

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. **Please send the attendance cards with your child to school on Wednesday 1st May. Thank you.**

GIFT AID ENVELOPES are now ready to collect from the parish office. **PLEASE do not take anyone else's number. Thank you.**

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.

MESSAGE FROM MRS WILSON, BURSAR AT OUR SCHOOL: One of our (grand) parental volunteers Mrs M, is making tremendous progress in our school gardens. She comes on a Monday afternoon and has been working hard to remove weeds and tidy up the borders. She has also been kind enough to visit local shops & garden centres asking for donations of plants etc on behalf of the school. She is hoping that some of our 'crafty' parents may be able to knit/crochet/sew some bunting to brighten up the outdoor areas. Any donations of plants/gardening equipment etc would also be much appreciated. If you are able to help in any way and especially if you're able to join forces with her and do an hour or two of gardening on a Monday afternoon - it would be very much appreciated. Please let me know if you are able to assist her or are able to donate any items/bunting/plants. Thank you. Mrs Wilson. School Bursar.

REDEDICATION OF THE GRAND ORGAN of the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 12 May, 15.00

Admission free, retiring collection. The Cathedral Choir leads the singing of Choral Evening Prayer at which the grand organ will be rededicated following its recent once-in-a-generation restoration. Following the service, international concert artist Martin Baker will give the opening organ recital. Details of this event, alongside other events in our Music at the Met 2024 series can be found at <https://bit.ly/3x8KLxV>

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED AND IMMACULATE HEART OF JESUS AND MARY.

Sr Mary Priscilla Ohawuchi, Ihm has written beautiful prayers for First Friday and First Saturday devotions. The Parish Office has 10 books and they cost £5.00 each.

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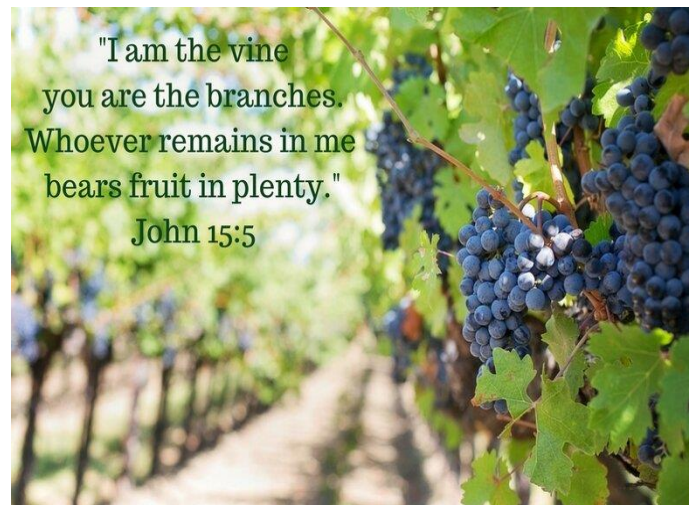
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28th APRIL 2024



Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home

in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'
John 15:1-8

Sat 27th
16.15-16.45
17.00

St Maughold, Patron of Isle of Man
Confessions
Mass – Robert Harrison (A)

Sun 28th
10.00

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass book p. 264)
Mass - Parishioners

Mon 29th
09.00

St Catherine of Siena, Co-Patron of Europe
Mass – Leo Bolton (A) and deceased members of the Bolton Family

Tues 30th
12.00

St Pius V, Pope
Mass – Kevin Bailey (A)

Wed 1st May
12.00

St Joseph the Worker
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thurs 2nd
12.00 St Athanasius
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 3rd
12.00 SS Philip and James
Mass – Stella Vigar – 99th birthday

Sat 4th
16.15-16.45 Feast of the English Martyrs: Ss John Houghton, Augustine Webster, Robert Lawrence, Richard Reynolds, Blessed John Haile, priests and martyrs (1535)

17.00 Confessions
Mass– deceased Magdziarek family members and Genia Ciborowska

Sun 5th
09.30 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass book p. 266)
Mass – Jim Monks (LD)

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, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, 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.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Harrison, Leo Bolton, Kevin Bailey, Dcn Ron Strickland.

READERS: 27th Sat: 17.00 Andrew Jenner. 28th Sun: 10.00 Simon Eccles
4th Sat: 17.00 Eleanor Jenner 5th Sun: 10.00 Paul Lennon

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Glainesh and Gleshma Andrade whose marriage was convalidated on 26th April. God bless you both.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: will be open for the rest of the month. Please feel free to contribute at any time.

MASS TIME CHANGES: Please note that there are several changes to the Mass times and the Service times. Please keep a eye on the newsletter for the next two weeks.

Thank you to Fr Crowther and Fr Ball who are covering for the Masses while Fr Marsden is on his post Easter break.

THE FEAST OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA falls this Monday 29th April . (pictured). Born the 24th of 25 children, from an early age she experienced spiritual visions. Angered by her decision not to marry, her parents treated her like a servant. In 1365, she joined the Dominican tertiaries, took the habit and remained at home in prayer for three years. Jesus joined her to Himself in a 'mystical marriage' and bade her express her love through action. She attended to plague victims, brokered peace between warring factions in Italy and dictated her Dialogue, a conversation between the soul and God. She died at the age of 33. She is buried in the church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome Catherine was the first woman and first layperson to be named a Doctor at the Church. She is a patron saint of Italy and as a key contributor to European culture, Pope St. John Paul II in 1999 declared her a co-patron of Europe.



Next Monday, let us pray for the peoples of the European continent and for a just conclusion to the war in Ukraine.

CROWNING OF OUR LADY: The May Crowning will take place on Saturday 4th May at 17.00 Mass. Everybody most welcome.

ASCENSION THURSDAY is on Thursday 9th May. **Please note that you are obliged to attend Mass on this Holy Obligation Day, unless you are excused because of illness or work.** Wednesday evening there will be a Vigil Workers' Mass at 19.30. On Thursday, Mass will be at 12.00. Deacon Norman will have a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Service in school on Wednesday 8th May at 10.10 am. This will enable the whole school to attend and importantly, Yr 6 will be continuing their SATs preparation work in school with a small break for Mass.

UPDATE ON THE DRY ROT WORKS: as you can see, the work continues, and progress is being made. Please note that there is no access to vehicles on the hill going into town. To enable the contractors to utilize optimum time on site, Masses and Services during the week, will take place in the sacristy. Thank you for your understanding.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

There are almost a hundred candidates from the Chorley churches this year, so the candidates have been put into three groups, according to their parishes. This is the parish under which the candidates were registered, which may not be the same as their baptism parish, or the primary school they attended. If you are not sure which group you are in, please get in touch with Linda Walmsley. Details of the groups and services are below.

Group 1:

Candidates from Sacred Heart, St Joseph's Anderton, St Mary's Chorley
Confirmation Service: 7pm Monday 24 June at Sacred Heart Church, Brooke Street, Chorley

Group 2:

Candidates from St Gregory's, St Oswald's and St Joseph's Brindle
Confirmation Service: 7pm Tuesday 25 June at St Gregory's Church, Weldbank Lane, Chorley

Group 3:

Candidates from St Bede's, St Chad's, St Joseph's Chorley, St Joseph's Withnell, St Mary's Euxton

Confirmation Service: 7pm Wednesday 26 June at St Joseph's, Harpers Lane, Chorley
Message sent by Linda Walmsley Confirmation Co Ordinator in Chorley.

If you have a question or need to discuss the Confirmation information, please contact Holy Cross Catholic High School and speak to Linda Walmsley on 01257 262093 or email lancashire.confirmation@rcaol.org.uk

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS will take place in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 13th July at 12.00 noon. One of the four deacons to be ordained priest is Martin Fyles, who was with us as a student for a summer placement a few years ago. Please keep him and the others in your prayers as they prepare for ordination. If you could offer a decade of the rosary until the Ordinations, that would be great.

