



SOUTH RIBBLE FAMILY OF PARISHES

Incorporating Leyland, Longton, Penwortham and Tarleton

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

Deacons Bill McMahon and John Sargent

Advent 2025

Family of Parishes pilgrimage to Lourdes



23rd – 30th July 2026

We are hoping to organise a Family of Parishes pilgrimage to Lourdes. This will coincide with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage, and we will take part in their pilgrimage programme.

If you are interested in joining us there will be a meeting on **Thursday, 15th January at 7.00pm** in St Mary's Community Centre, Broadfield Walk, Leyland, PR25 1PD

Penwortham's Recent Pilgrimage to Assisi & Padua

During October half-term, we joined forces with St Joseph's Parish in Pudsey to journey with SS Francis, Clare, Anthony and Carlo Acutis. It was a very uplifting time for all of us as both communities bonded together and shared the stories of these four saints. We had beautiful times of prayer and liturgy in the places associated with the saints. For a flavour of the pilgrimage visit our website:

www.catholic-penwortham-longton.co.uk/pilgrimage2025



Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Our 2025-26 Family of Parishes Journey in Faith course has started with a wonderful new group of 15 people at St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland. They are meeting each week to explore our Catholic faith and will have the opportunity to fully join our Catholic community at the Easter Vigil next year.

Our group is drawn from all the churches in our Family of Parishes, with varied backgrounds and a wide span of ages, and on our first evening we were given a tour of St Mary's Church by the Parish Priest, Fr Joe Bibby. He clearly and helpfully explained to the group many of the symbols and signs we find in our churches, such as the stations of the cross, the Baptism Font, Paschal Candle and Tabernacle and importantly the Altar and Ambo. It provided a wonderful visual introduction to the riches of our faith, and the feedback from our participants was very positive indeed – thanks Fr Joe!

Throughout the course we are using the resources and videos of the **Sycamore course** (www.sycamore.fm) and last week we went right back to basics looking at the reasons people have for believing in God, as well as an honest look at those things that often prevent people from having a faith. There was much thoughtful sharing, and an understanding that the questions we continue to ask about life and faith are as important and relevant to our lives as they have ever been.

As the course progresses, we will be covering many of the key aspects of faith such as Who is Jesus?, The Bible, The Sacraments and the Life of the Church and we will keep you posted on our progress. Please keep a special place in your prayers for the 15 participants as they journey in faith.

The Journey in Faith Team



Advent Taizé Prayer

Thursday 4th December at 7pm, **St Teresa's, Penwortham**

Prayer with the Taizé Cross singing simple chants, listening to the Scriptures, interceding for the World and praying in silence. All welcome

SVP Meal for older parishioners



Sunday, 9th December 1.00pm

St Teresa's Social Centre, Penwortham

Advent Retreat at Hyning Hall



A relaxed way of preparing for the Season of Christmas with Mass, prayer services and short talks.

Thursday 11th – Saturday 13th December

Christmas Bingo



Sunday, 9th December

Doors open at 7.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Church Hall, Tarleton

Family of Parishes Carol Service



Sunday 14th December at 3pm, **St Oswald's, Longton**

Refreshments to follow in the parish hall.



Services of Reconciliation and confession

Friday, 19th December 7.00pm, **Our Lady's, Tarleton.**
Saturday, 20th December 10.30am, **St Oswalds, Longton**



Leyland Band Christmas Spectacular

Raising money for the Mayor's charities
Sunday, 21st December, 7.00pm

St Mary's, Leyland
Tickets available from the Civic Centre, West Paddock, PR25 1DH

	St Mary's Leyland, PR25 1PD	St Oswald's, Longton, PR4 5EB	St Mary Magdalene's, Penwortham PR1 9QD	St Teresa's, Penwortham, PR1 0DS	Our Lady's, Tarleton, PR4 6BP
Christmas Eve	18.00 / 21.00	17.00 / 19.00	17.00	18.30	20.00
Christmas Day	10.00	08.30		10.00	10.00
Boxing Day		09.30	10.00		10.00

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