

PARISH OF SAINT MARY, LEYLAND

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St Mary's, Leyland, Our Lady's, Tarleton, St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's, Penwortham, St Oswald's,

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THIS WEEKEND:

4TH SUNDAY ADVENT – YEAR C

21ST / 22ND DECEMBER 2024

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 21 st December	17.00	Exposition and Confessions	
	18.00	Mass	Callaghan & Rogers family intentions / Peter Stringfellow (RIP)
Sunday 22 nd December	10.00	Mass	Doug Morphew (RIP) & Houghton family / Frank Calderbank (anniv) / Parishioners
Monday 23 rd December	10.00	Mass	Joseph Arnfield (b'day remem) / Minshull family intentions / Kevin and Stella Gore's intentions
	12.00	Funeral Service	Shirley Blackhurst
Tuesday 24 th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	18.00	Mass	People of the Parish
	21.00	Mass	People of the Parish
Wednesday 25 th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00	Mass	People of the Parish
Thursday 26 th December <i>St Stephen</i>	11.00	Mass	Altar Servers' intentions

NEXT WEEKEND:

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - YEAR C

Saturday 28 th December	17.00	Exposition and Confessions	
	18.00	Mass	Joseph Houghton & family & Doug Morphew (RIP) / John Farrington (anniv) / Parishioners
Sunday 29 th December	10.00	Mass	Damian Cox (RIP) / Harry Minshull (anniv) / Barry Frankland (anniv)

Total Offertory Collection: £561.35 Standing Orders £682.00.

Gift Aid For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 51 300 CLUB – Congratulations! S Kitchener (No. 153) Agent: L Raven

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

Communion for the sick: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Parish Prayer: We believe in God the Father who gave us a world to share in friendship, equality and peace. We believe in Jesus Christ, living, suffering, dying and rising – the life force in the whole of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit who calls us to listen to each other in love, faith and trust as brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen

PLEASE pray for all the departed: Keith Croasdale, Eileen Dempsey, Michael McAteer and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barry Miller, Clare Snape, Eileen Mary Deveney and Shirley Ann Parker.

PLEASE pray for the sick: Michael Skelly, Matthew Cox, Helen Jones, Cuthbert Culshaw, Maggie Halliwell, Anthony Dempsey, Patrick Cahill, Maurice Green, Kathryn Boulton, Terry and Ann Smith, Edward 'Roy' Thompson. **To add a name, "Sick List" forms are available at the back of church.**

Christmas Day Collection: In keeping with Archdiocesan practice, the collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are paid into the parish bank account to cover usual parish expenses.

Office Opening Hours: Please note that the parish office will be closed Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th, and Thursday 26th December.

The Executive of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council invites us to a unique opportunity.

“A Bishop’s task is to preside over a local Church as a visible principle of unity within it and a bond of communion with all the Churches This is why the Assembly desires that the People of God have a greater voice in choosing Bishops.” (XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2024)

The Vatican Synod clearly says that in the appointment of bishops the voice of synodal bodies must be heard. As you know, the process is underway for the appointment of a new Archbishop of Liverpool. You are invited to contribute to this process to have your voice heard. This is an exciting development in the life of the Church! There will be two meetings, held with the blessing of Archbishop Malcolm, on:

Thursday 16th January 2025 at St Mary’s Leyland, PR25 1PD (7.00pm – 9.30pm) and

Saturday 18th Jan 2025 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA (10.30am - 1.00pm)

Each gathering will be the same – so only come to one of them. There will be two parts to the meeting: Firstly, we will begin by looking at where we are as an Archdiocese and our future development. Secondly, we will consider the qualities needed in our future Archbishop. This is open to all members of the Archdiocese. To reserve a place at one of the meetings please fill in the online form in the link below: bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL

If you are unable to take part in person but would like to take part in the Saturday meeting by Zoom, please follow the link below on Saturday 18th January at 10.30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=GbHwdzCo42YoaRMvllq8GgZBz5M5NW.1>

Many thanks: The Catenian Association recently donated £500 towards the cost of the new albs for the altar servers.

Deanery news: In addition to the parish boundary changes announced last week, the Archbishop has combined the parishes of St Catherine Labouré, Farington with St Mary’s, Euxton. The new parish will be known as **“St Mary and St Catherine”** and will belong to the family of parishes with St Agnes, Eccleston; St Gregory, Chorley; St Oswald, Coppull; and SS Peter & Paul, Mawdesley.

Walsingham Pilgrimage – change of date: We have been informed that the planned dates (2nd – 4th June) are no longer available. We will rearrange for the Autumn. However, there will be a meeting at **7.00pm on Tuesday, 7th January** in the Parish Office for those who are interested.

Proposed Parish Pilgrimages: We are hoping to organise two parish pilgrimages during 2025: by coach to Walsingham (**Autumn**) (Approx £250 per person half board); and by plane to Lourdes with the Archdiocese **24th – 31st July** (Approx £900 twin room/£1115 single per person full board). If you are interested, please hand in your contact details to the Parish Office.

Parish Helpers’ Social: In gratitude for all your support throughout the year, parish helpers and volunteers are invited to a social evening on **Friday, 17th January at 7.00pm** in St Mary’s Community Centre. Please give your names to your group coordinator or sign the list in the narthex. Family members and friends are welcome to attend, but we would them ask for a £5.00 donation.

Could you be a Deacon? The Archbishop will be hosting a Diaconate Information Evening on Thursday 23rd January at St John’s in Wigan WN1 1XD. The evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7.00pm and will end by 9.00pm. The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Please speak to Fr Joe for more information.

How to become a Catholic: The sessions take place at **7.00pm** in the Romero Room, St Teresa’s Church, Penwortham PR1 0DS on the following Wednesdays: 15th, 22nd, 29th January; 5th, 12th, 26th February; 12th, 19th, 26th March; 2nd, 9th April.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesdays:	11.00	Warm Space in the Community Centre
This weekend 21st & 22nd Dec:		St Vincent de Paul collection.
Saturday, 21st December:	11.00	Children’s Nativity Play, in church.
Sunday, 22nd December:	19.00	Leyland Brass Band Christmas Concert, in church.
Tuesday, 24th December:	18.00 20.30 21.00	Christmas Eve Mass. Carols before Mass Christmas Eve Mass.
Wednesday, 25th December:	10.00	Christmas Day Mass.
Thursday, 26th December:	11.00	Altar Servers’ Mass.

	Our Lady’s Tarleton PR4 6BP	St Mary Magdalen Penwortham PR1 9QD	St Teresa’s Penwortham PR1 0DS	St Oswald’s Longton PR4 5EB
Vigil/Morning Mass				
Saturday			18.00	17.00
Sunday	10.00	11.00	09.30	08.30