

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)

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

25TH / 26TH APRIL 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 25 th April	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Marian Kirk (b'day rem'brance) / Peter Holden (RIP) / Susan Crook (anniv) / Parishioners
Sunday 26 th April <i>Children's Mass</i>	10.00	Mass	Matthew Cox (sick) / John Newell (RIP) / Catherine Jones (RIP)
	12.00	Baptisms	
Monday 27 th April	10.00	Mass	Private intention
Tuesday 28 th April	10.00	Mass	Priest's intentions
	19.00	Confirmation Service	
Wednesday 29 th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	10.00	Mass	Therese Bibby (anniversary)
Thursday 30 th April	10.00	Mass	Priest's intentions
	19.00	Confirmation Service	

NEXT WEEKEND 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

Saturday 2 nd May	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Pat Bibby (1 st anniversary)
Sunday 3 rd May	10.00	Mass	Irena Poninska (birthday remembrance) / Matthew Cox (Sick) / Parishioners

Offertory Collection £663.69 Standing Orders £682.00

Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 17 **300 Club** – Congratulations to P Coan winning £100 (No 150) Agent: Eileen Jackson

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 Gerard Cobham and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Pope Francis and Patricia Kervin.

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Gerard Cobham, a retired priest of the Archdiocese, who died on Wednesday.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Gerard Helme, Joan Leigh Geoff Pickup, Michael McNulty, David and Kathy Mason, 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: Ella Addison Jones, Maxiella Grace Cuff, Sienna Rose Angeli, Lottie-Mae Ann Jebb.

Thank you: To everyone who contributed towards the Easter flowers.

Priests' Training Fund: There will be a **second collection** this weekend. Currently the Archdiocese has six men in training for the priesthood. One is in his formation year at St Alban's College, Valladolid, Spain, three are at Allen Hall Seminary in London, and two are at the Pontifical Beda College in Rome. We keep them in our prayers.

Confirmation: The young people from our Family of Parishes who are soon to be confirmed attended a special Mass last Sunday afternoon at St Teresa's, Penwortham and received a Novena to the Holy Spirit prayer card to help them to prepare spiritually for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they are confirmed this week (Tuesday and Thursday) by Bishop Tom Neylon, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool.

First Holy Communion: This weekend is the final preparation session for the children. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday, 16th May.

May Procession: In the past, this parish had the tradition of a May Procession and the Crowning of a statue of Our Lady, which will be revived this year. The children will be invited to participate in the procession at the end of Mass on 17th May and the First Communion children will be encouraged to wear their Communion outfits that day.

Pentecost Sunday – 24th May: This is the last day of the Easter Season, after which the Paschal Candle will move from the Ambo to the Baptismal Font. At the 10.00am Mass we will welcome all those from across our Family of Parishes who became Catholics at the Easter Vigil in their respective parishes, along with the the Journey in Faith team members. In addition, two more adults will be baptized that day, and another two baptized Christians will be received into full communion with the Church.

"The Now of God!": You are warmly invited to an inspiring and thought-provoking talk, **"The Now of God – Seeing Young People with the Eyes of God,"** taking place at St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland on Thursday 7th May from 7:00–8:30pm. Open to everyone, this engaging evening will explore how we can better understand, listen to, and accompany young people in today's world, inspired by the message of *Christus Vivit* (*Christ is alive - Pope Francis to young people*) Whether you're involved in parish life, youth ministry, or simply interested in the future of the Church, all are welcome to come along, reflect, and be part of the conversation.

Second Collections 2026:

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

Dates for your diary

Tuesday, 28th April	19.00	Confirmation Service at St Mary's
Thursday, 30th April	19.00	Confirmation Service at St Mary's
Weekend 2nd / 3rd May		St Mary's Local Charity Fund collection after Masses
Thursday, 7th May	13.30	Year 11 Leavers' Mass in school
Thursday, 14th May	10.00 & 18.00	Ascension Thursday Masses
Saturday, 16th May	10.00	First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday, 17th May		May Procession and crowning of Our Lady's statue at end of Mass
Sunday, 7th June	11.00	Parish Summer Fair

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