

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.**

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.

STATUE DAMAGE: If you have jewellery on your fingers, it is quite easy to chip the parts of any statue. Rings, bracelets and watches can cause damage to the delicate and old statues. St Anthony has a few chips on him and so does Our Lady with the Ukrainian flag by the altar. We will put this right but please do be careful in the future when touching the statues. Thank you.



MARCH FOR LIFE will be held in London on Saturday 7th September at 13.30. The theme is **ABORTION ISN'T HEALTHCARE**. Many of us would like to go to the March for Life but unfortunately it would not be practicable for most of us. However, we can join the March spiritually by offering the Rosary during Saturday morning. This protest is very important, and we need to reach out to girls and women and let them know why abortion is not healthcare – the primary reason being that healthcare does not kill!

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7TH JULY 2024



Jesus went to his hometown and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would

not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Mark 6:1-6

Sat 6th
16.15-16.45
17.00

St Maria Goretti
Confessions
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

Mon 8th
09.00

Mass – Kevin Bailey and Elizabeth Jane Firth RIP
St Augustine Zhao Rong and Chinese Martyrs
Requiem Mass – Joseph Abraham
Mass – Angela Simm (LD)

Tues 9th
09.00
12.00

Mass – Graham Fee RIP

Wed 10th
09.00

Thurs 11th
12.00

St Benedict, Abbot
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 12th

St John Jones OFM

12.00 Mass – Anne Colette Bury RIP

Sat 13th
16.15-16.45 St Henry
Confessions

17.00 Mass – Kathryn Salmon (LD)

Sun 14th **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** p.106
NO MASS TODAY = SATURDAY VIGIL MASS ONLY

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, Breda Phipps, 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. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 9th July at 09.00 followed by burial at Chorley Cemetery. **NOTE TIME CHANGE.**

Angela Simm (64) who died suddenly at home. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 10th July at 11.00 am at St Joseph's Chorley followed by burial at St Oswald's Coppull.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Bernard Singleton, Anne Smith, Henry Anton, Peter Deplacido.

READERS: **06 July Sat: 17.00** Eleanor Jenner **07 July Sun 10.00** Tracy O'Neill
13th July Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples **14th July Sun: 10.00** Simon Eccles
20th July Sat: 17.00 Eileen McCarrick **21st July Sun: 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles

MR CHRIS JENNER: We welcome Chris Jenner this weekend. He will give a talk about the Broughton Society at each Mass.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please note that there will be only one Mass during the weekend of 13/14 July. Saturday at 17.00 will be the only Sunday Mass at St Mary's. There is NO MASS on Sunday 14th July.

DEACON MARTIN FYLES will be ordained into the Sacred Priesthood at 12.00 on Saturday 13th July at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool. Deacon Martin was with us on placement several times and Fr Marsden will be going to the Ordination. James Finnegan, Peter Ross and Lister Tonge are also being ordained priests during this Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS: The month of July is customarily dedicated to honouring the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, the price of our salvation. In this month we reflect on the infinite power of the Blood of our Saviour to cleanse, purify and transform us. There are copies of the Litany at the back of the church. Please help yourself.

PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT FUND The annual collection will take place during the weekend of 20/21 July. The Fund which helps the retired priests will be heavily relied on when 33% of the Liverpool priests will be retirement age during the next 10 years. Thank you for your generosity.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FOR LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE The Liverpool Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes departs on Thursday 18th July and Coach 5 covers the areas of Orrell, Upholland, Chorley, Leyland and Penwortham. This year we have 41 young people on Coach 5, aged between 15 and 22, who will be serving our Assisted Pilgrims. This year the pastoral theme for Lourdes is "...so that all may come in procession". With this in mind, the seven youth coaches will carry a lantern in procession throughout the week which will contain Prayer Intention cards. At the end of the pilgrimage, these cards will be left at the Grotto. There are five different cards which can be used: For blessings received. For worries and anxieties. For those who are sick. For those who have died. Special Intention.

The prayer cards are available in the narthex. Please complete them and put into an envelope marked Lourdes Prayers 2024, to the parish office by 12th July. I will pass them on to the Coach No 5 Leader.

PEACE POLE On 1st July and after several years of planning, several churches and organisations in Chorley have erected a Peace Pole in Astley Park. You can find it near the Walled Garden. When (if) the weather gets better, you may want to have a look at it and pray for peace in our troubled world.

LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN AT SCHOOL: In a white basket on the shelf above the hymn books, you will find letters from the school children to any parishioner who may be sick, housebound or lonely. Please take a letter and give to a person who will appreciate it. Thank you.

Answers from children in this year's exams.

1. What ended in 1896? **1895**
2. Briefly explain what hard water is. **Ice**
3. Some atoms share electrons and become more stable. Describe a situation in which people share something and everyone benefits. **Communism**
4. Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed? **At the bottom**
5. Explain the word 'free press.' **When your Mum irons trousers for you**
6. Miranda cannot see anything when she looks down her microscope, suggest one reason why not. **She is blind**
7. Why are there three rings on Saturn? **Because God liked it, so he put a ring on it**
8. Imagine you lived at the same time as the USA President Abraham Lincoln, what would you say to him? **I'd tell him not to go to a play – ever.**