

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.

EASTER CARDS: There is a basket in the Sacristy with many nice things for Easter, cards, rosaries, brown scapulars, a figure of Sleeping Joseph and many other items. Please have a look. Everything has come from St Rita's Convent in Devon.

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.

PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR are holding a concert in Ashton-on-Ribble on 13th April. All details and prices of tickets on the notice board.

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION MASS: On **Sunday 21st April** at 10.00 am, we would like to have a Mass celebrating the children of the parish and school. Please bring your children to this Mass and join in the thanksgiving to God of a precious little one who is your daughter or son or a child who you care for – whatever their age.

WELCOME BACK to Bishop Gregory Komar who will arrive here soon. Bishop Gregory will spend Easter with us. Please consider starting your collections of paracetamol and ibuprofen for the seminary pharmacy. Thank you.

TACKLING DRY ROT: The works will carry on for three or four weeks. Thank you for your patience. More details will be available soon.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS are available at the back of the church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April service 15.00 at Sacred Heart Chorley

Ascension of the Lord: 9th May

Pentecost: 19th May

Corpus Christi: 2nd June

First Holy Communions: 9th June Sunday Mass 10.00 am.

*We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee, because by Thy holy Cross,
Thou hast redeemed the world.*

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24th MARCH 2024



When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If

anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."

And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out,

'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!' Mark 11:1-10

Sat 23rd
16.15 – 16.45
17.00

St Toribio of Mongrovejo

Confessions

Mass – Fr Marsden (70th birthday)

Sun 24th

PALM SUNDAY (p.177)

Palm procession from in front of church

10.00
15.00

Mass – Deceased members of the Bolton family
Holy Hour with Evening Prayer (15.40) and
Benediction

Mon 25th
09.00

Mass – Fr Barry McAllister (poorly)



Tues 26th

12.00

Mass – Thomas (A) and Imelda Roscoe

Wed 27th

09.00

Mass – Kevin Bailey and Elizabeth Jane Firth

19.30

Chrism Mass at Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool

Live stream:

<https://youtube.com/live/YTD06cRtV6Q>

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Thurs 28th

19.00

HOLY THURSDAY (p.192)

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Pat Clarke (LD)

20.00

Watching at the Altar of Repose

21.45

Night Prayer (Compline)

Fri 29th

10.00

GOOD FRIDAY

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

10.30

Stations of the Cross

15.00

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (p. 197)

Sat 30th

12.00

Paschal Food Blessing for Polish Community and others

12.30 – 13.00

Confessions

19.00

EASTER VIGIL – Kathleen Jackson (p. 216)

Sun 31st

10.00

EASTER SUNDAY (p. 251)

Mass – Kevin, Catherine, and Patrick McCarrick

11.00

Baptism – Olivia Louise Constable

The church is open every day during Holy Week from 10.30. Please come in and spend some time with the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Emily Atkins, Patrick and Maureen Bolger, Dorothy Burgoyne, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, Colette Ellis, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Winter Heenan, Fr John Johnson, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Alan Taylor, Stella Vigar, 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.

Please pray for our former assistant priest Fr Barry McAllister who is now being cared for in Wigan and Hindley Hospice. Please also pray for his family at this difficult time.

LATELY DECEASED: Helen Hindle (96) who died on 16th March in Chorley Hospital. Requiem Mass on Monday 8th April at 10.15 am followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium at 11.30am. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord....

READERS: Sat: 23rd 17.00 Richard Gillett and Gillian Sharples

Sun: 24th 10.00 Dcn Norman Arrowsmith and Dr Jane Eccles

Holy Thursday – 19.00 Gillian Sharples

Good Friday - 15.00 Tracy O'Neill and Richard Gillett

Easter Vigil - 19.00 John Riley, Andrew Jenner, Eleanor Jenner,
Kinga Grzeczynska

Easter Sunday - 10.00 Paul Lennon

EASTER FLOWERS: We will gratefully accept any donations for the palms and flowers.

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Roscoe, Kathleen Jackson, George O'Melia, Kath Boyle

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN: Parents and children are reminded that it is a necessity for Catholics to attend Holy Mass each weekend at any Catholic Church of your choice. Please ask the Priest or Deacon to sign the attendance card. If your child is ill or you must work and there is nobody available (relative or friend) to bring your child to Mass, then you are excused. Football, sports, parties or shopping will not be accepted as an excuse. Attendance cards will be looked at after Easter for each Yr 4 child and the children in other communities who are joining us for this special day.



Today, we process with Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus is going up to the heights, to the top, to be lifted high on the Cross, offering Himself to the Father as a sacrificial lamb for us and for our salvation. Holy Week is the week in which the earthly life of Jesus Our Lord and Saviour comes to a climax when on Good Friday He dies on the Cross for us and on Easter Sunday, rises gloriously from the tomb. All the events we hear about in the Gospel accounts of the Passion, play out this week. Today Jesus enters Jerusalem. On Monday, He goes to Bethany where with costly oil, Mary will anoint His feet. On Tuesday, we see Jesus at supper, troubled that one of The

Twelve will betray Him and another deny Him. On Wednesday, Judas enters a deal to hand Him over. Then on Thursday, we begin the Triduum, the Sacred Three Days: The Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the Agony on the Garden, the celebration of the Crucifixion on Good Friday, the Lord's descent into hell on Holy Saturday and the glory of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

"We give glory to you, Lord, who raised up your cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living. ..You are incontestably alive. Your murderers sowed your living body in the earth as farmers sow grain, but it sprang up and yielded an abundant harvest of men raised from the dead." –St Ephrem the Syrian

"The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves." — St. Augustine

"In the passion of our blessed Saviour, six things chiefly are to be meditated upon. First, the bitterness of his sorrow, that we may compassionate with him. Secondly, the greatness of our sins, which were the cause of his torments, that we may abhor them. Thirdly, the greatness of the benefit, that we may be grateful for it. Fourthly, the excellency of the divine charity and bounty therein manifested, that we may love him more fervently. Fifthly, the convenience of the mystery, that we may be drawn to admiration of it. Lastly, the multiplicity of virtues of our blessed Savior which did shine in this stupendous mystery, that we may partly imitate and partly admire them." –St Peter of Alcántara