

Parish of Ribbleton

St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) The Ascension (ASC) -Longsands (LS)

Wednesday 28th September

Feast of St Michael and All Angels

(Transferred)

26th Week of Ordinary Time

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Bless the Lord, all you angels,
you ministers, who do his will.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals
in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels
always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in
you and in your offspring.

Know that I am with you and will keep you
wherever you go, and will bring you back to this
land;

for I will not leave you until I have done what I
have promised you.'

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said,
'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not
know it!'

And he was afraid, and said,
'How awesome is this place!

This is none other than the house of God, and this is
the gate of heaven.'

FIRST READING (Genesis 28.10–17)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran.
He came to a certain place and stayed there for the
night, because the sun had set.
Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it
under his head and lay down in that place.
And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on
the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven;
and the angels of God were ascending and
descending on it.
And the Lord stood beside him and said,
'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and
the God of Isaac;
the land on which you lie I will give to you and to
your offspring;
and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth,
and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the
east and to the north and to the south;

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 103.19–22)

The response to the Psalm is:

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.. **R/**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul. **R/**

SECOND READING (Revelation 12.7–12)

And war broke out in heaven;
Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.
The dragon and his angels fought back, but they
were defeated, and there was no longer any place
for them in heaven.
The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient
serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the
deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down
to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with
him.
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
‘Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown
down, who accuses them day and night before our
God.
But they have conquered him by the blood of the
Lamb and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of
death.
Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in
them!
But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has
come down to you with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!’

Please pray for

The Prime Minister, our government and parliament.
A peaceful resolution for the war in Ukraine.
The peoples of Pakistan, Tigray and Canada
The peoples of Afghanistan, Syria and Lebanon
Morad Tahbaz, still held in Iran.
Those working in our hospitals & emergency services .
The staff and residents of Preston Private
The families using the Community Pantry .
The pupils and staff of
Longsands and Highfield Priory schools.
The 12 people in our parish,
diagnosed with covid last week.
Those named on our prayer list.
Rev'd Linda and Pete Tomkinson
on their appointments to our parish,
and for their congregation at Mereside, Blackpool.
Capt. David and Linda, and the congregations
at Emmanuel and St Christopher's.
Fr Chris, our Parish Wardens and our PCC members,
as they serve our parish.

GOSPEL (John 1.47–51)

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he
said of him,
‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no
deceit!’
Nathanael asked him,
‘Where did you come to know me?’
Jesus answered,
‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called
you.’
Nathanael replied,
‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God!
You are the King of Israel!’
Jesus answered,
‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you
under the fig tree?
You will see greater things than these.’
And he said to him,
‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened
and the angels of God ascending and descending
upon the Son of Man.’

The Diocesan prayer for Ukraine

Almighty God,
seated above all the affairs of humankind
and sovereign over nations and leaders,
hear our prayer for Ukraine at this time of war;
that lives may be spared,
that national boundaries be respected
and that forces of aggression be restrained.
Grant, Lord God,
peace in your world in our time.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen