical church will close.

Archbishop John will celebrate a final Mass of Thanksgiving and celebration of the life of the church at 7pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Due to the small size of the church, this will need to be a ticketed event to sit in the church, but doors open into our hall to cater for anyone that might arrive. A reception in a marquee in the grounds will follow."

**How to become a Catholic:** Once again, as a Family of Parishes, we will be organising a Journey in Faith course for anyone who has an interest in becoming a Catholic. The course will begin on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Information flyers are available at the back of church.

**Second Collections:** There are a series of obligatory **SECOND COLLECTIONS** that will take place after Holy Communion at Mass on the following weekends:

13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Catholic Education
20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> September	-	Home Missions
18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> October	-	World Missions
22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> November	-	Animate Youth

**Keyboard and Guitar Appeal:** Our local prison chaplains would like to be able to use a keyboard and a guitar (acoustic) as part of their ministry in Garth and Wymott Prisons. If any parishioners have either a guitar or keyboard that they no longer need, please contact Martin Smith 01772 452745. Thank you in anticipation, St. Mary's SVP.

#### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>		Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 10.00am and 6.00pm
<b>Weekend 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>		St Vincent de Paul collection
<b>Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>		Fr Joe's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass at 12.00 in church. Followed by a buffet in St Mary's Community Centre
<b>Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>		75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass at 10.00am of the parish foundation of the Altar Servers' Guild of St Stephen

#### **Sunday Masses in our Family of Parishes**

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