

**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:** Unfortunately the COVID rate has been rising again these last two weeks. There were about 600 new cases in Chorley last week, a 70% increase on the week before. Hospital admissions are also sharply increasing nationally. We all wish the pandemic was over, but regrettably it is not. We need precautionary measures and physical distancing as well as the vaccinations and boosters.

We will continue to act with caution, in order to protect the vulnerable parishioners and visitors to St Mary's. We will continue to wear masks and to sanitize hands. Thank you for all your cooperation.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS**

A one-way system is in operation. Please come up to the altar via the central aisle, or by the extreme outside aisles. Return to your pews via the inner side aisles. Please do not come up the inner side aisles, to avoid having to squeeze past each other. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**Nugent Appeal** On Sunday 27th March we will be having a second collection to support Nugent, our official Archdiocesan caring services.

**LENTEN GATHERINGS:** Many people have asked about the films we did before the pandemic struck the world. DVD on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 14.00. 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.

#### **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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# **St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley**

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**



*Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'*

*He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three*

*years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied, "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." Luke 13:1-9*

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>**

**13.00**

16.15–16.45

**17.00**

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Nuptial Mass** – William Hart and Rosalie Taylor

Confessions (at porch of presbytery)

**Mass** – Margaret Bailey RIP

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00**

**10.45**

11.30

**15.00**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** - (Mass book p. 160)

**Mass – Peace in Europe**

Baptism – Lucy Elizabeth Carpenter

Mass at St Joseph's Anderton

**Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10.00 N.B.**

14.00

**Mass** – Lilian and Gerald Akers RIP

DVD showing in the meeting room. St Bakhita continued.

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**12.00**

**St Nicholas Owen**

**Mass** – Leokadia and Wladyslaw Gray - Grzeczynski

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St Turibius of Mongrovejo**

**12.00** Mass – Fr Francis Marsden (birthday)

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>**

**08.00** Private Mass

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**

**11.30** Stations of the Cross (St Alphonsus' version)

**12.00** Mass – Daphne, Jack, Keith and wife RIP

**12.45** Wedding Service – Liam Godfrey and Jennifer Bradley

**16.00 (GMT)** Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup>**

**16.15–16.45** Confessions (at porch of presbyter)

**17.00** Mass – Harry Carter RIP

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** (Mass book p. 168)

**Mothers' Day**

**10.00** Mass – Ian Hodgson RIP

**11.30** Mass at St Joseph's Anderton

**15.00** Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tues, Wed and Fri. 12.30 - 13.00

**Please pray for the sick and the housebound:** Fr John Poland, Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Laurence Mayne, 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*

**LATELY DEAD:** Carol Lumborg (60) who died on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Jacci Fielding (60) who died on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord...

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Wladyslaw Gray-Grzeczyński, Annie O'Malley, John Seed, Gilbert Walker, Fr Tom Cheetham.

**READERS:** 19<sup>th</sup> 17.00 Gillian Sharples.. 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Robert Wilson. 26<sup>th</sup> 17.00 Richard Gillett. 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Dr Jane Eccles.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are on Fridays at 11.30am.

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD** one hour next Saturday night, 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rosie (née Taylor) and Will Hart who were married here on St Joseph's Day. God bless you both and may St Joseph always look after you.

**UKRAINE AND EUROPE:** Last weekend and this week, a total of £1540 came in for help via Bishop Hryhoriy in Drohobych, which will be sent out in the near future. Thank you to all who donated medical and other items via the Parish Centre. On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, our Holy Hour at 15.00 will be offered for the people of Ukraine.

Holy Rosary will be offered for all wounded soldiers and civilians. The second part 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.

Please note that the collections for the Ukraine Appeal have now stopped at the Parish Centre. A van from Liverpool took all the donations on Thursday afternoon. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. It is much appreciated. Other medical items etc can be handed in via the International Aid Trust. Not clothes at the moment, because they have plenty in store – the problem is that of logistics – getting things transported out to the refugees and into Ukraine.

### A Prayer for Ukraine

"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!" (Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk 4.3.22).



### THE ANNUNCIATION NOVENA

**Pope Francis has asked if we could pray this Novena before the Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

"I greet you, Ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Throne of Grace, miracle of Almighty Power! I greet you, Sanctuary of the Most Holy Trinity and Queen of the Universe, Mother of Mercy and refuge of sinners!

Most loving Mother, attracted by your beauty and sweetness, and by your tender compassion, I confidently turn to you, miserable as I am, and beg of you to obtain for me from your dear Son the favour I request in this Novena: peace in Ukraine and Europe

Obtain for me also, Queen of Heaven, the most lively contrition for my many sins and the grace to imitate closely those virtues which you practiced so faithfully, especially humility, purity and obedience. Above all, I beg you to be my Mother and Protectress, to receive me into the number of your devoted children, and to guide me from your high throne of glory.

Do not reject my petitions, Mother of Mercy! Have pity on me, and do not abandon me during life or at the moment of my death. Amen".

I hope that what you give me comes not from your surplus but it is the fruit of a sacrifice made for the love of God. You must give what costs you, go without something you like, then you will truly be brothers to the poor who are deprived of even the things they need. – *St Teresa of Calcutta*

The fruit and the purpose of prayer is to be one with and like God in all things. - *Julian of Norwich*