

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy, Whiston are looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Details can be found at <https://www.pfcmat.org/Lay-Chaplain/>. Visits to the academy are welcomed. Deadline for applications is noon on Wednesday 22nd May.

DEDICATION OF LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL - 13th May 1967

During the Great Irish Famine (1845–1852) the Catholic population of Liverpool increased dramatically. About half a million Irish, who were predominantly Catholic, fled to England to escape the famine; many embarked from Liverpool to travel to North America while others remained in the city. Because of the increase in the Catholic population, the co-adjutor Bishop of Liverpool, Alexander Goss (1814–1872), saw the need for a cathedral. The location he chose was the grounds of St. Edward's College on St. Domingo Road, Everton.

The first Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool was designed in 1853 by Edward Welby Pugin. By 1856 the Lady Chapel had been completed, but the rest was never built. The Chapel served as the church for the parish of Our Lady Immaculate, St Domingo Road, until it was demolished in the 1980s.

66 years after the completion of the Lady's Chapel, the idea of a Catholic Cathedral for Liverpool was again raised. A site was chosen and Sir Edward Lutyens was hired as architect. The foundation stone was laid on Monday 5th June 1933. Lutyens' Cathedral was to have been huge. It featured a dome 51m (168ft) in diameter with an internal height of 91m (300ft). The total height was to have been 158m (520ft), even higher than the 101m (331ft) tall Liverpool Cathedral, rising at the opposite end of Hope Street.

Construction work continued during the 1940s, but the cost rose to an incredible £27m and the project was rethought, with a budget of £4m but retaining the essence of a domed design. A design by Sir Frederick Gibberd was chosen from an international competition, and the foundation stone was laid in October 1962.

The Metropolitan Cathedral was consecrated 5 years later; 114 years after work began on Liverpool's first Catholic Cathedral. The requirement was first, seating for a congregation of 3,000 (later reduced to 2,000) all with direct line of sight to the altar, so they could be more involved in the celebration of the Mass; and, second, for the existing Lutyens crypt to be incorporated in the structure. Gibberd achieved these requirements by designing a circular building with the altar at its centre, and by transforming the roof of the crypt into an elevated platform, with the cathedral standing at one end. The construction contract was let to Taylor Woodrow.

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th MAY 2024



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to

the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.' John 17:11-19

Sat 11th

16.15-16.45

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Hilda Łopacinski (birthday remembrance)

Sun 12th

10.00

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass book p. 273)

Mass – Stella Vigar (birthday Mass)

Mon 13th

09.00

Dedication of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King

Mass – Kevin Bailey RIP

Tues 14th

12.00

St Matthias, Apostle

Mass – JC – special 80th birthday Mass

Wed 15th

09.00

Our Lady of Fatima

Mass – Bernard and Alice Joyce RIP

Thurs 16th

12.00 *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*

Fri 17th

12.00 **Mass** – Roland Anderton RIP

Sat 18th *St John I. Pope and Martyr*

16.15-16.45 Confessions

17.00 **Mass** – Vincent Aspinall (A)

Sun 19th **PENTECOST SUNDAY** (Mass book p. 286)

10.00 **Mass** – Parishioners

11.00 Baptism – Osesumnen Samuel Eliot

14.30 **Civic Sunday Service**

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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Anthony Daykin** (86) who died on 6th May in Chorley Hospital. Requiem Mass on Monday 20th May at 10.30 am followed by burial at Chorley Cemetery. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord

ANNIVERSARIES: **Bishop Vincent Malone, Fr Gerard Snape, Vincent Aspinall, James Ryan, John Harlow, Renee Rypel, Phillip Quinn.**

READERS: 11th **Sat:** 17.00 Gillian Sharples 12th **Sun:** 10.00 Simon Eccles
18th **Sat:** 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska 19th **Sun:** 10.00 Tracy O'Neill

POSSIBLE AMENDMENT CHANGING 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 **make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth.** To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email MPs via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth

WE NEED YOUR HELP: There will be a Civic Service here at 14.30 on Pentecost Sunday. Chorley will welcome Cllr Gordon France and Cllr Dr Margaret France as the new 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 this 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 **13.30** on **Saturday 18th May** and we can have a general clean up? Please come and help us. Thank you. **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE.**

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

INTERNAL WORKS AND REPAIRS: we had a meeting with our Archdiocesan Surveyor – Neil Fewtrell. He is guiding us on how best to proceed with the second

problem in the roof before it becomes dry rot also. Therefore, we will finish this project on the aisle and then have a short break and commence on the second repair project. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOUR 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 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.



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (10th– 19th May)

A Novena is nine days of prayer that encourages us to pray for a particular intention as we prepare for a feast day. Praying for an intention, particularly praying for other people, is known as the prayer of intercession. It is a form of prayer that takes us beyond ourselves as we ask our loving Father to bless someone else. 'We can say that God's heart is touched by our intercession, yet in reality He is always there first. What our intercession achieves is that his power, his love and his faithfulness are shown ever more clearly in the midst of the people.' (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 283)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,

From Thy clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give:
Come, Thou Father of the poor!
Come, with treasures which endure!
Come, Thou Light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's most welcome guest
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.

3 Light immortal! Light divine!
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill;
Where Thou art not, man hath naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour Thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on those who evermore
Thee confess and Thee adore,
In Thy sevenfold gifts, descend:
Give them comfort when they die,
Give them life with Thee on high,
Give them joys that never end.
Amen.