

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)

19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

8TH / 9TH AUGUST 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
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 / Margaret Anthony (b' day remembrance) / Parishioners
Monday 10 th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	10.00	Mass	Mary Nuttall (anniversary)
Tuesday 11 th August <i>St Clare</i>	10.00	Mass	Betty Fisher (anniversary)
Wednesday 12 th August		No Mass	
Thursday 13 th August		No Mass	

NEXT WEEKEND – FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – YEAR A

Saturday 15 th August	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Roy Thompson (RIP) / Parishioners
Sunday 16 th August	10.00	Mass	Sr Angelus Keane (Platinum Jubilee) / Maureen Morris (RIP)

Offertory Collection: £723.41 Standing Orders: £682.00

St Mary's Local Charity Fund: £64.35

Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 32 **300 Club** – Congratulations to Helena Tonks winning £100 (No 53) Agent: L Raven

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

PLEASE pray for all the departed: Maureen Morris, Fr John Joyce and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Leslie Chase, Annie Maxwell, Allen Withnell, Catherine Ashurst and Margaret Evans.

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, Jim Coan, Matthew Cox, Kathryn Boulton, Terry & Ann Smith, George Halliwell. **To add a name, "Sick List" forms are available at the back of church.**

Funeral notices: Requiem Mass for Warren Hart on Thursday, 20th August at 10am in church. Requiem Mass for Maureen Morris on Monday, 24th August at 10am in church.

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

Assisted Suicide - Contact your MP: A Private Members' Bill has been reintroduced to parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide - the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. The crucial vote is on Friday 11th September. Consider contacting our MP to make your voice heard to oppose this Bill. Our local MP is Paul Foster: paul.foster.mp@parliament.uk

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 at 10.00am. 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.

Evening Prayer with the Apostolic Nuncio: All are invited to assemble as our Archdiocesan family at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on **Sunday, 13th September at 3.00pm** for the culmination of the Apostolic Nuncio's visit to the Archdiocese. This date coincides with the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Cathedral's Chapter of Canons. The celebration will take the form of sung Evening Prayer in the Cathedral. There will be a drinks reception following in the Cathedral crypt. All are welcome.

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, Leyland 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.

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 7.00pm – 7.30pm. 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.

Annual Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith: SS Oswald & Edmund Arrowsmith's church, Ashton in Makerfield, WN4 9NP. – **Sunday 30th August at 3.00pm**. The principal Celebrant will be Fr John Hogan of the Diocese of Meath, Ireland, the author of the most recent CTS booklet on the life of St Edmund Arrowsmith. All are welcome.

Catholic Pictorial: August's edition is available in the narthex.

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 15th/16th August		Parish Feast Day. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Weekend 15th/16th August		St Vincent de Paul Society collection
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd September	19.00-19.30	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
Thursday, 17th September	14.00	High School Year 7 welcome Mass in church.
Sunday, 11th October	10.00	Annual Altar Servers' Mass in church at 10.00am
Thursday, 22nd October	17.00	Archdiocesan Headteachers' Mass in church
Saturday, 24th October	12.00	Ordination to the priesthood of Daniel Howarth. St Oswald's, Warrington WA1 3LA.

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