

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.

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS who are bringing their children to Holy Mass. It is truly good to see youngsters at Mass. You are giving your child the vital opportunity to form a relationship with God and to understand why Mass is so important in the Catholic Faith. Please continue and well-done boys and girls.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS to the Sacred Priesthood. If you could offer a decade of the holy Rosary whenever you can. Thank you.

EASTER CARDS: There is a basket in the Sacristy with many nice things for Easter, cards, rosaries, brown scapulars, a figure of Sleeping Joseph and many other items. Please have a look. Everything has come from St Rita's Convent in Devon.

BAPTISMS OF CHILDREN: Please see either Deacon Norman or Fr Marsden after a weekend Mass in order to get an Application Form. Once that is completed and handed back in, we can try to arrange a suitable date.

PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR are holding a concert in Ashton-on-Ribble on 13th April. All details and prices of tickets on the notice board.

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION MASS: On Sunday 21st April at 10.00 am, we would like to have a Mass celebrating the children of the parish and school. Please bring your children to this Mass and join in the thanksgiving to God of a precious little one who is your daughter or son or a child who you care for – whatever their age.

WELCOME BACK to Bishop Gregory Komar who will arrive here soon. Bishop Gregory will spend Easter with us. Please consider starting your collections for the seminary pharmacy. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S IN ANDERTON are celebrating their patronal feast on 19th March. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 10.00 Mass, through the day until 17.00. You are warmly invited.

ST PATRICK'S DAY is on a Sunday this year. Please wear your shamrocks, if you have any. We will incorporate hymns and prayers from St Patrick during the Sunday Mass.

TACKLING DRY ROT: The work will soon commence the Second Phase. All of the dry rot has been removed and the treatment will now start. Unfortunately, the area will be restricted during Holy Week and Easter.

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

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

17th MARCH 2024



Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell

you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. John 12:20-33

Sat 16th

16.15 – 16.45

Confessions

17.00

Mass – Mark Southworth (A)

Sun 17th

10.00

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p.169)

Mass – Janusz Neisser (A)

11.00

Baptism – Pippa Rae Harty

15.00

Holy Hour with Evening Prayer (15.40) and Benediction

Mon 18th

09.00

Blessed Roger Wrenno and John Thules, Parish Martyrs

Mass – Fr Barry McAllister (poorly)

Tues 19th
12.00 **ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
19.00 **Mass – Kathleen Watmough RIP**
Lenten Reconciliation Service at St Gregory's, PR7 3NW

Wed 20th
09.00 **Mass – Christine and Michael Corcoran RIP**

Thurs 21st
12.00 *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

Fri 22nd
11.30 *Stations of the Cross*
12.00 **Mass – Magdzarek and Ciborowski Families RIP**

Sat 23rd
16.15 – 16.45 *St Toribio of Mongrovejo*
Confessions
17.00 **Mass – Fr Marsden (70th birthday)**

Sun 24th
10.00 **PALM SUNDAY** (p.177)
Palm procession from the parish centre.
15.00 **Mass – Deceased members of the Bolton Family RIP**
Holy Hour with Evening Prayer (15.40) and Benediction

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Wed 27th March - 19.30 Chrism Mass - in the Metropolitan Cathedral
<https://youtube.com/live/YTD06cRtV6Q> **Live streaming of Chrism Mass**
Holy Thursday – 19.00 Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday – 15.00 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday 30th – 12.00 Paschal Blessing for Polish Community
19.00 Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY 10.00 Mass

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, Fr John Johnson, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, 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.

Please pray for our former assistant priest Fr Barry McAllister who is now being cared for in Wigan and Hindley Hospice. Please also pray for his family at this difficult time.

ANNIVERSARIES: Janusz Neisser, Marie Worden, Mary Martin, John Reed.

READERS: Sat: 16th 17.00 Richard Gillett **Sun: 17th 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles
Sat: 23rd 17.00 Richard Gillett and Gillian Sharples
Sun: 24th 10.00 Dcn Norman Arrowsmith and Dr Jane Eccles

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST JOSEPH: The Litany to St Joseph can be found near his statue: **You will notice that St Joseph has moved and is now near the baptismal font.** Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a

daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN: Parents and children are reminded that it is a necessity for Catholics to attend Holy Mass each weekend at any Catholic Church of your choice. Please ask the Priest or Deacon to sign the attendance card. If your child is ill or you must work and there is nobody available (relative or friend) to bring your child to Mass, then you are excused. Football, sports, parties or shopping will not be accepted as an excuse. Attendance cards will be looked at after Easter for each Yr 4 child and the children in other communities who are joining us for this special day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ascension of the Lord: 9th May

Pentecost: 19th May

Corpus Christi: 2nd June

First Holy Communions: 9th June Sunday Mass 10.00 am.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 10th April 2024 at 7pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Leyland and meet every Wednesday for 6 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact: Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257

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An Introduction to Vatican II - Saturday 27 April at 10am - 3pm

Light of Truth, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, will be hosting a study day introducing the basics of Vatican II. This is the perfect opportunity to learn the basic concepts covered in Vatican II for anyone new to the document. This will take place in the Gibberd Room of the Metropolitan Cathedral. To sign up for this free event, visit this page: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/jaujdqxs>

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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE There will be a Lenten Service of Reconciliation at St Gregory's Weld Bank on **Tuesday 19th March at 7:00pm.**