

PARISH of SAINT MARY, LEYLAND

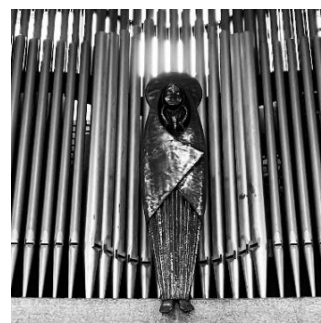
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To arrange a baptism or wedding, please contact the Parish Office.

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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4th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

31ST JANUARY – 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 31 st January	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Oliver Nickson (For a successful operation) / Parishioners
Sunday 1 st February	10.00	Mass	Collette Kane nee Courtney (RIP) / George & Maggie Halliwell (Sick) / Agnes Goulding (RIP)
Monday 2 nd February <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	10.00	Mass	Priest's Intentions
Tuesday 3 rd February <i>St Blaise</i>	10.00	Mass	Peter Gardner (anniversary)
Wednesday 4 th February	08.00	Mass	In the High School
Thursday 5 th February <i>St Agatha</i>	10.00	Mass	Priest's Intentions

NEXT WEEKEND: 5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Saturday 7 th February	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	World Peace
Sunday 8 th February	10.00	Mass	KSC intentions / Jean Burgess (RIP) / Matthew Cox (Sick) / Parishioners

Total Offertory Collection £650.63 Standing Orders £682.00

Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 5 **300 Club** – Congratulations to E Duckworth winning £100 (No.347) Agent J Purse.

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: Bernice Barton, Michael Dalton, Martin Beck and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Dorothy Thomas, Shirley Darwin, Andrew Parker and Joyce Dewhurst.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Geoff Pickup, Michael McNulty, 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.**

Liturgy this week: On Monday, 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, candles will be blessed at the start of Mass. Tuesday, 3rd February, is the Feast of St Blaise and we will have the blessing of throats during Mass.

Deanery statistics: In the Lancashire Deanery, which stretches from Tarleton to Chorley, there are currently 17 parishes and 12 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.

Family of Parishes Working Group: It was back in September when we heard a presentation in all four parishes from the Working Group. Parishioners were invited to respond, and subsequently the group has been meeting to assimilate the responses. We are now at the moment to take further steps. The Family of Parishes Working Group will speak at Mass in all four parishes next weekend and will present us with four possible ways forward for the future. Subsequently there will be open meetings in each parish. Our meeting will be on **Ash Wednesday, 18th February at 7.00pm** in the Community Centre, after the evening Mass that day. Please make every effort to attend.

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, 15th February** so that we can support them with our prayers. On Sunday, 22nd February (1st 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 4th April.

The Big Six: This is a name that is sometimes given to the six altar candles. At the moment our “big six” are separated between the altar and the ambo. Usually, the six candles are arranged around a crucifix; this is to mirror the ancient Jewish Menorah (seven branched candelabrum), but with the central candle replaced by the crucifix, representing Christ as the True Light. So, from the beginning of Lent, the processional crucifix will be placed at the centre of the altar, surrounded by the “big six” candles.

Day Pilgrimage: On a weekday towards the end of March, we will be taking a one-day pilgrimage to the Bar Convent in York. Established in 1686 when Catholicism was illegal, the Bar Convent (www.barconvent.co.uk) is the oldest living convent in the UK and the oldest surviving place of Catholic worship after King Henry VIII closed them all down in the 1530s. The Religious Congregation who resides there today, the Congregation of Jesus, were founded by a Yorkshire woman, Mary Ward (1585-1645). She made education for women one of her main missions in life. Although she died before seeing her mission realised, her Congregation opened the first ever schools for girls in the UK in York and London in 1669. Today there are over 200 schools in Mary Ward’s name across the world. The day will include a chance to visit the shrine of St Margaret Clitherow, in The Shambles in York, who was martyred for the Faith on 25th March 1586. There will Mass at the Bar Convent followed by a visit to the museum and a talk by one of the Sisters. The day will conclude with Afternoon Tea. More details to follow next week.

Dates for your diary

Weekend 7th/8th February		Family of Parishes Working Group talk at weekend Masses
		St Mary’s Local Charity Fund Collection
Weekend 14th/15th February		CAFOD Lent talk at weekend Masses
Sunday, 15th February	10.00am	Journey in Faith Presentation Mass
Wednesday, 18th February	10.00 am & 6.00 pm	Ash Wednesday
	7.00pm	Parish open meeting in the Community Centre
Sunday, 22nd February	3.00pm	Journey in Faith Rite of Election in the Cathedral
Friday, 27th February	12.00 noon	CAFOD Lent Fast Day lunch in the Community Centre
Wednesday, 1st April	7.30 pm	Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral
Thursday, 2nd April	7.00 pm	Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Friday, 3rd April	1.30 pm	Children’s Stations of the Cross
	3.00 pm	The Passion of the Lord
Saturday, 4th April	10.00am	Blessing of Easter Food (Polish tradition)
	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, 5th April	10.00am	Easter Sunday Mass followed by Easter Egg hunt.

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