

# PARISH OF SAINT MARY, LEYLAND

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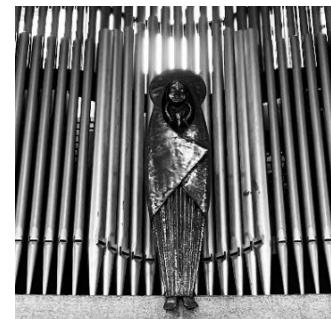
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To arrange a baptism or wedding, please contact the Parish Office.



**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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## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – YEAR A

**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	17.00	Exposition & Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Glenys Cobham (RIP) / Joe Houghton (birthday) and family
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00	Mass	John Farrington (anniv) / Barry Frankland (anniv) / Harry Minshull (RIP) Parishioners
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	10.00	Mass	Priest's Intentions
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00	Mass	Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	10.00	Mass	Sheila Shuttleworth & Eileen Standidge (RIP) / Peter Smith (RIP)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January		<b>NO MASS</b>	

## NEXT WEEKEND - 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY – YEAR A

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	17.00	Exposition & Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Catherine Adcott (RIP) / Patricia Bibby (RIP) / The Holden family living and dead / Parishioners
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00	Mass	The Fahy Family intentions / Hunt & Webster family intentions / Cox Family Thanksgiving for prayers answered

**Total Offertory Collection: £661.68 Standing Orders £682.00**

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

**Week 52 300 Club – Congratulations to W Lever winning £100 (No.52) Agent Elizabeth Ellison**

**Communion for the sick:** May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

## 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:** Christina McKay and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Doris Reed, Sarah Smith, Mary Roberts, Shaun Tierney, Mary Gaskell, Robert Cayton.

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

**Many thanks:** Fr Joe would like to wish all parishioners a very happy and holy Christmas, and to thank them for their cards and good wishes.

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

**The Season of Christmas:** The final candle on the Advent wreath was lit at Christmas. This white candle symbolizes the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. All five Advent wreath candles will remain lit until the final day of the Christmas Season, 11<sup>th</sup> January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas trees and the Crib will also remain in place until then.

**Crib Offerings:** A box, for your offerings, will be placed near the crib in the narthex throughout the Season of Christmas. This year's crib offerings from parishes across the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be securely passed on to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem; a diocese of the Catholic Church whose territory includes Cyprus, Jordan, Israel and Palestine. This ensures your generosity directly supports Christians living in these areas.

**Christmas visits to the sick:** If any housebound parishioners would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick from Fr Joe, please contact your Eucharistic Minister so that arrangements can be made.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2026:** Young people in Year 8 and older are now invited to visit [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) in order to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment closes on 13th February 2026. Pupils at St Mary's High School can also speak to the School Chaplain.

**Parish helpers' social:** This will take place on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in St Mary's Community Centre. Please let your group coordinator know if you are attending. Other parishioners are welcome to attend but are asked to sign the list in the narthex and to make a £5.00 donation.

**Family of Parishes Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Following on from our very successful parish pilgrimage to Lourdes last July, next year we are planning a Family of Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage. This will be part of the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026). Twin/double room £965pp. Single room £1179pp. Full board in Four Star Hotel Padoue. Flying from Manchester. There will be an information evening at 7.00pm on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January in St Mary's Community Centre.

**Defibrillator:** The original one was installed on the side of the church twelve years ago and has had to be replaced. Sincerest thanks go to the **Wrennalls Group** for supplying the original and for funding its replacement. Hopefully this important piece of equipment will save the lives of many people in the future.

**Jubilee Year of Hope:** Pope Leo XVI will formally close the Jubilee Year in Rome on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The whole Church has celebrated being pilgrims of hope in a troubled world. May we continue to bring Christ's hope to our brothers and sisters.

#### Dates for your diary

Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 am and 6pm	Feast of the Epiphany ( <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> ).
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January	7.00pm	Lourdes Pilgrimage meeting in Mary's Community Centre
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January	7.00 pm	Parish Helpers' Social in St Mary's Community Centre

#### 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