

**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 Tel: 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary Tel: 01942 822324.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR ROLE IN SCHOOL:** In the autumn term, St Mary's Catholic Primary School & Nursery will have a vacancy on its governing board for a **foundation governor**. Are you interested and keen to make sure children at St Mary's get the best possible education? Are you keen to make sure that the school is helping our children to become followers of Jesus? Are you keen to ensure our school is offering high quality teaching and learning in a safe, happy and Christian environment? If so, you can become a foundation governor. You need to be a practising Catholic who can offer energy, experience and fresh ideas. You need to have interest, enthusiasm and time but do not need to have any particular expertise or special qualifications. Training is offered. School foundation governors are appointed for a term of four years. Governors work as a team to support, challenge and decide what's best for the school, the pupils and staff. They are responsible for how the school performs and for raising standards. Their priorities are to:

- Preserve and develop the religious character of the school
- Maintain and improve standards
- Keep children safe
- Monitor the curriculum
- Plan the school's future direction
- Decide the best way to spend the school budget
- The governing board meets once each term with extra meetings to deal with issues like buildings, finance, staffing, standards and effectiveness and school admissions.

If you are interested or know somebody who might be, please contact the school office at [office@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk) for an informal chat with headteacher, Patrick Smyth or contact our chair of governors, Kath Smith at [ksmith@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ksmith@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk)

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ST GREGORY'S:** There will be a charity Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 22nd June at 2:00pm** at St Gregory's Weld Bank. Our chosen charity will be Cancer Research UK. Tickets for this event are £10 each and are available from the parish office. Tel: 01257 262462 or Email [stgregory@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stgregory@rcaol.org.uk). Any donations of raffle prizes would be very welcome.

**CHANGE OF MASS BOOKS.** From Holy Trinity Sunday we will move to Year B – Vol 2. Please bring back any Mass books that may have made their way to your homes. Thank you.

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Parish website: [www.stmarys-chorley.org](http://www.stmarys-chorley.org)

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

Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024



***On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."***  
**John 20:19-23**

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>**  
16.15-16.45  
17.00

St John I. Pope and Martyr  
Confessions  
**Mass – Vincent Aspinall (A)**

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00  
11.00  
14.30

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** (Mass book p. 286)  
**Mass – Parishioners**  
*Baptism – Osesumnen Samuel Eliot*  
**Civic Sunday Service**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>**  
10.30

**Our Lady, Mother of the Church**  
**Requiem – Anthony Daykin**



**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>**

**12.00**

**Mass** – Elizabeth Jane Firth RIP

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**09.00**

St Rita of Cascia

**Mass** – Graham Fee (LD)

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**12.00**

**Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest**

*Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

**Mass** – Janet Bolton and deceased family members

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>**

**St Bede the Venerable, St Aldhelm of**

**Malmesbury**

16.15-16.45

*Confessions*

**17.00**

**Mass** – Canon Albert Shaw (A)

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** (Mass book

Year B Vol 2)

**10.00**

**Mass** – Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:**

Joseph Abraham, 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 6<sup>th</sup> May in Chorley Hospital. Requiem Mass on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am followed by burial at Chorley Cemetery. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord

**ANNIVERSARIES:** **Canon Albert Shaw, Janet Bolton, Thomas Maher, Tom Page**

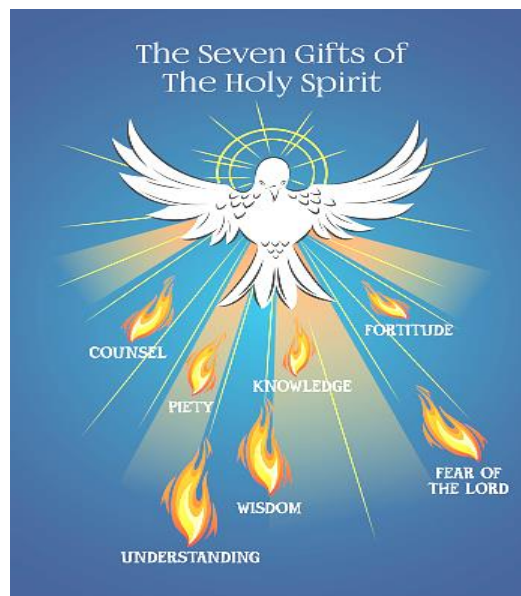
**READERS:** 18<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska 19<sup>th</sup> Sun: 10.00 Tracy O'Neill  
25<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00 Eileen McCarrick 26<sup>th</sup> Sun: 10.00 Simon Eccles

**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 books cost £5.00 each.

**FOUR 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.

**REFLECTION ON PENTECOST:** When the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles they received the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit. The Church was formed, spread and grew. Today there are 8 billion people in the world. 2.4 billion people are Christians of whom 1.36 billion are Catholics. Christianity has weakened in the richer westernized countries during the last 20 years, while in Africa and parts of



Asia it is growing strongly. What will happen in the next 20 years? Some people don't seem to have time for God, or time to attend Mass, time for prayer, time to stop and think of their actions, or time to think about how they conduct themselves before the Most Holy Trinity.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the same gifts. How we use those gifts is entirely up to us! Don't leave them like unwrapped birthday presents, on top of a cupboard. The Sacraments are gifts from God to each one of us, made with unconditional love. God gives us everything we need.

Let's think about what we have. We should remind ourselves how lucky we are to have our Faith, our families and friends, our homes and jobs and our pets and our beautiful church. We live in a pleasant town and enjoy days of peace and stability. Hopefully we have good health also. Some distance away in Europe, a war keeps killing soldiers and civilians. Parents and spouses have lost children and their loved ones. Buildings and churches are bombed or shelled, memories are shattered and broken.

In the Holy Land, children and adults have been killed and starvation and illness plague Gaza. Terrorist acts have cause chaos. War has erupted destabilizing the Middle Eastern nations. In Sudan people are dying of starvation, dehydration and lack of medicines. They become displaced and very vulnerable.

The Church has survived through her people from century to century despite wars and huge numbers of deaths. The centre of the Church are the priests who give the Sacraments to the faithful. Dedicated people working, assisting and volunteering, keep the churches going. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are seen in these people. Therefore on this very special day, the anniversary of when the Church was born, please accept words of gratitude to everyone who helps or contributes in anyway to the life of Christ's Church. God bless you all.

***“Without the Holy Spirit, God is far away,  
Christ stays in the past, the Gospel is a dead letter,  
the Church is simply an organisation, authority a matter of domination,  
mission a matter of propaganda, liturgy is only nostalgia,  
and Christian living a slave morality.  
But with the Holy Spirit, God is with us,  
the universe is resurrected and groans with the birth pangs of the  
kingdom,  
the risen Christ is here,  
the Gospel is a living force,  
the Church is a communion in the life of the Trinity  
– the body of the living Christ—  
authority is a service that liberates people, mission is Pentecost,  
the liturgy is memory and anticipation,  
and human action is God's work in the world.”***