

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 EASTER - YEAR A

2ND / 3RD MAY 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
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 (b'day rem) / Matthew Cox (sick) / Parishioners
Monday 4 th May <i>English Martyrs</i>		No Mass	
Tuesday 5 th May		No Mass	
Wednesday 6 th May	10.00	Mass	Priest's intentions
Thursday 7 th April	13.30	Mass	Yr 11 High School Leavers' Mass in school

NEXT WEEKEND 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

Saturday 9 th May	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Catherine Adcott (RIP) / Brenda Pickup (anniversary) / Cath Jones (RIP) / Parishioners
Sunday 10 th May	10.00	Mass	Hannah Baron (RIP) / Frankie Pires (RIP) / KSC intentions

Offertory Collection £620.43 Standing Orders £682.00

Priests' Training Fund £381.28

Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 18 **300 Club** – Congratulations to J Roche winning £100 (No 139) Agent: Mary McNulty

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: Brenda Pascoe, Victor Charles Hatton, Margaret Smith, Lesley Taylor, Brenda Pickup, and Paul Willis.

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

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.

Confirmation: Congratulations to the young people from our Family of Parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week from Bishop Tom Neylon, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool.

"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.

Family of Parishes: The Working Party has prepared a summary of the collated feedback from the consultation in February / March. This is available on the parish website, or in printed format at the back of church.

Ecumenical encounter: The spiritual leader of the Church of England, Archbishop Sarah Mullaley of Canterbury, met with Pope Leo XIV in the Vatican on 27th April where they prayed together. Since the 1960's there has been a longstanding tradition of such encounters. Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher met Pope John XXIII in 1960, being the first archbishop of Canterbury to visit Rome since 1397. In 1966 Archbishop Michael Ramsey met Pope Paul VI who gifted him his papal ring. In 1982, Archbishop Robert Runcie and Pope John Paul II prayed together at Canterbury Cathedral. Archbishop Rowan Williams met Pope Benedict XVI in 2006 and 2010. Archbishop Justin Welby met Pope Francis on several occasions, the most significant being in 2023 when they were together on a Peace Pilgrimage to South Sudan.

Fr Gerard Cobham RIP: He died on 20th April and his Requiem Mass will be at St George's, Maghull on Tuesday, 5th May at 11.00am followed by burial at SS. Peter & Paul's, Mawdesley. He attended St Mary's High School, Leyland before going to Upholland College seminary to train for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest in 1971, and came back to St Mary's church to celebrate Mass which was attended by all the pupils, and at which two of his nephews were altar servers. His sister, Teresa Kealey still lives in this parish.

Parish Summer Fair June 7th: Volunteers are needed to help with the BBQ, run a stall, help with setting up, and clearing away on the day. Please contact Jackie Matthews 07757494864 or Lesley Raven on 07480448116. Donations are wanted of chocolate, filled jars, unwanted gifts, children's books, and good quality toys and games. There will be a box in the Narthex.

Mary's Meals UK: This May, our parish is invited to join in their annual **Pray in May** campaign, praying for children worldwide who rely on a daily meal at school. Mary's Meals UK has produced a range of **free prayer resources**, suitable for use in parish groups, and personal prayer:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may-resources>

Second Collections 2026:

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

Dates for your diary

Weekend 2nd /3rd May		St Mary's Local Charity Fund collection
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	10.00	May Procession and crowning of Our Lady's statue at end of Mass
Sunday, 7th June	11.00	Parish Summer Fair
Tuesday, 30th June	14.00	Archdiocesan Good Shepherd Mass in church
Saturday, 11th July	11.00	Family of Parishes Mass of Anointing at St Oswald's, Longton
Tuesday, 16th July	9.30 14.15	St Mary's Yr 6 Leavers' Mass St Anne's Yr 6 Leavers' Mass
23rd- 30th July		Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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