

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.

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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for all the cards, good wishes, presents and collections for my 70th birthday. I had a very enjoyable weekend. After Mass on Easter Tuesday, we will have some nibbles and fizzy drinks and the opportunity to say thank you personally. FM.



HAPPY EASTER BREAK to Mr Smyth and his staff and all the children. We hope you have a lovely Easter break. Stay safe and keep well. We look forward to seeing you when you get back to school for the summer term.

EASTER WISHES

Bishop Gregory, Fr Marsden and Dcn Norman would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and blessed Easter. Thank you to everyone who supports St Mary's in any way. You are very much appreciated and valued. May the Risen Lord bless you and His face shine on you.

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

EASTER SUNDAY

31st MARCH 2024



It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw

the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw, and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead. John 20:1-9

Sat 30th

12.00
12.30 – 13.00
19.00

*Paschal Food Blessing for Polish Community
Confessions*

EASTER VIGIL – Kathleen Jackson (p. 216)
Baptism – Kirsty Reed, Confirmation, Eucharist

Sun 31st

10.00
11.00

EASTER SUNDAY (p. 251)
Mass – Kevin, Catherine, and Patrick McCarrick
Baptism – Olivia Louise Constable



Mon 1st 10.00	<u>EASTER MONDAY</u> Mass – Jane Gilbertson (poorly)
Tues 2nd 12.00	<u>EASTER TUESDAY</u> Mass – Kevin Bailey and Elizabeth Jane Firth RIP
Wed 3rd 09.00	<u>EASTER WEDNESDAY</u> Mass – Graham Fee (LD)
Thurs 4th 12.00	<u>EASTER THURSDAY</u> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Fri 5th 12.00	<u>EASTER FRIDAY</u> (No abstinence from meat required) Mass – Carl Anthony Spear (A)
Sat 6th 16.15-16.45 17.00	<u>EASTER SATURDAY</u> Confessions Mass – Lauren Owen (A)
Sun 7th 10.00 11.00 15.00	<u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</u> Mass – Françoise Archer (A) Baptism – Charlie Holmes Divine Mercy Service, Chaplet, Rosary and Confessions at Sacred Heart Chorley, followed by Mass

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.**

LATELY DECEASED: Fr Barry McAllister (63) who died in Wigan Hospice on Friday 22nd March. The Funeral Mass will be at St John's Wigan at 12.00 on Thursday 11th April. His body will be received into his own Parish Church (St Elizabeth's, Litherland, Merseyside) the previous evening (Wednesday 10th April), at 19.00 for a Vigil Mass. Burial will take place later in Ireland.

Helen Hindle (96) who died on 16th March in Chorley Hospital. Requiem Mass here at St Mary's on Monday 8th April at 10.15 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium at 11.30. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord....

RETIRING COLLECTIONS: Easter Sunday: Easter Offerings for refugees and Bishop Hryhoriy's work in Ukraine.

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

READERS:

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

Easter Sunday - 10.00 Paul Lennon

Divine Mercy Sunday Sat: 17.00 Eileen McCarrick. **Sun: 10.00** Simon Eccles

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Richard Firth, Carl Anthony Spear, Lauren Owen, Françoise Archer

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

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.

WELCOME ONCE AGAIN TO BISHOP HRYHORİY KOMAR, who is here for twelve days over Holy Week and Easter, returning to Drohobych, Ukraine on Friday 5th April. The Eastern-rite Easter is not until 5th May, because it is always after the Jewish Passover, this year 21-28 April. A welcome rest from air-raid sirens and electricity power cuts for him! Thank you for all your generosity for Ukraine and its people, and for all your prayers. The Archbishop asked Bishop Hryhoriy to say a few words at the end of the Chrism Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral, and this is what he said:

"I thank you very much for this chance to pray with you. The Divine Liturgies of Holy Week which portray the sufferings of Christ recall for me our reality in Ukraine.

Each day we experience the tragedy of the ruining of our country, our cities; each day we look into the face of death, and unfortunately so far we have no clear perspectives as to when this all will finish.

Therefore we have to cope with this situation of the deep pain of our people, and often we feel helpless in the face of all this.

This Liturgy gives us the certainty that the Lord receives in himself the suffering and the pain of the injured and crippled, of the Ukrainian children and orphans who have been deported, of widows, of fathers who have lost their sons in war, refugees, and all those whom this war, unleashed by the Russian regime, has wounded or killed.

Taking this opportunity to address you all, I beg for your solidarity and your prayers. Christ conquered death. May the power of his Resurrection bring victory over evil, and a just peace to Ukraine."

Victimae Paschali Laudes (Easter Sequence)

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say, what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!