

# 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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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A (Laetare)

14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Tom McHugh (RIP) / Katy Phillips (B'day Rem) Parishioners
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Baptism Presentation</i>	10.00	Mass	Frank Cornwell (RIP) / George Halliwell intentions
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March <i>St Joseph</i>	10.00	Requiem Mass	Rosanna (Ann) Daly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	19.00	Stations of the Cross	St Oswald's, Longton (PR4 5EB)
<b>NEXT WEEKEND: 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A</b>			
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Private intention
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March <i>Children's Mass / Sacramental Programme</i>	10.00	Mass	Matthew Cox (sick) / Maggie Halliwell (RIP) / Deceased members of Salisbury and Gorman families / Parishioners
Baptisms	12.00		

**Offertory Collection £572.63 Standing Orders £682.00**

**St Mary's Local Charity Fund: £207.44**

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

Week 11 **300 Club** – Congratulations to A Bruce winning £100 (No 55) 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:** Rosanna Daly, Bernadette Neville and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Linda Bretherton, Jack Moran, Patricia Clensey, Vi Rigby, and Margaret Mary Corcoran.

**Funeral notification:** There will be a Funeral Service on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12 noon for Bernadette Neville.

**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.**

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

**Easter Bonnet Parade, Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Second Collection this 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. Allied to the Archdiocese of Liverpool, **Nugent** has provided care and support for those in need since 1881.

**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 the *“Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison”* in Greek. Please repeat each phrase after the priest.

**The veiling of the statues and crucifixes:** The last two weeks of Lent are called Passiontide which begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This is when the Church shifts her focus from Christ in the desert to Christ during his Passion. From next weekend you will notice that the crucifixes and other statues and images around the church will be veiled with purple cloths which have been made by our very hardworking and creative Craft Group.

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different; it can be visually startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss, and they serve as a reminder to get ready! Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened and we become more aware of what is missing. When the images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.

**Parish Bereavement Team:** Thank you to those parishioners who have volunteered to be part of this new team. They will assist at funerals with welcome, reading, and serving. Also, they will send a Mass card to the recently bereaved and invite them to an annual Mass for the Holy Souls in November.

**Catholic Youth Leadership Course:** At next weekend’s Masses, William Reay and Sotaar Gobr Terbobri, the two young people from our parish who recently participated in this course, will share their feedback with the parish.

**Chrism Mass:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. We are providing a coach for anyone wishing to go. £10 per person. We will leave the carpark at 5pm. Please sign the list.

**Pilgrimage to The Bar Convent, York:** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please meet on the carpark at 7.45am. The coach will leave at 8am. We will be returning after 6pm Evensong in York Minster.

**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.

20<sup>th</sup> March - St Oswald’s, Longton (**PR4 5EB**)  
 27<sup>th</sup> March - St Mary Magdalen’s, Penwortham (**PR1 9QD**)

**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**

<b>Weekend 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>		St Vincent de Paul Collection
<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	19.30	Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	19.30	Mass of the Lord’s Supper
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	13.30	Children’s Stations of the Cross
	15.00	The Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm
<b>Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00	Blessing of Easter Food (Polish tradition)
	20.00	Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00	Easter Sunday Mass, at 10.00 followed by Easter Egg hunt
<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	16.00	Confirmation Preparation Mass at St Teresa’s, Penwortham
<b>Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	19.00	Confirmation Services at St Mary’s

**Sunday Masses in our Family of Parishes**

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