

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)

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

21st/22nd March 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 21 st March	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Private Intention / Thanksgiving for a safe delivery / John Kelly (anniv)
Sunday 22 nd March <i>Children's Mass / Sacramental Programme</i>	10.00	Mass	Mathew Cox (sick) / Maggie Halliwell (RIP) / Deceased members of Salisbury and Gorman families / Parishioners
Baptisms	12.00		
Monday 23 rd March	10.00	Mass	Geoff Pickup (sick)
	12.00	Funeral Service	Bernadette Neville
Tuesday 24 th March	10.00	Mass	Calderbank Family intentions
Wednesday 25 th March	10.00	Mass	Gerard Helme (sick)
Thursday 26 th March	10.00	No Mass	
Friday 27 th March	19.00	Stations of the Cross	St Mary Magdalen's, Penwortham (PR1 9QD)

NEXT WEEKEND: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

Saturday 28 th March	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Fr Laurence Mayne / Parishioners
Sunday 29 th March	10.00	Mass	Maggie Halliwell (RIP) / John Gillooly and William Brindle (anniv) / Rosanna Daly (RIP)

Offertory Collection £649.67 Standing Orders £682.00

2nd Collection £351.15

Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 12 **300 Club** – Congratulations to Jenny Purse winning £100 (No 62) Agent: Jenny 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: and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Ian Kinsela, Martin Bradford, Tony O'Reilly, Mary Braithwaite, Fr Michael O'Dowd.

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.**

By Baptism we welcome: Reuben Gerge Thompson and Wyatt Devlin

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

Easter Bonnet Parade, Easter Sunday, 5th April: Following the 10.00 am 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.

Easter Bonnet Parade, Easter Sunday, 5th April: We would like to provide refreshments for this event and are kindly asking for donations of cake, biscuits, and juice. If you are able to contribute, please could items be dropped off at the parish office on or before Saturday, 4th April. Many thanks for your support.

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. You will notice that the crucifixes and other statues and images around the church have been 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 this 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 parishioners.

Continuing along the Path of Synodality: The Archdiocese is offering an opportunity to reflect on the document that came from the final session of the Synod on Synodality called by Pope Francis that Pope Leo is now urging us to embrace at every level in the life of the Church. There will be a series of zoom meetings on Tuesday evenings 7pm to 8.30pm: 21, 28 April, 5, 12, 19 May. To join the zoom meeting use the weblink below, enter the meeting details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=VBTox3xbJiWrU8x00sbiuCGmnO97Xn.1>

Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285

Passcode: 981267

Day Pilgrimage to the Bar Convent, York: Meet in the carpark at 7.45am. The coach will leave at 8am sharp.

Mass of Chrism, Wednesday, 1st April: Please can we meet on the carpark at 4.45pm. The coach will leave at 5.00pm sharp.

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.

27th March - St Mary Magdalen’s, Penwortham (**PR1 9QD**)

Dates for your diary

Weekend 21st / 22nd March		St Vincent de Paul 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