

# 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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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>17.00</b>	Exposition and Confession	
	<b>18.00</b>	Mass	Sydney Knowles (anniversary)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Children's Mass, Sacramental Programme</i>	<b>10.00</b>	Mass	Debbie Kirby (Birthday Remembrance) / Derrick Edmeads (Sick) / Parishioners
	<b>12.00</b>	Baptisms	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January <i>SS.Timothy and Titus</i>	<b>10.00</b>	Mass	Priest's Intentions
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>10.00</b>	Mass	Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	<b>10.00</b>	Mass	Priest's Intentions
	<b>14.00</b>	<b>Funeral Service</b>	Alison Talent
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>10.00</b>	Mass	Priest's Intentions

## NEXT WEEKEND: 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>17.00</b>	Exposition and Confession	
	<b>18.00</b>	Mass	Parishioners
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>10.00</b>	Mass	Agnes Goulding (RIP)

**Total Offertory Collection £521.51 Standing Orders £682**

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

**Week 4 300 Club** – Congratulations to N Plowman winning £100 (No.54) Agent Lesley Raven  
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.

**PLEASE pray for all the departed:** Alison Talent and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:  
Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB, Ronnie Hubberstey, Joan Sullivan, Catherine Breen, Teresa White, Frank Loftus.

**PLEASE pray for the sick:** David and Kathy Mason, Ann Breen, Stephanie White, Teresa Smith, Kath Cox, Rachel Hewitt, Mavis Walmsley, Jim Coan, Matthew Cox, Helen Jones, Maggie Halliwell, Anthony Dempsey, 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.**

**By baptism we welcome:** Poppy Jo Benson, Runa Jaie Williams, Oliver James Miller and Benji Mikles Zogoina

**Deanery statistics:** In the Lancashire Deanery, which stretches from Tarleton to Chorley, there are currently 17 parishes and 12 diocesan priests in parish ministry. Within five years' time there will only be 6 priests in our deanery, as the others will have reached 75, the usual age for retirement from active ministry. There were no ordinations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese in 2025 and there will only be one this year.

**Journey in faith:** We are blessed that there is a good number of baptised Christians who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, and some unbaptised people who are seeking the Sacraments of Initiation. They will be officially presented to the parish at the **10.00am Mass on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February** so that we can support them with our prayers. On Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent) they will be presented to the Archbishop in the Cathedral at the Rite of Election and will become Catholics at the Easter Vigil in the parish on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**St Anne's Primary School:** Last Thursday a Mass was celebrated in school to mark the launch of the school's new Mission Statement – “**Kind hearts. Bright minds. One family**”.

**Vernacular language at Mass:** It was in December 1964 when Pope Paul VI promulgated the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy after it was approved by 2,147 of the 2,151 bishops present at the Second Vatican Council. A new rite of Mass was introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 1969, and it is the norm that it is celebrated in the vernacular, the local language of the place. However, Article 54 of the Constitution states that “*steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or sing together in Latin those parts of the Mass that pertain to them.*” That is why we sing the Our Father (**Pater Noster**) in Latin once a month, and occasionally the Lamb of God (**Agnus Dei**).

**Sacristy improvements:** Thanks to the generosity of The Wrennalls Group, the sacristy and office corridor have been carpeted.

**Legacy:** As a parish, we are blessed to have just received an anonymous legacy of £10,000.

**St Mary's Flower Arrangers:** We would like to thank you for your generous donations towards the Christmas flowers.

**CAFOD World Gifts:** Thank you to everyone who supported CAFOD this Advent. An incredible £1364 was raised. In addition to this £281.00 was raised following our autumn appeal.

#### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30 pm	Prayers for Leyland. Leyland Baptist Church PR25 1XL
Weekend 7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> February		St Mary's Local Charity Fund Collection
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 am & 6.00 pm	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	7.30 pm	Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	1.30 pm	Children's Stations of the Cross
	3.00 pm	The Passion of the Lord
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Blessing of Easter food (Polish tradition)
	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter Sunday

#### 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