

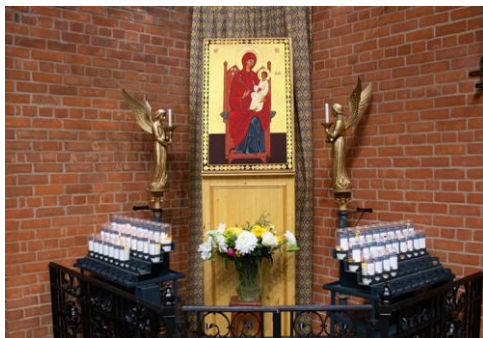
**CHORLEY AND PRESTON HOSPITALS:** Please contact St Joseph's Chorley (262713) if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and needs a visit. In urgent cases or emergency please ask the ward staff to call the duty Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 AND ADULTS:** 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.

**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.



Icon of the Mother of God of Walsingham.

**Please note the time changes of Masses during the week. Also, could you let your family and friends know about the Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 19.30. Thank you.**

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Parish Office: Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00-17.00

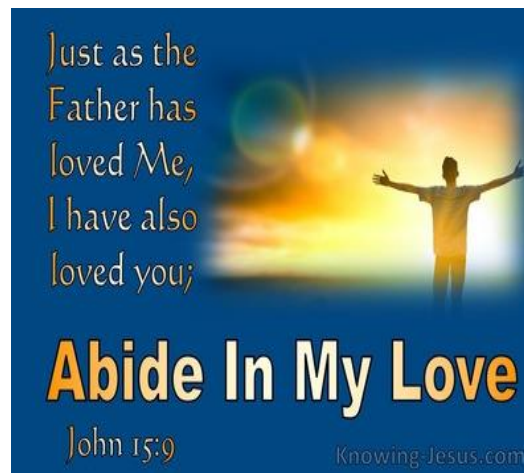
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# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024



**Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his**

**friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'** John 15:9-17

### Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

16.15-16.45  
17.00

**Feast of the English Martyrs:** Ss John Houghton, Augustine Webster, Robert Lawrence, Richard Reynolds, Blessed John Haile, priests and martyrs (1535)

*Confessions*

**Mass– deceased Magdziarek family members and Genia Ciborowska**

### Sun 5<sup>th</sup>

**09.30**

### Mon 6<sup>th</sup>

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Mass book p. 266)

**Mass – Jim Monks (LD)**

**There are no Services today.**

### Tues 7<sup>th</sup>

**12.00**

**Mass – Christine and Michael Corcoran RIP**

### Wed 8<sup>th</sup>

**09.00**

**10.10**

**Mass - Graham Fee (LD)**

**Service in school for the Ascension Solemnity.**

**19.30 Vigil Mass** - Parishioners  
**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> 12.00** **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**Mass** – Pat Clarke RIP  
**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 12.00** **Mass** – Archbishop Patrick Kelly (sick)  
**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 16.15-16.45** *Confessions*  
**17.00** **Mass** – Hilda Lopacinski (birthday remembrance)  
**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00** **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Mass book p. 273)  
**Mass** – Stella Vigar (birthday 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, 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:** Mgr Thomas Worden, Canon Antoni Kapuscinski, Michael Carter, David Hinawski,

**READERS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00 Eleanor Jenner 5<sup>th</sup> Sun: 10.00 Paul Lennon  
 11<sup>th</sup> Sun: 17.00 Gillian Sharples 12<sup>th</sup> Sun: 10.00 Simon Eccles

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kathleen Rawcliffe (86) who died on 30<sup>th</sup> April. The funeral will take place at Charnock Richard Crematorium on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 15.30. May she rest in peace.

**CROWNING OF OUR LADY:** Thank you to everyone who took part in the Crowning of Our Lady. Beautiful occasion as always.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY** is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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:** work is ongoing. Unfortunately, more dry rot has been found in the roof area. There will be a site meeting next Friday when we will find out how much more work will be added on.

**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](mailto:lancashire.confirmation@rcaol.org.uk)**

**We invited our Confirmandees from St Mary's to join the parish in last weekend's 17.00 Mass. Only 3 people came from this parish! If the rest of the group would like to join us at a weekend Mass, you will be welcome. There are very nice Confirmation cards available from the parish office.**

**PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS** will take place in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00 noon. One of the four deacons to be ordained priest is Dcn 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.

**POSSIBLE AMENDMENT THAT WILL ALLOW CHANGES TO THE ABORTION LAWS:**

Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would **make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth.** **Take action:** To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email our MP via this link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/u\\_ptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/u_ptobirth)

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** There will be a Civic Mass here on Whit Sunday. Chorley will welcome Cllr Gordon France and Cllr Dr Margaret France as Mayor and Mayoress of Chorley. Due to the fact that more dry rot has been found in the roof, the works will not be completed before the Civic Mass date. Therefore, the contractors will be asked to take down the sheeting and enable us to use the aisle, however, we need to clean the pews from dust and any debris. Could volunteers come to the church at 15.00 on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** and we can have a general clean up? Please come and help us. Thank you.