

PARISH of SAINT MARY, Leyland

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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.

PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL (REG. CHARITY 1199714)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – YEAR A

15TH / 16TH AUGUST 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
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)
Monday 17 th August	10.00	Mass	Knowles and Bilsborrow family intentions
Tuesday 18 th August	10.00	Mass	Ann Sutton (birthday remembrance)
Wednesday 19 th August	10.00	Mass	Priest's intentions
	12.00	Graveside Service	Kathleen Rodgers
Thursday 20 th August <i>St Bernard</i>	10.00	Requiem Mass	Warren Hart
NEXT WEEKEND 21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A			
Saturday 22 nd August	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Warren Hart (RIP) / Mike Cowburn's intentions
Sunday 23 rd August	10.00	Mass	Terry and Dominic King (RIP) / John Walters (RIP) / Parishioners

Offertory Collection: £628.21 Standing Orders: £682.00

Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 33 **300 Club** – Congratulations to Nicola Atkin winning £100 (No 120) Agent: J Steventon

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

PLEASE pray for all the departed: Fr Joseph Kendall and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Christopher Andrew Walker and Amy Chisham.

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 Maureen Morris on Monday, 24th August at 10am in church.

Parish Feast Day: This weekend we celebrate, as our parish is dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption.

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

Fr Joseph Kendall RIP: It was a huge shock to learn of the sudden death of Fr Joseph Kendall last Saturday, 8th August. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2012 and was 45 years old. He had been a parish priest in Garston, Liverpool and in recent years was the Vice-Rector of the Royal English College, Valladolid, Spain where seminarians from England and Wales undergo their initial year of formation.

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

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

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 3pm** 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.

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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Last week, Deacon Bill McMahon and parishioners from across our Family of Parishes joined the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Your petitions were placed at the Grotto, and two large candles were lit for your intentions. We arranged Masses for the sick and housebound, those who have died, all who serve our parishes, and the continued growth of our Family of Parishes. Thanks to your generosity, a donation was also made to support the Shrine. Next year's pilgrimage will take place from **22nd–29th July 2027**. We warmly encourage you to consider joining us for this very special and spiritually uplifting week.

Crafting the Word of the Lord: A unique handcrafted exhibition of biblical stories to be held in Our Lady and All Saints Church, Parbold, WN8 7HS, from **Monday 7th until Friday 11th September**. Entrance is free but donations welcomed. On-site parking is available.

Family pilgrimage to Ladyewell: with Our Lady Help of Christians, Tarleton. Saturday 12th September, 11.00–3.30pm (approx) Meet at the parish church of Fernyhough PR2 5RR. Bring a packed lunch. Please let Vivienne Goddard know if you are coming by **6th September 07779 786141** vivienne.goddard@gmail.com

Second Collections 2026:

Catholic Education – 13 th September	Home Missions – 20 th September
World Missions – 18 th October	Animate Youth – 22 nd 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 Sept	19.00-19.30	Altar server training in church
Thursday, 10th September	10.00	Mass for Catholic Education celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio
Sunday, 13th September	11.00	Mass celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio in the Cathedral
	15.00	Vespers celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio in the Cathedral
Thursday, 17th September	14.00	High School Year 7 welcome 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