

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.

PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL (REG. CHARITY 1199714)

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

6TH / 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 6 th September	17.00	Exposition & Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Roper & Dornan families / Parishioners
Sunday 7 th September	10.00	Mass	Pauline Pope (RIP) / Peggy Nelson (anniversary) / Mark & Michelle Todd (30 th wedding anniv)
Monday 8 th September <i>Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	09.15	Mass	Start of Year Mass in St Anne's school
Tuesday 9 th September	10.00	Mass	Priest's intention
Wednesday 10 th September <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i>	08.00	Mass	In High School
Thursday 11 th September	10.00	Mass	Priest's intention

NEXT WEEKEND - FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS – YEAR C

Saturday 13 th September	17.00	Exposition & Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Tony Marshall (RIP)
Sunday 14 th September	10.00	Mass	Margaret Anthony (birthday remembrance) / Hugh Mooney (RIP) / Parishioners

Total Offertory Collection: £675.70 Standing Orders £682.00

Gift Aid For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 36 300 Club – Congratulations to E Lavelle (No 143) Agent E. Ellison.

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: Ann Sutton and Stephen Michael Perttigrew and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Josie Davies, Larry Snell, Keenan Arya, and Kathleen 'Betty' McCartan.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Stephanie White, 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.**

Catholic Pic: The latest edition is now available.

Family of Parishes: The latest edition of the Family of Parishes newsletter is now available.

Family of Parishes Working Group: Feedback from the meeting held on 19th July will be presented to parishioners in all four parishes the weekend of 13th/14th September.

Second Collection: Next weekend for Catholic Education Service.

Season of Creation. Week 2 reflection: Why must we care for creation? In June 2019 Pope Francis said “*Our children and grandchildren should not have to pay the costs of our generation’s irresponsibility. I beg your pardon, but I would like to emphasise this: they, our children and grandchildren should not have to pay – it is not right that they should pay – the price of our irresponsibility. Today’s young people are saying, ‘The future is ours’, and they are right!*”

Many thanks to **Sister Cecilia Snape SHCJ** who challenged us all in her talk at last week’s Masses about the Season of Creation.

Can you remember your Latin?? At Fr Joe’s Ruby Jubilee Mass, it is planned that we will sing the “Our Father” in Latin. From September we will be practising at both weekend Masses, and the congregation will be given a copy of the text and music.

Million Minutes: (www.millionminutes.org) This is a Catholic youth agency that promotes an inclusive and collaborative youth ministry, where the voices of young people are centred. They work towards a world where young people take transformative social action, with an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. From this week, the Head Office of Million Minutes is based in our parish office, as their new CEO is one of our parishioners, Kate Wilkinson.

They equip the Church to more effectively accompany all young people by:

LISTENING: Creating safe listening environments and facilitating conversations on the needs of young people and youth services.

RESPONDING: Raising awareness of the needs of young people, co-creating solutions with them, and identifying collaborators to support a response.

EMPOWERING: Creating activities that develop young peoples’ skills and confidence and providing a platform to express themselves.

CELEBRATING: Creating opportunities to affirm and thank young people, recognising their valuable contributions to social change.

St Carlo Acutis (1991-2006): He will be canonised by Pope Leo this Sunday, 7th September. He was born in London of wealthy Italian parents, who were not churchgoers. Growing up as a child in Italy he was very devout and had a particular love for the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass. He was renowned for defending classmates who were victims of bullying and spent his money helping the homeless, the hungry, the disabled, and refugees. His devotion and faith caused family members to return to practise their faith, and others to be baptized. He was very adept at computer programming and graphic design and used these skills to build a website to document 150 Eucharistic miracles around the world. When he was 15 years of age he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia and died on 15th October 2006. The church where his funeral was held overflowed with so many people he had helped in his short life, and those whom he had brought to the faith. He is buried in Assisi, Italy and is known as “God’s influencer” and is regarded as the patron saint of the Internet. He said: **“To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan”**.

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 12th November. Information flyers are available at the back of church.

Dates for your diary

14th / 15th September		Family of Parishes Working Group members give feedback at both Masses
14th / 15th September		Second Collection “Catholic Education Service”
Tuesday 16th September	13.15	Town Prayers at Leyland Methodist Church, Turpin Green
Weekend 20th / 21st Sept		St Vincent de Paul collection after Mass
Saturday, 27th September	12.00	Fr Joe’s 40 th Anniversary Mass in church. Followed by a buffet in St Mary’s Community Centre
Friday, 3rd October	19.00	Mass of Thanksgiving for the ministry of Emeritus Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. Metropolitan Cathedral
Sunday, 12th October	10.00	75 th Anniversary Mass of the parish foundation of the Altar Servers’ Guild of St Stephen

Sunday Masses in our Family of Parishes

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