

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)

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

7TH /8TH MARCH 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 7 th March	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Anthony Lyonette (anniv) / Tom McHugh (RIP) / Private intention
Sunday 8 th March	10.00	Mass	KSC intentions / Matthew Cox (sick) / Maggie Halliwell (RIP)
Monday 9 th March	10.00	Mass	Kazimierz Rezler (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 10 th March	10.00	Mass	Catherine, William, & Roy Hodgkinson (anniv)
Wednesday 11 th March	08.00	Mass	In High School
	10.30	Requiem Mass	Maggie Halliwell
Thursday 12 th March	10.00	Mass	Calderbank Family
Friday 13 th March	19.00	Stations of the Cross	Our Lady's, Tarleton

NEXT WEEKEND: LAUDATE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

Saturday 14 th March	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Tom McHugh (RIP) / Parishioners
Sunday 15 th March	10.00	Mass	George and Maggie Halliwell

Offertory Collection £586.42 Card Reader (February) £150.00 Standing Orders £682.00

Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 10 **300 Club** – Congratulations to M Taylor winning £100 (No 22) Agent: J Steventon

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: Fr Peter Crowther and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rita Gow, Linda Pascoe, June Embery, Bill Evans, Baby Elizabeth May Tattersall, Anne Ruth Pomroy, Eileen Burke and Linda Bretherton.

Welcome: This weekend Fr Joe will be celebrating the Masses at the parish of St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa, and we will welcome Fr Ian McParland to Leyland.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Gerard Helme, Joan Leigh, Geoff Pickup, Michael McNulty, David and Kathy Mason, Anne Breen, Stephanie White, Kath Cox, Rachel Hewitt, Mavis Walmsley, Jim Coan, Matthew Cox, 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.**

Baptism Preparation Team: Many thanks to those parishioners who have volunteered for this new team.

Easter candles and flowers: Envelopes are available in the narthex for your contributions.

Easter Bonnet Parade, Easter Sunday, 5th April: Following the 10.00 m Mass we will be hosting our Easter Bonnet Parade and egg hunt. We need donations of chocolate eggs, of any size, and various sweets for our games. Donations can be left after Mass or at the Parish office.

CAFOD Family Fast day: Thank you for your generosity last weekend, which raised £605.00. Your support is much appreciated, especially the volunteers who made it possible.

Liturgy in Lent: The Stations of the Cross will be prayed after weekday Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. In the Penitential Rite of the Mass during Lent, we will sing **“Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison”**. Please repeat each phrase after the priest.

Second Collection next weekend for Nugent: The origins of **Nugent** date back to Victorian Liverpool and the pioneering work of Father James Nugent (1822-1905) in relation to child welfare, relief from poverty, and social reform. Through his ministry, Father Nugent witnessed first-hand the suffering caused by poverty and appalling conditions and took action to remedy the situation. By the time of his death, Father Nugent had given homes and valuable skills to thousands of children and laid the foundations for the work undertaken by **Nugent** today. Allied to the Archdiocese of Liverpool, **Nugent** has provided care and support for those in need since 1881.

Deanery News: As the Benedictine Order of Ampleforth Abbey has left the Parish of St Joseph, Brindle, the Archbishop, after a period of consultation, has merged that parish with the Parish of St Bede, Clayton Green in order to ensure that there is stable and sustainable pastoral and spiritual care into the future for the parishioners. All the buildings and land remain the property of Ampleforth Abbey. Also, last Sunday we heard of the death of Fr Peter Crowther, parish priest of St Joseph’s, Withnell. It is unlikely that a replacement priest be appointed to Withnell.

Catholic Young Adult Leadership Course: Thanks to the support of Kate Wilkinson, one of our parishioners and CEO of the Catholic Youth Charity, Million Minutes (www.millionminutes.org), two young people from our parish, William Reay and Sotaar Gobr Terbobri, are joining 13 other young people from across England and Wales in a Catholic Leadership Course this weekend. They are in Year 11 in St Mary’s High School and are involved in the parish ministries of Altar Serving, Reading, and Eucharistic Ministers. We support them with our prayers.

Knights of St Columba Grand Draw: Raffle tickets are available after Mass this weekend.

Confessions during Lent in our Family of Parishes:

St Mary’s: Saturdays 5.00pm – 5.40pm. **St Teresa’s, Penwortham:** Saturdays 5.15pm – 6.00pm.
Our Lady’s, Tarleton: Wednesdays 5.45pm – 6.05pm. **St Oswald’s, Longton:** Saturdays 4.15pm – 5.00pm.

Stations of the Cross: As in previous years, we will journey from church to church in our Family of Parishes for the Stations of the Cross at **7.00pm** on the Fridays of Lent.

- 13th March - Our Lady’s, Tarleton (**PR4 6BP**)
- 20th March - St Oswald’s, Longton (**PR4 5EB**)
- 27th March - St Mary Magdalen’s, Penwortham (**PR1 9QD**)

Second Collections 2026:

Nugent – 15 th March	Holy Places – 3 rd April (Good Friday)
Priests’ Training Fund – 26 th April	World Communications – 17 th May
Day for Life – 21 st June	Peter’s Pence – 28 th June
Annual Mission Appeal (Salesians) 19 th July	Priests in Retirement – 26 th July
Catholic Education – 13 th September	Home Missions – 20 th September
World Missions – 18 th October	Animate Youth – 22 nd November
Crib Offerings – During Christmas Season	

Second Hand Spectacles: We are now closing our collection here at St Mary’s, thank you for your support. Lowerbank Dental Practice, Hough Lane and some opticians in Leyland now pass on old spectacles to International Aid Trust Vision Mission - check with your optician.

Dates for your diary

This weekend 7th/8th March		St Mary’s Local Charity Fund Collection
Wednesday, 1st April	19.30	Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral
Thursday, 2nd April	19.30	Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Friday, 3rd April	13.30	Children’s Stations of the Cross
Friday, 3rd April	15.00	The Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm
Saturday, 4th April	10.00	Blessing of Easter Food (Polish tradition)
Saturday, 4th April	20.00	Easter Vigil
Sunday, 5th April	10.00	Easter Sunday Mass, at 10.00 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