

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.

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23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

5TH / 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 5 th Sept	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Thanksgiving / Maureen Morris (RIP) / Mike Cowburn's intentions
Sunday 6 th Sept	10.00	Mass	Sister Cecilia Snape (Diamond Jubilee) / Albert and May Waidson (Anniversary) / Parishioners
Monday 7 th Sept	10.00	Mass	Fr John Joyce (RIP)
Tuesday 8 th Sept	10.00	Mass	Maureen Morris (RIP)
Wednesday 9 th Sept	10.00	Mass	Carmel Gibbons (Special intention)
Thursday 10 th Sept <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i>		No Parish Mass today	

NEXT WEEKEND 24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Saturday 12 th Sept	17.00	Exposition and Confession	
	18.00	Mass	Elizabeth Barton (RIP) / David Fenwick (RIP) / Anthony Tyrrell (RIP) / Parishioners
Sunday 13 th Sept	10.00	Mass	KSC Intentions / Maria Bond (RIP)

Offertory Collection: £583.81 Standing Orders: £682.00

Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 36 **300 Club** – Congratulations to K Breen winning £100 (No 8) Agent: Anthony Consdine

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

PLEASE pray for all the departed: Jim Coan and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Josephine Jump, Majorie Parr, Martin Glancy, Josie Davies, Larry Snell and Keenan Ayra.

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

Catholic Pictorial: September's edition is now available at the back of church.

Celebration of Mass: The Second Vatican Council tells us that the Mass is **"the source and summit of the Christian life"** because it is the origin of spiritual power and the highest goal of human worship. Although that is true of every celebration of the sacrifice of the Mass, circumstances can determine how that is experienced. In this parish the Saturday evening Mass is accompanied by the organ, and, in addition to some of the chants from the Roman Missal, more traditional hymns are sung. The Sunday morning Mass is accompanied by the music group, and the Mass parts and the hymns are more contemporary. Also, throughout the year we have regular Sunday Children's Masses at 10.00am during which the Readings and the Eucharistic Prayer are taken from the official texts for Masses with Children, and the homily is more interactive. We also have a regular Sunday High Mass with more solemnity, the use of incense, and the chanting of the Our Father in Latin.

Apostolic Nuncio's visit - updates: His Excellency, Archbishop Miguel Maury will visit the Archdiocese between Wednesday, 9th and Sunday, 13th September. The first item in his programme is to 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. We will let you know when the official photographs are available to view online.

- When the Nuncio arrives he will be welcomed by Fr Joe at the door of the church where he will kiss a crucifix and bless the church doors with holy water.
- Fr Joe will then lead him to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel where he will spend a short time in silent prayer.
- He will then make his way to the sacristy to vest for Mass.
- The Mass will be concelebrated the Archbishop, the Auxiliary Bishop, the Vicar General, the Chancellor, the Episcopal Vicar for Education and other priests. The Archbishop will preach.
- The music at the Mass will be provided by the Cathedral organist and the Archdiocesan Schools Singing Programme.
- Our parish altar servers will be serving the Mass, and some of our other young people will be involved.
- At the end of the Mass he will unveil a commemorative plaque in the narthex.
- After the Mass, he will be attending an official meeting in the Community Centre with those involved in Catholic Education in the Archdiocese. Because of this, the Community Centre and Coffee Lounge will be closed that day.

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: Some young people from the parish have just begun their training as altar servers. 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.

Fundraising Quiz Night: Friday 11th September 7.00pm – 10.00pm in the Community Centre. £1 per person, bar & raffle to raise funds to continue refurbishments. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

Second Collection next weekend - Catholic Education: This collection funds the [Catholic Education Service](#) (CES), which defends and promotes Catholic education, religious freedom, and the legal interests of over 2,000 Catholic schools, colleges, and university institutions across England and Wales.

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

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Weekend 5th/6th Sept		St Mary's Local Charity Fund collection.
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	15.00	Vespers celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio in the Cathedral.
Thursday, 17th September	14.00	High School Year 7 welcome Mass in church.
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