

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
PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL (REG. CHARITY 1199714) www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

7 th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C			22 ND /23 RD FEBRUARY
Day	Time	Service	Intention
Saturday 22 nd February	17.00	Exposition and Confessions	
	18.00	Mass	Kathleen Smith RIP / June Rogers RIP / Smith family intentions.
Sunday 23 rd February <i>Children's Mass</i>	10.00	Mass	Gordon Moore - Anniversary / David Boast - Birthday remembrance / Parishioners.
	12.00	Baptisms	
Monday 24 th February	19.00	Mass for the recently deceased	
Tuesday 25 th February		NO MASS	
Wed 26 th February	10.00	Mass	Pat Andrews (Lever) RIP.
Thursday 27 th February	10.00	Mass	Mike and Carol Fitzpatrick RIP
NEXT WEEKEND: 8 th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C			
Saturday 1 st March	17.00	Exposition and Confessions	
	18.00	Mass	Hilary Turner RIP / Allan Turner RIP / Parishioners
Sunday 2 nd March	10.00	Mass	Damian Cox RIP / Florence Hunt (RIP)

Total Offertory Collection: £569.70 Standing Orders £682.00

Gift Aid For information contact John Baggaley 07763423230

Week 8 **300 CLUB** – Congratulations! H Tonks (No. 53) Agent J Steventon

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: John Thompson, Bernadette Clark, Andrew John Hayes, Tony Kelly, David Bullock, Matthew Andrew Clark, Michael Fitzpatrick.

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.**

By Baptism we welcome: Millie Rose Evans, Thomas Craig Ainsworth, Olivia Grace Ainsworth, Alympea Morris & Alannah Morris.

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

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

Jubilee Year of Hope – Pilgrim Hymn: A new hymn has been composed for the Jubilee Year which we will begin to learn as a parish as a way of uniting ourselves in song with Catholics throughout the world.

Jack Traynor "Miracle" Mass: As a parish it was wonderful to be able to participate in the Mass last Tuesday in the Cathedral to mark the official declaration of the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor during the first Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923. During the Mass, which was celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, the homily was preached by the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, Bishop Jean-Marc Micas.

Welcoming parishes: In light of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter for Racial Justice Sunday, we will be looking at ways to engage with the Archdiocesan resource "Welcoming Parishes".

CAFOD Family Fast Day: There will be a short talk during Mass on the 8th and 9th March. The CAFOD Soup Lunch will take place on the **14th March at 12.00 noon** in the Community Centre. Please sign the list in the Narthex.

Unicef Mite Collection: Many thanks to everyone who has supported this. Unicef have advised that they can no longer guarantee that these donations will be spent totally on rehydration sachets as previously due to operational difficulties. We are still happy to send any future donations (5p or otherwise) to Unicef if anyone wishes to continue donating. Contact Martin Smith: 01772 452745.

Mankind Men's Group: Every Friday 10.00 am till 12.00 noon in St Mary's Community Centre. Join us for games, sport and lively conversation. Free tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesdays	Warm Space in the Community Centre 11am to 2pm.
Sunday, 2nd March	Mass for LGBTQI+ Catholics at All Saints, Golborne, WA3 3BG at 2.00pm.
Wednesday, 5th March	Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm.

Sunday Masses in our Family of Parishes

	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