SOUTH RIBBLE FAMILY OF PARISHES

Advent & Christmas 2026

Leyland • Longton • Penwortham • Tarleton

Frs Michael Barrett, Joseph Bibby, John Goddard and Ian McParland

Deacons Bill McMahon and John Sargent

Dates for your diary

THU 3 DEC • 7pm

Advent Taizé Prayer



St Teresa's, Penwortham, PR1 0DS. Chants, Scripture, intercessions and silent prayer. Refreshments to follow. All welcome.

10–12 DEC

Advent Retreat at Hyning Hall



Thursday to Saturday. Prepare for Christmas with Mass, prayer services and short talks.

Christmas Bingo



St Oswald's, Longton, PR4 5EB
Friday 11 December • 6.30pm

Our Lady's, Tarleton, PR4 6BP
Tuesday 15 December • 7.30pm

SUN 13 DEC | Bambinelli Sunday

Sat eve 6pm / Sun morn 9.30am – St Teresa's, Penwortham • Sun morn 11am – St Mary Magdalen's, Penwortham

On the Third Sunday of Advent, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures to St Peter's Square for the Pope's blessing. Bring your Baby Jesus figure from your crib at home to be blessed at the end of Mass.

SUN 13 DEC • 1pm

SVP Meal for older parishioners



St Teresa's Social Centre, Penwortham PR1 0DS.

SUN 13 DEC • 4pm

Christingle



Our Lady's, Tarleton, PR4 6BP. Refreshments to follow.

Reconciliation & Confession



SAT 12 DEC • 10.30am – St Oswald's, Longton, PR4 5EB
MON 14 DEC • 4pm – Our Lady's, Tarleton, PR4 6BP

SUN 20 DEC • 3pm

Family of Parishes Carol Service



St Oswald's, Longton, PR4 5EB. All welcome. Tea, coffee and cakes in the hall.

SUN 20 DEC • 7pm | Leyland Band Christmas Spectacular | St Mary's Church, Leyland, PR25 1PD

In aid of the Mayor's charities. Tickets: Civic Centre, West Paddock, PR25 1DH.

Christmas Mass times

Church	Christmas Eve Thursday, 24th December	Christmas Day Friday, 25th December	Boxing Day Saturday, 26th December (morn)
St Mary's, Leyland **PR25 1PD**	6pm / 9pm	10am	11am
St Oswald's, Longton **PR4 5EB**	5pm / 7pm	8.30am	–
St Mary Magdalen's, Penwortham **PR1 9QD**	5pm	—	10am
St Teresa's, Penwortham **PR1 0DS**	6.30pm	10am	—
Our Lady's, Tarleton **PR4 6BP**	8pm	10am	10am

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News from our Family of Parishes

Family of Parishes Working Group Update

Thank you for your participation so far. Your views have helped us to formulate our next steps, as outlined below.

We are the Catholic Church in South Ribble and W Lancashire: five distinct communities journeying together and guided by the Holy Spirit, as we continue to share the Gospel message.

In a spirit of collaboration and trust, we seek to recognise the different strengths and needs of each community, share good practice so as to learn from each other, and develop ways to support on-going listening and decision-making.

OUR NEXT STEPS

Youth – To develop and support the work of a Youth Council, made up of young representatives who will help and advise on a way forward.

Mapping – To promote an awareness of how we are already working together, and to identify opportunities for further collaboration.

Administration – To encourage administrators to meet and explore ways of working more closely together, to better serve our five communities.

Clergy – To continue and grow a sense of mutual support for each other and our communities.

Journey in Faith

Our Journey in Faith group is once again holding sessions for people who wish to join the Catholic Church. Over the last two years, 30 people have joined the Church from across our Family of Parishes, and their feedback on the sessions has been very positive. This year, 18 people are seeking to join the Church at the Easter services, supported by catechists from across our parishes.
Anyone wishing to join this year's group before Christmas is warmly invited to our Wednesday sessions at 7pm, St Oswald's Parish Hall, Longton, PR4 5EB.

Family of Parishes Christmas Carol Service



This year, our Family of Parishes will be holding a Christmas Carol Service on **Sunday 20th December at 3pm** at **St Oswald's Church, Longton, PR4 5EB**. All parishioners from across our 4 parishes, choir members and musicians are warmly invited to attend the Service which will be followed by tea, coffee and cakes in the Parish Hall. It is a superb way to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ.

Family of Parishes Pilgrimage to Lourdes 22–30 July 2027



In 2027, we will once again join the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our July 2026 trip was a great success, offering parishioners the opportunity to worship at the Grotto, seek the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette, and enjoy time for spiritual renewal, reflection and prayer. The pilgrimage includes return flights from Manchester; coach transfers and a seven-night full board stay at a four-star hotel near the Grotto.

Cost of the pilgrimage:

- £1,000 per person sharing a room
- £1,250 per person in a single room

Lourdes information meeting
Thursday 7 January 2027 • 7pm
St Mary's Community Centre, Broadfield Walk, Leyland, PR25 1PD

Visit to the Archdiocese of the Apostolic Nuncio



In September, our Family of Parishes had the honour of welcoming Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, to St Mary's, Leyland, for a special Mass celebrating Catholic Education. Archbishop John Sherrington, priests, pupils and staff from Catholic schools across the deanery joined this joyful occasion.