

**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. In urgent cases or emergency please ask the ward staff to call the duty 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.

**THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS** who are bringing their children to Holy Mass. It is truly good to see youngsters at Mass. You are giving your child the vital opportunity to form a relationship with God and to understand why Mass is so important in the Catholic Faith. Please continue and well-done boys and girls.

**TALK ON 'ANOTHER FIFTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES TO SEE BEFORE YOU DIE.'**  
**BY ELENA CURTI Sat 24 Feb 11:00 Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King,** Mount Pleasant Liverpool L3 5TQ Cathedral Friends will be hosting a talk on 'Another Fifty Churches to See Before You Die.' by Elena Curti in the Gibberd Room. Tickets, which are limited, are £12 = £1.30 booking fee, and include refreshments, a chance to meet the author and to purchase her book at a reduced rate. Please purchase tickets via the Archdiocese events website. Any queries please contact Claire Hanlon at [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

**UPDATE ON DRY ROT:** Unfortunately, the specialist's report has confirmed that the church has dry rot in the elevations along the aisle of Our Lady's Altar and near St Joseph's statue. Neil Fewtrell, our archdiocesan surveyor, is co-ordinating specialist contractors and we are putting together a "plan of works." Obviously, access to that part of church will be restricted, once the work starts, but we hope to do the necessary treatment and work as soon as possible.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** is quickly approaching, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that it is a day of Fast and Abstinence for everyone from the age of 14 – 60 years old. The Mass will be at 12.00 noon here, where you can receive the blessed ashes.

**BAPTISMS OF CHILDREN:** Please see either Deacon Norman or Fr Marsden after a weekend Mass in order to get an Application Form. Once that is completed and handed back in, we can try to arrange a suitable date.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** RCIA Rite of Election Metropolitan Cathedral 15.00 on Sun Feb 18. There will be a service of the Rite of Christian Initiation and call to conversion. The deadline to submit your forms is 31 January. Please send to [a.kiely@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:a.kiely@rcaol.org.uk) Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ

**LOST PROPERTY:** found two weeks ago in church after Sunday Mass): White multi stone cluster ring set in a yellow-coloured band. It is yours? Please contact the parish office. If you have been asking St Anthony to find it – it is here!

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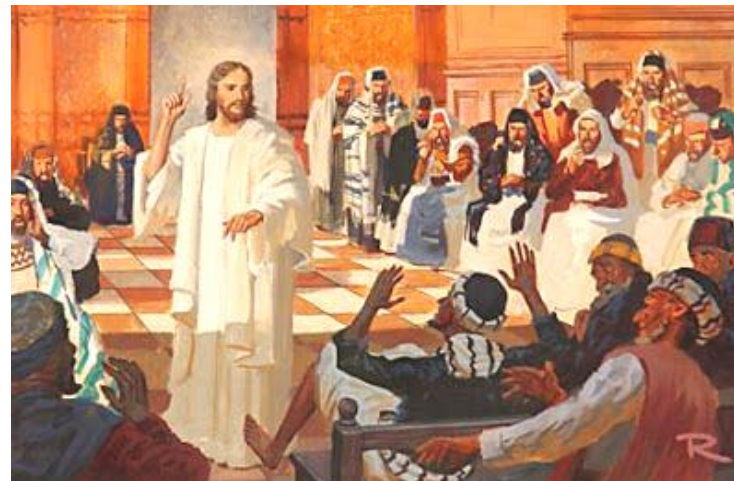
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# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024



*Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.*  
*In their*

*synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside. Mark 1:21-28*

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup>**  
16.15 - 16.45

**St Angela Merici** **Holocaust Memorial Day**  
Confessions

17.00

Mass – Clarice Blakemore (A)

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup>**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (p.132)

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

10.00

Mass – Parishioners

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup>**

09.00

Mass – Deceased members of the Bolton Family RIP

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup>**

13.00

Funeral Mass – Christopher John Patrick Riordan



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**09.00** St John Bosco  
**Mass** – Colette Bury RIP

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**12.00** St Bridget of Kildare, St Henry Morse  
*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**12.00** **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)**  
**Mass** – Barbara, Sr Marie, Leonard Green RIP

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 16.15 -16.45 St Werburgh of Chester, St Blaise, St Ansgar  
*Confessions*  
**17.00** **Mass** – Mary Carter (A)  
*St Blaise's blessing of throats after Mass*

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.00** **FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (p.135)  
 11.00 **Mass** – Kenneth Preston (A)  
*Baptism – Samuel Pollitt*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:** Fr Barry McAllister, Emily Atkins, Patrick and Maureen Bolger, Dorothy Burgoyne, John Campbell, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, Colette Ellis, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Winter Heenan, Fr John Johnson, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Teresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Alan Taylor, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall. **Please inform the parish office if you would like to have your name removed from the above sick list. Thank you.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Clarice Blakemore, Mary Carter, Kenneth Preston.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB (81) Monk of Ampleforth and retired Parish Priest of St Mary's Leyland (1992 - 2022) who died on 17<sup>th</sup> January. The Funeral Mass at Ampleforth Abbey is on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 11.00. **St Mary's Leyland will be holding a Memorial Mass and to pray for the repose of Fr Jonathan's soul on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 12.00 noon.**

**Christopher John Patrick Riordan** (66) who died in Wigan Infirmary on 4<sup>th</sup> January. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at **13.00** followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord...

**READERS:** **Sat: 27<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Eileen McCarrick. **Sun: 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Simon Eccles. **Sat: 3<sup>rd</sup> 17.00** Gillian Sharples. **Sun: 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles. **Readers: Please let the parish office know when you would like to read during Holy Week.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CONFIRMATIONS 2024**

**Message from Fr Simon Gore, Lead for Confirmation Catechesis**

At the start of the New Year, I wanted to let you know that the website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will open on the **15th January**. And will close on the **15th March**. Registration; Any young person in year 8 can register for Confirmation preparation at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) **Please see the notices in the narthex for further important information.**

**If you attend a non-Catholic High School**, please visit the above link and guidance will be available there. You will be asked to provide a baptismal certificate from the church you were baptised. It is quite easy to obtain the certificate. Ring or e-mail the parish and make a request. You may be asked for a sae. Certificates may be emailed to you with a hard copy in the post.

**INFORMATION AND UPDATE ON THE NEW LECTIONARY:** A change is coming in the translations used for the Scripture readings at Mass. Since the 1970's we have been using the Jerusalem Bible version of the Scriptures, and The Grail version of the Psalms. The National Conference of Bishops of England and Wales decided some years ago to switch over to the English Standard version.(ESV)

The ESV is an essentially literal translation of the Bible that seeks as far as possible to reproduce the precise wording of the original text and the personal style of each biblical writer. Following a distinct word-for-word translation method, the ESV Bible captures the precise wording of the original texts by rendering each Hebrew or Greek word with an equivalent English word. This result is a modern translation that stands in the classic tradition that started with the King James Version of 1611 and stretches through to the Revised Standard Version of 1971.

This change has entailed an immense amount of work compiling the new Lectionary, with not only the readings for Mass 365 days a year, but also for baptisms, marriages, funerals and all the Sacraments. The new Lectionary will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from the **First Sunday of Advent 2024**. The estimated cost, for parish budgeting, is anticipated to be between £500 and £600 for the full set of three altar volumes. The Lectionary will be published by the Catholic Truth Society (CTS). A Book of the Gospels will also be available.

What do we do with our present congregational Mass books, which are only about ten years old, and came in for the new Roman Missal translation from 2011 onwards? The ordinary Mass text and responses (except for the Responsorial Psalms) will still be usable, but the Scripture readings will be slightly different. It would probably cost about £4000 total over three years to replace all six books of the three-year cycle.

Alternatively, you could use your phones or Ipads for the new readings. I will welcome your opinions. Thank you.

**FR MARSDEN AND SOME CLERGY MEMBERS OF CHORLEY CHURCHES** led the Holocaust Memorial Service on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> at Astley Park. It is a time to remember that millions of Jews and people from many other countries were murdered for their Faith by Nazi Germans. The annual national remembrance of the Holocaust falls on the 27<sup>th</sup> January and became a national remembrance in 2001. God rest their souls.

**WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL REUNION:** The annual reunion will take place on Saturday February 10th 2024 from 1.30pm - 3.30pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive. Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES MASS - Saturday 10 February** Diocesan celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick 12.00 noon, Saturday 10th February Christ the King, Queen's Drive, Liverpool L15 6YQ. Bishop Tom Neylon will preside.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS** to the Sacred Priesthood. If you could offer a decade of the holy Rosary whenever you can. Thank you.

**QUOTATION ON THE GOSPEL:** *The whole Church, past, present and future, has the task of an exorcist to banish sin, evil, injustice, spiritual death, the devil from the life of humanity ... Both healing and exorcising are ministered through prayers, which spring from faith in God and from love for man ... All the prayers of healing and exorcism, composed by the Fathers of the Church and in use since the third century, begin with the solemn declaration: In Thy Name, O Lord...*