

# 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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6 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year C			15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	17.00	Exposition and Confessions	
	18.00	Mass	Jim Loughlin (b'day) / Hilary Turner (RIP)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Baptism presentation</i>	10.00	Mass	Damian Cox (RIP) / Brenda Pickup (RIP) and Geoff Pickup (Wedding anniversary) / Parishioners
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	19.00	Lourdes "Miracle Mass" Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00	Mass	Constance and Dorothy Knight (RIP) / Harry Tonks (RIP)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00	Mass	Joyce Bilsborrow and Mel Gregory (RIP)
NEXT WEEKEND: 7 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C			
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	17.00	Exposition and Confessions	
	18.00	Mass	Kathleen Smith (RIP) / June Rogers (RIP) / Smith family intentions / Parishioners
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February <i>Children's Mass</i>	10.00	Mass	Gordon Moore (anniv) / David Boast (b'day remembrance)
	12.00	Baptisms	

**Total Offertory Collection: £590.20 Standing Orders £682.00**

**Gift Aid** For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

**Week 7 300 CLUB** – Congratulations! K Jordan (No. 171) Agent: K Jordan

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.

**Jubilee Prayer:**

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen



**PLEASE pray for all the departed:** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Anders, Shelia Costello, Gordon Joseph Moore, William Leslie Price, Frank Beck.

**PLEASE pray for the sick:** Teresa Smith, Mavis Walmsley, Jim Coan, Matthew Cox, Helen Jones, 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.**

**Pastoral Letter:** Today we will listen to a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Malcolm.

**Continuing our Synodal Journey - Mission Development:** *“We are not just responsible for the Church today. Rather, we have a fundamental responsibility to hand a healthy and sustainable Church on to the next generation”*

This is the opening line of the document that will be at the centre of much discussion in the next phase of our synodal journey as an Archdiocese. This process will enable us all to be engaged in planning and mission as we continue to move forward as the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Whilst affirming and supporting the great work that is currently taking place, we are called to explore new ways of working and being as we look with hope to the future. As we know, the resources we have, including the number of priests, deacons and lay volunteers are declining, therefore the number of buildings we have cannot be sustained across the Archdiocese. It is interesting to note that in **1960** Mass attendance was **260,000** and in **2023** was under **27,000**. In **1960** there were over **500** priests and there now just **100**. The number of churches has hardly changed, being around **200**. Later this month, the priests of the Archdiocese will meet to learn more of the implications of this strategy which will also be shared with Deanery Synodal Councils in readiness for discussion at a local level.

**LGBTQI+ Catholics, Archdiocese of Liverpool:** The next gathering will be held on Sunday 2nd March 2025 at All Saints, High Street, Golborne, Warrington, WA3 3BG. Holy Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

**St Mary’s Pastoral Statistics 2024:** Each year every parish in the Archdiocese must report the statistics of their individual parish so that the central offices can have a picture of Catholic life across the Archdiocese. These figures are then sent onwards to Rome. Our statistics for 2024 are as follows:

- Baptisms – 34
- First Holy Communions – 44
- Confirmations – 97 (Family of parishes)
- Marriages - 1
- Funerals – 34
- Communion at Home – 28
- Sunday Mass Attendance – Average 272

**Jack Traynor “Miracle” Mass:** The coach will leave the church carpark at **5.00pm** on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February for the Mass in the cathedral. Please meet on the carpark at **4.45pm**.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** For young people in **Year 8**, registration is open from **13th January - 17th March**. Register at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) The sacrament will be celebrated in summer.

**Primary School Children:** The children from our two parish primary schools, St Mary’s and St Anne’s, will be attending Mass on Thursdays over the next few months.

**How to become a Catholic:** Across our Family of Parishes, people interested in becoming Catholics have been meeting since November. There are approximately fifteen enquirers, and they are now at the stage of making a formal request to be received into the Catholic Church. There are two people from our parish, and we look forward to introducing them to the parish community during Lent.

**Dates for your diary:**

<b>Wednesdays</b>	Warm Space in the Community Centre 11am to 2pm.
<b>This weekend, 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	St Vincent de Paul collection
<b>Tuesday, 18th February</b>	Celebration Mass for <b>“Jack Traynor Miracle”</b> in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral L3 5TQ at 7.00pm. Followed by a drinks reception.
<b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Mass for LGBTQI+ Catholics at All Saints, Golborne, WA3 3BG at 2.00pm.
<b>Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm.

**Sunday Masses in our Family of Parishes**

Vigil/Morning 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
<b>Saturday</b>			18.00	17.00
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00	11.00	09.30	08.30