

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.

NOTICES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICES

Job Vacancy - Pastoral Development Training Coordinator

An opportunity has arisen in the Pastoral Development department for a dedicated training coordinator. If you know of anyone who may fit the role - ideally someone with a background in education, and maybe someone who has helped people prepare for sacraments - please do encourage them to apply. A detailed job description is attached to this email, along with the recruitment pack. The application form can be found on our Careers page on the website, or by following this link: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/forms/lfce5noa>

New Dawn Pilgrimage - Monday 5 - Friday 9 August

This year's New Dawn Pilgrimage will take place from Monday 5 - Friday 9 August at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. New Dawn is a family event with a programme of liturgy, sacraments, praise and worship, keynote speakers, workshops, children/youth ministries and more. Further information can be found on their website at www.newdawn.org.uk.

Amongst others, this year the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain will be joining them, along with the visit of the Pericardium Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis from Assisi!

Llysfasi Residential Spirituality Workshop - 12-29 August

Llysfasi will be hosting a transformative workshop at the Loreto Spirituality Centre in Llandudno from 12 - 29 Aug 2024. This workshop offers a creative experiential journey rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants will engage in prayer, personal reflection, contemplative listening, discernment, and retreat experiences, all aimed at deepening their spirituality and capacity for accompaniment. Spaces are limited, so apply soon by contacting Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS at maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com or visit llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk for more information and application forms. More info is in the leaflet attached.

LIFESAVING EMERGENCY KITS: In the sacristy under the picture of Our Lady of Czestochowa, there is a defibrillator and a bleeding control kit. There is also a first aid box. **Please do not move this important equipment.**

THANK YOU to everyone who helped clean the church. It was a big job! **Thank you** also to Dr Jane Eccles for the flower arrangements.

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

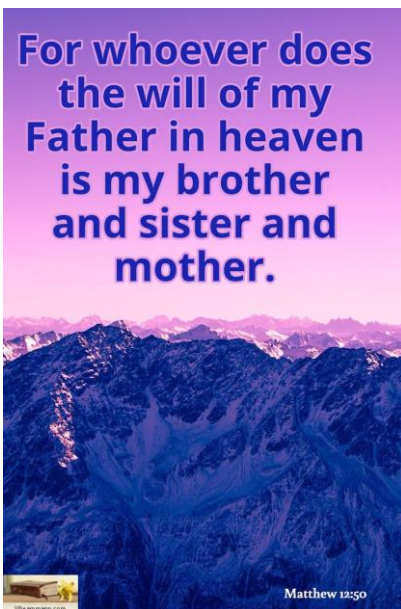
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9th JUNE 2024



Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So, he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's

house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.' Mark 3:20-35

Sat 8th

16.15-16.45

17.00

Sun 9th

10.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Confessions

Mass – John and Laura Fairhurst (F)

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Mass – First Holy Communicants and families

Mon 10th
12.00 *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*

Tues 11th
12.00 St Barnabas
Mass – Mary Martin (LD)

Wed 12th
12.00 *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*

Thurs 13th
12.00 St Anthony of Padua
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 14th
12.00 **Mass** – Rosie Bolton and deceased members of the Bolton Families

Sat 15th
16.15-16.45 *Confessions*

17.00 **Mass** – Irene Grimshaw – 90th birthday

Sun 16th **ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** p. 95

09.30 **Mass** – Parishioners

10.30 *Baptism* – Jay Clifford Momesso-Toplis

Mon 17th, Wed 19th and Thurs 20th at 12.00 noon *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.*

Tues 18th Mass - Lawrence and Violet Moore (F) at 12.00 noon

Fri 21st Mass – Pauline Fairhurst (F) at 12.00 noon

Please note: The two Sundays, 16th and 23rd June, the Sunday morning Mass will be at 09.30 rather than 10.00.

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 and Marjorie 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: Sylvia Millicent Harte (91) who died in St Catherine's Hospice on 4th June. Funeral Service will be on Thursday 27th June at 12.00 followed by burial at Chorley Cemetery.

ANNIVERSARIES: The Fallen in WWII, Kevin McCullagh, Patricia Foster, Fr Ken Smith.

READERS: 8th Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples 9th Sun: 10.00 Mr Smyth and Mrs Nicklin
15th Sat: 17.00 Richard Gillett 16th Sun: 10.00 Dr Jane Eccles
22nd Sat: 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska 23rd Sun: 10.00 Simon Eccles

D-DAY 80 ANNIVERSARY You may have seen on the TV, the Veterans assembling on the Normandy beaches, to remember their Fallen friends and colleagues and the many Remembrance Services. Please remember all the victims of WWII in your

prayers. Thank you for your Service Ladies and Gentlemen. ***When you go home, tell them of us today, for your tomorrow, we gave our today.***

On Thursday evening there was a Service for the commemoration of the Fallen at St Laurence's Parish Church, followed by the beacon lighting event where the brass band played songs of the 1940s. The Deputy Mayor of Chorley laid a poppy wreath at the War memorial on behalf of the people of Chorley. Both events were very well attended.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Congratulations to all the Yr 4 children and also visiting children who made their First Holy Communion today. It was a very special event in their lives and I hope they have a wonderful celebration. Please remember about receiving Holy Communion at Sunday Mass. Your 2nd 3rd 10th etc Holy Communion is equally as important as your first.

INSTRUCTION RELATING TO MY DEATH AND FUNERAL FORM: Forms are available in the parish office or from Dcn Norman, where you can express your preferences to be Anointed if you become seriously ill, where your Will can be found, what type of funeral and committal you wish, and this includes hymns and Readings. These forms are used by Portsmouth Diocese and are proving to be successful, giving peace of mind to the person who gives the instructions and to the family and friends.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed from Friday 7th June until Tuesday 18th June.

ASBESTOS CHECKS for the presbytery and church will take place on 18th June.

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL The June edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7hs8u8>

HAPPY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY to Eileen Grimshaw. Many of you will remember Eileen as the parish secretary in the times of the Late Canon Mullen. Thank you for all your hard work and everything you did for our parish. God bless you.

DRY ROT REPAIRS: After 9 weeks of repair work and two places of dry rot in the church roof, we can now say that the Stage 1 works are completed. We will wait until September for the plaster to dry and then we can have the aisle ceiling and woodwork painted, which means more money, but it must be done. Thank you for all your cooperation and I am glad to say that you can have your old seats back in the Lady aisle.

GIFT AID BANK INSTRUCTIONS: There are Gift Aid bank forms on the long table in the narthex. If you wish to donate money to the church via your bank, please use this form. If you are new to the Gift Aid scheme, please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you.

Blasphemy against the Spirit—the unforgivable sin—is ongoing hardening of the heart against the Holy Spirit who is trying to lead a person to repent of sin and believe in Christ. Furthermore, it is an issue of the heart that manifests in words. “And this, perhaps, it is **“to sin against the Holy Ghost:”** i.e. through malice and envy to fight against brotherly charity after receiving the grace of the Holy Spirit: that sin which the Lord saith hath no forgiveness, either here or in the world to come. . . For the Lord in saying to the Pharisees, “Whosoever shall speak an evil word against the Son of Man,” ., may have meant to warn them to come to the grace of God, and having received it, not to sin as they have now sinned.” (St Augustine)