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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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B **28TH / 29TH NOVEMBER 2026**

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 28th November	**17.00**	Exposition & Confessions	
	18.00	Mass	John Dodd (anniv) / Patrick O'Rielly (Sick) / Parishioners
Sunday 29th November *Children's Mass*	**10.00**	Mass	Holy Souls / John (RIP) / David Boast (anniv)
	12.00	Baptisms	
Monday 30th November *St Andrew*	**09.15**	**No Mass** Advent Liturgy	St Anne's Primary School
Tuesday 1st December	**10:00**	Mass	Ossie and Mary Taylor (anniv)
Wednesday 2nd December	**10:00**	Mass	Fr Francis Fernes (RIP)
Thursday 3rd December *St Francis Xavier*	**10:00**	Mass	Joyce Malone (RIP)
NEXT WEEKEND – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B			
Saturday 5th December	**17.00**	Exposition & Confessions	
	18.00	Mass	Di Burke (b'day rem) / Mark Dawe (RIP)
Sunday 6th December *High Mass*	**10.00**	Mass	Manghan Family intentions / Kathleen Smith (anniv) / Parishioners

Offertory Collection: £721.93 Standing Orders: £682.00
Animate Youth: £385.19
Gift Aid: For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

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Week 48 **300 Club** – Congratulations to M Manghan winning £100 - No 249 - Agent Kate 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: and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Gerry Heywood, Carol Byron, Jack Spencer, Barry Sharples, Oden Riley Bell Foster and Bernadette Philomena Beck.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Derrick Edmeads, Mary Mitchell, Mary Thackerey, Eileen Blackledge, Neil Harvey, Geoff Holme, Joan Leigh, Geoff Pickup, David and Kathy Mason, Stephanie White, Kath Cox, Matthew Cox, Kathryn Boulton, Terry & Ann Smith. **To add a name, "Sick List" forms are available at the back of church.**

By Baptism we welcome: Sofia Cornwell, Michael Cross, Joshua Martin Doran, and Eden Thomas Wingfield.

Advent: We begin the new liturgical year with the start of Advent. The Advent wreath is made of evergreen leaves and is circular in shape to symbolise God's eternal love for us. The red berries symbolise Jesus' blood shed for us. The candles represent the four Sundays of Advent: hope (purple), peace (purple), joy (rose), love (purple). The white candle represents the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Fair: **Sunday, 29th November at 11.00 am in the Community Centre.** Raffle Tickets are on sale after Masses. £1 per strip.

Christmas Memorial Candles and Flowers: Envelopes are now available at the back of church for those who wish to have flowers or a candle lit in memory of a loved one this Christmas. Due to the increased cost of the candles, we have had to increase the price to **£7.50** per candle.

CAFOD World Gifts and Mary's Meals gift card: These will be available to purchase in the narthex each Sunday of Advent.

New Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a training session for the new ministers in the parish office on Saturday, 5th December from 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Congratulations: To St Anne's Primary School on a very successful outcome of the recent Ofsted Inspection.

Church heating: Last winter the parish spent £6000 on repairs and replacement parts for the church heating system, and you will have noticed that it is working very well this year. Unfortunately, the boiler for the heating system of the parish office, sacristy, and Children's Liturgy room has just come to the end of its 25-year life. As the cost of a new boiler and system of pipes came in at over £10,000, we have had storage heaters installed at less than half that price.

Singing the Mass: The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the 2nd Vatican Council (1960's) makes it clear that priority be given to singing **the** Mass (Alleluia; Holy, holy; Memorial Acclamation; Great Amen; etc) over singing **at** Mass (hymns). From this weekend we will sing the Lamb of God in English at the weekend Masses; we will also sing the Penitential Rite (in Greek) during the Season of Advent. Texts and music will be provided in the supplement.

New Welcome Centre at the Cathedral: All parishioners are invited to public consultation events at the Metropolitan Cathedral to have their say on plans for a new welcome centre. They will take place in the Cathedral's Gibberd Room on:

- **Wednesday 2nd December, between 4.00pm and 7.00pm**
- **Sunday 6th December, between 12.00 noon and 3.00pm**

Visitors will have the opportunity to view and comment on proposals for a new welcome centre, which would include a café, retail space, conference facilities and other amenities. The development aims to enhance the experience of the thousands of people who visit the cathedral each year.

More details can be found here: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/cathedral-welcomes-public-consultation-new-welcome-centre-plans

Pilgrimage: 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 group will be led by Deacon Bill McMahon of St. Oswald's, Longton and Fr Joe Bibby of St. Mary's Leyland. The pilgrimage includes return flights from Manchester, coach transfers and a 7- night stay at a 4-star hotel near the Grotto. **There will be an information meeting in St Mary's Community Centre on Thursday, 7th January at 7.00pm.** Price on a full board basis: £1,000 per person sharing a room. £1,250 per person in a single room.

Second Collections 2026: Crib Offerings – During Christmas Season

Dates for your diary		
Saturday, 5th December	10.00	Eucharistic Ministers' training in church
Weekend 5th / 6th December		St Mary's Local Charity Fund collection
Sunday, 20th December	15.00	Family of Parishes Carol Service, St Oswald's
Sunday, 20th December	19.00	Leyland Brass Band Charity Concert in church
Thursday, 24th December	18.00 & 21.00	Christmas Eve Masses
Friday, 25th December	10.00	Christmas Day Mass
Saturday, 26th December	11.00	Altar Servers' Mass

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