

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.

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.

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 attended the Walking Day – Day of Witness event. The weather was splendid and the whole event was very good. It was an excellent turn - out and the people of Chorley came out in huge numbers.

SCAFFOLDING AREA An attempt was made to bring down the corrugated iron structure at the scaffolding area on Sunday night. It was obvious that someone had climbed onto the roof. The Roofers have visited and checked the new roof area and also secured the metal casings. The police are patrolling the area.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS AREA UNTIL THE SCAFFOLDING HAS COME DOWN.

A silver VW car has caused several problems in this area. Perhaps the owner of the vehicle, when coming into Chorley, can park his car on one of the two adjacent public car parks, it only costs £1.00 for three hours.

RETIRING COLLECTION after Masses this weekend is for Peter's Pence.

YOUTH MASS AT ST GREGORY'S Young people who have been recently confirmed in the Deanery are warmly invited to a youth Mass on Sunday 14th July at 18.30

INVITATION FROM ST GREGORY'S St Gregory's Annual Beer Festival will be on 16th - 18th August 2024. This year's festival will feature a selection of 16 beers and assorted ciders. Tickets for this event will be £5 each to include a souvenir programme and a free glass of beer. Wine and gin will also be available as well as food from the Pit Stop café.

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL

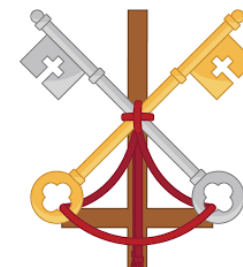
30th JUNE 2024



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter

spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Matthew 16:13-19



Sat 29th

16.15-16.45

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Michael Joyce (A)

Sun 30th

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10.00

SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL

Mass – Elizabeth Jane Firth (birthday remembrance)

Mon 1st July

09.00

St Oliver Plunket, Bishop and Martyr

Mass – Alan Platt (LD)

Tues 2nd

12.00

Mass – Sp. Int. (WM)

Wed 3rd

09.00

St Thomas, Apostle

Mass – Tom and Molly Gillibrand (birthday remembrance)

Thurs 4th
12.00 St Elizabeth of Portugal
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 5th
12.00 St Anthony Mary Zaccaria
Mass – Kathryn Salmon (LD)

Sat 6th
16.15-16.45 St Maria Goretti
Confessions
17.00 **Mass** – Irene Grimshaw (90th) birthday Mass

Sun 7th
10.00 **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** p.103
Mass – Michael (A) and deceased members of Bolton Family

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 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: **Joseph Abraham** (69) who died in Blackpool Victoria Hospital on 24th June. Funeral arrangements will be announced soon.
Angela Simm (64) who died suddenly at home. Funeral arrangements to be announced soon.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Bolton, Keith Iddon, Lucy Rollins, Bill Durkin, Miriam O'Melia, Henry Cocker.

READERS: **29th Sat: 17.00** Andrew Jenner **30th Sun: 10.00** Paul Lennon
06 July Sat: 17.00 Eleanor Jenner **07 July Sun 10.00** Tracy O'Neill
13th July Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples **14th July 10.00** Simon Eccles



ST MARIA GORETTI 16 October 1890 – 6 July 1902) was an Italian and one of the youngest saints to be canonized. She was born into a farming family. Her father died when she was nine, and the family had to share a house with another family, the Serenellis. She took over household duties while her mother and siblings worked in the fields. One afternoon, Alessandro, the Serenellis' 20-year-old son, made sexual advances to her. He had done this several times before. When she again refused to submit to him, he stabbed her 14 times. She was taken to the hospital, but she died forgiving him. He was arrested, convicted, and jailed. During imprisonment, he repented. After 27 years, he

was released from prison and visited her mother to beg forgiveness, which she granted. He later became a lay brother in a Capuchin monastery and died in 1970 aged 87. Maria was beatified in 1947 and canonized in 1950. She is especially venerated in the Congregation of the Passionists. **Ora pro nobis.**

MR CHRIS JENNER will give a talk about the Broughton Society, at the weekend Masses on 6th / 7th July. If you would like further information about the Broughton Society, please see Chris Jenner after Mass.

THANK YOU to Fr Crowther and to Fr Ball for supplying while Fr Marsden was on annual leave. You were both very much appreciated.



TODAY WE CELEBRATE the great solemnity of St Peter and St Paul – transferred from its usual date of 29th June and otherwise a Holy Day of Obligation. “Peter, a poor fisherman, was called by Christ to lead and care for Christ’s entire flock: “Feed my sheep!” (John 21: 7). It was Peter who received a vision confirming that the Good News was to be preached to those the Jews considered unclean, the pagan Gentiles (cf. Acts 10: 9-16). It is said that he was a bit fiery and short tempered and could be quite stubborn. Jesus saw in Peter good leadership qualities that were empowered by the Holy Spirit. Peter was the first to preach after Pentecost Day. He dropped everything and followed Jesus.

Paul, the former Pharisee, carried out his mission under very difficult circumstances. At the beginning, he was the ruthless and relentless persecutor of the Christians making it his life’s work to pursue and eliminate them wherever he

found them. He watched impassively and approvingly as Stephen was summarily stoned to death by a crowd, even holding the tunics of the murderers while they set to their task. One day he had a conversion on the road to Damascus which changed his whole life. He became a prolific letter writer, as we hear in the Second Readings during Mass. During his preaching, he was flogged, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked and attacked by brigands (cf. 2 Cor 11: 24-27). Both Peter and Paul ended their ministries in Rome, around the year 64 AD. Tradition has it that Peter was crucified upside down and Paul was beheaded. What unites Peter and Paul is Jesus - His love for them and their love for Him.

God calls all sorts of people to serve his purposes and build his Church. It is comforting to know that Peter and Paul, though giants of the Church, were ordinary fallible people like you and me, with their weakness and faults as well as their strengths and gifts. The fact is that God can use us however imperfect, sinful and unworthy we are, to carry on his work today, the same work that Peter and Paul began and gave their lives to. It is never too late to give our lives to God wholeheartedly to share in the work of building and serving the Church to which we belong, and in particular to consider how we might use our gifts to serve the Church here in our parish.

FR MARSDEN’S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS There is a list in the narthex if you wish to join Fr Marsden in the parish centre for refreshments on Monday 22nd July.

Everyone is invited to the Holy Mass at 18.30.

St Mary’s and St Joseph’s Anderton are holding a joint celebration in the parish centre and unfortunately there are limitations to the numbers in the parish centre. If you have put your name on the list and cannot attend, please let the parish office know and the place can be offered to someone else. Thank you.