

PARISH OF SAINT MARY, LEYLAND

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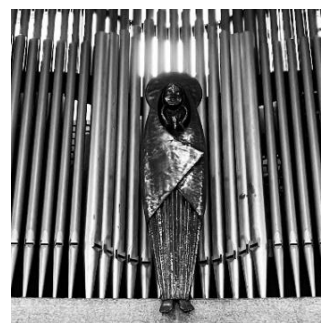
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To arrange a baptism or wedding, please contact the Parish Office.

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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18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1ST/ 2ND AUGUST 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 1 st August	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Terence Bayley (RIP) / Parishioners
Sunday 2 nd August	10.00	Mass	Dave Turner (anniversary) / Cox family intentions
Monday 3 rd August	10.00	Mass	Priest's intentions
Tuesday 4 th August <i>St John Vianney</i>	10.00	Mass	Catherine Roper (birthday remembrance)
	12.00	Funeral Service	Frederick Gittins
Wednesday 5 th August	10.00	Mass	Priest's intentions
Thursday 6 th August <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	10.00	Mass	Priest's intentions

NEXT WEEKEND – 19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday 8 th August	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Maurice Green (RIP) / Linda Durkin (anniv) / Edward Roy Thompson (RIP)
Sunday 9 th August	10.00	Mass	KSC intentions / Parishioners

Offertory Collection: £579.06 Standing Orders: £682.00

Priests in retirement: £275.85

Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 31 **300 Club** – Congratulations to Kevin Jordan winning £100 (No 235) Agent: K Jordan

If you would like to become a member or have another number, please contact E Jackson 07902 098798

PLEASE pray for all the departed: Warren Hart and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Thomas Corrie, Steve Slater, Martina Crompton, Janet Byrne, Alice Chippendale and Maria Pikulski.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Tina Cookson, Eileen Blackledge, Neil Harvey, Geoff Holme, Joan Leigh, Geoff Pickup, Michael McNulty, David and Kathy Mason, Stephanie White, Kath Cox, Rachel Hewitt, Jim Coan, Matthew Cox, Kathryn Boulton, Terry & Ann Smith. **To add a name, "Sick List" forms are available at the back of church.**

Children's Liturgy: This will be suspended during the month of August, but will resume on the first Sunday of September.

Visit: The Young Catholic Adults Group from St Wilfrid's Parish, Widnes will be visiting our church next Saturday, 8th August in the afternoon.

Official visit: The Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain (the Vatican's Ambassador and the Pope's representative in this country), Archbishop Miguel Maury, will be making an official Apostolic Visitation to the Archdiocese from **9th – 13th September**. As part of his visit he will preside at a **"Mass to celebrate Catholic Education"** which will take place here at St Mary's church on Thursday, 10th September. All the Catholic Schools in the Lancashire Deanery will be sending a delegation of staff and pupils to the Mass. Please note that as the church will be filled to overflowing with young people and teachers from across the Archdiocese, **it is not a parish event**. However, it is a great honour that the Archdiocese has chosen our parish as one of the venues for the Apostolic Nuncio to visit.

The Apostolic Nuncio will celebrate Mass at 11.00 am and will preside at Solemn Sung Vespers at 3.00pm on **Sunday, 13th September** in the Metropolitan Cathedral. Everyone from across the Archdiocese is welcome to attend.

Catholic Headteachers' Mass: The Archbishop will preside at a Mass for all the Headteachers of our Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese. This will take now place at St Mary's church on **Thursday, 22nd October at 5.00pm**. During the Mass the Headteachers who have been appointed in the last year will be officially commissioned by the Archbishop. Parishioners are very welcome to attend this Mass.

Blessed John Woodcock (1603-1646) – Martyr of Leyland. Feast Day 7th August: He was born in Woodcock Hall, Leyland and converted to Catholicism in 1623. He joined the seminary at St Omer, in the Spanish Netherlands (present day France) in 1628, and then to the Venerable English College, Rome in 1629. He joined the Franciscans in Paris in 1630, and then their community in Douai, France in 1631. He was ordained a priest in 1637, working as a chaplain in Arras. He returned to England in 1644 and was arrested in Bamber Bridge. Due to the English Civil War, his trial was delayed, and he remained in Lancaster Prison for two years. At his trial he admitted to being a Catholic priest and was hanged, drawn, and quartered on 7th August 1646 at Gallows Hill, Lancaster. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1987.

Altar Servers' Training: As in past years, we will soon begin training for new altar servers. This is open to those who made their 1st Communion earlier in the year, and also to any older children who would like to become servers at Mass. Training will take place on Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd September from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. The Annual Altar Servers' Mass will take place at 10.00am on Sunday, 11th October at which last year's new servers will receive their Guild of St Stephen medals.

Family of Parishes: On Sundays 16th and 23rd August, Fr Joe will be celebrating the 8.30 am Mass at St Oswald's, Longton.

Second Collections 2026:

Catholic Education – 13th September

Home Missions – 20th September

World Missions – 18th October

Animate Youth – 22nd November

Crib Offerings – During Christmas Season

Dates for your diary

Weekend 1st & 2nd August		St Mary's Local Charity Fund collection
Weekend 15th/16th August		Parish Feast Day. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd September	18.00 – 19.00	Altar server training in church
Thursday, 10th September		Mass for Catholic Education celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio
Sunday, 13th September	11.00 15.00	Mass celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio in the Cathedral Vespers celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio in the Cathedral
Sunday, 11th October	10.00	Annual Altar Servers' Mass in church at 10.00am
Thursday, 22nd October	17.00	Archdiocesan Headteachers' Mass in church

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