

St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

13TH
MARCH
2022



Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying.

As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. Luke 9:28-36

Sat 12th

16.15–16.45

17.00

Confessions (at porch of presbyter)

Mass – McCrory Family RIP

Sun 13th

10.00

11.30

15.00

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Mass book p. 156)

Mass – Peace in Europe

Mass at St Joseph's Anderton

Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

CHORLEY AND PRESTON HOSPITALS: Please contact St Joseph's Chorley (262713) if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and needs a visit. Please ask the ward staff to call the Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital please ring 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary T. 01942 822324.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE: 340 cases in Chorley in the seven days up to March 5th, representing a 37.7% increase on the previous week. Not good news, unfortunately, even if Omicron is not having quite such serious effects as other variants have had. We will continue to be cautious and wear masks in order to protect vulnerable parishioners and visitors to St Mary's. Thank you for all your cooperation. I would like to convey my special thanks to everyone who has continued in wearing their masks and cleaning hands. We are still implementing the strict H&S rules for your benefit (and mine). **For Holy Communion at Mass** we will now revert to the normal way of communicants processing forward to the altar, **but in a one way system:** up the central aisle, back down the inner side aisles, up the extreme outer side aisles. Please respect this flow system, which avoids people squeezing to pass each other in the aisles and try to keep the two metre physical distancing.

BAPTISMS: We are ready to open the church diary for baptisms. Please send an email to the parish office and you will be asked to complete a baptism form. Please be aware that priority is given to residents within the parish. Any person who lives outside the geography of St Mary's parish must have a very good reason and their parish priest's permission to want baptism at St Mary's. It is usual to be baptized in the parish where you reside.

READERS FOR MASSES: Please could you contact the parish office by email or phone, if you would like to read at Holy Mass. New Readers very welcome, especially on Sunday mornings. John Gunn has decided to stand down after many years of dedicated service in running the Readers' Rota. Would someone like to consider taking it over? **Many thanks to John Gunn for all his hard work. You are greatly appreciated.**

MESSAGE FROM MARGARET ARROWSMITH APF Red Boxes: Deliveries of the Red Box Magazines etc will begin during March. Due to a variety of different reasons, we have fewer Collectors able to help with this work. We are hoping to be able to invite more people to continue supporting the Missions. If you have some free time and could be available four times a year, and would like to help, please give your name and contact details to the Parish Office. Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION – MARCH 2022

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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Parish Office: Tues – Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00–17.00

Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

Mon 14th**12.00**

14.00

Mass – Kathleen Watmough (A)*DVD showing in the meeting room. St Josephine Bakhita – part 2.***Tues 15th****12.00****Mass** – Ian Francis Grime (A)**Wed 16th****08.00****Mass** – For the Ukrainian people**Thurs 17th****12.00****ST PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND****Mass** – Maureen and Leo Clyne**Fri 18th****11.30****12.00****Blessed Roger Wrenno and John Thules*****Stations of the Cross*** (St Alphonsus' version)**Mass** – Zosia and Janusz Neisser (A)**Sat 19th**

16.15–16.45

13.00**17.00****ST JOSEPH – HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***Confessions (at porch of presbyter)***Nuptial Mass** – William Hart and Rosalie Taylor**Mass** – Margaret Bailey RIP**Sun 20th****10.00**

11.30

15.00**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** (Mass book p. 160)**Mass** – Peace in Europe*Mass at St Joseph's Anderton****Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tues and Fri. 12.30 - 13.00*

Please pray for the sick and the housebound: Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Laurence Mayne, Fr Tom Gagie, Emily Atkins, Kevin Bailey, John and Margaret Brown, Brigid Cain, John Campbell, Tom Carmichael, Michael Collins, Hughie Daly, Colette Ellis, Yvonne Finlayson, Desmond Gorman, Julie Gruszka, Jacob Hughes, Rosemary Hough, Kathleen Jackson, Debbie MacFarlane, Teresa O'Malia, Molly Redhead, Caroline Rigby, Sr Magdalene Roskell, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Eileen Snape, Terry Tingey, Bridget Trimm, Alan Willetts, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, Agnes Young and parishioners in *The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, Gillibrand Hall*

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Watmough, Ian Francis Grime, Zosia Neisser, Janusz Neisser, Thomas Roscoe.

READERS: 12th 17.00 Gillian Sharples. 13th 10.00 Dr Jane Eccles. 19th 17.00 Eileen McCarrick. 20th 10.00 Robert Wilson

LENTEN GATHERINGS: Many people have asked about the films we did before the pandemic struck the world. DVD on Monday 14th March at 14.00. Our first one is about the sufferings and the life of the wonderful Saint Josephine Bakhita of Dafur, PART II. We will show the film in the meeting room where we can control the heating better. If you would like to bring a bottled drink and some light refreshments, you are welcome.

UKRAINE AND EUROPE: On Sunday 13th March, our Holy Hour at 15.00 will be offered for the people of Ukraine. **HOLY HOUR** at 15.00 on Sundays during Lent. It is only 60 minutes but well worth being with Our Blessed Lord and praying for peace.

Holy Rosary will be offered for all the sick children who are receiving oncology treatments in Poland and Italy. We will also pray for all children who are poorly. The

other parts of the Holy Hour will be silent prayer where you can talk with God and pray for your needs and the needs of others. Please try to attend the Holy Hours and spend some time with Our Blessed Lord.

As a result of your great generosity, Fr Marsden was able to send €8,200 (about £7,100) to Bishop Gregory Komar for feeding of the refugees in Drohobych, the purchase of medical supplies and medicines for the injured soldiers and civilians. Also, £1,500 was donated to the National Ukrainian Appeal Association in London. The fundraiser remains open, and we know where the money is needed and what it is being used for. We know that Bishop Komar will be wise in spending your donations in the best way.

HIS GRACE, ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM MCMAHON has asked for a very urgent collection of specific items which can be found on the Archdiocesan posters in the narthex. The parish centre needs volunteers to open its doors every day for this specific collection of items. **Please can you help out at the parish centre?** The consignment will leave Liverpool on 27th March. Please can all donations reach the parish centre before 24th March. More information available from Heather Cheyne, Manageress.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down
of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for
tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort
would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or
peace. for wisdom, discernment and
compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious
children, at risk and in fear, that you
would hold and protect them.



We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. **Amen**

"We perceive today that the Archangel Michael together with the whole Heavenly Host is fighting for Ukraine. ..Today we pray: O Archangel Michael and all the Powers of Heaven, fight for Ukraine! Cast down that devil who is attacking us and killing us, bringing devastation and death!" (Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk 4/3).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are on Fridays at 11.30am. Please join us in praying for Ukraine and peace in Europe.