

St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

16th FEBRUARY 2025



At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be

satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.' Luke 6:17, 20-26

Sat 15th
16.15-16.45
17.00

St Sigfrid, Bishop
Confessions

Mass – Patrick James Bulger (birthday remembrance)

Sun 16th
09.30

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Racial Justice Sunday
Mass – Jamie Gruszka RIP

Mon 17th
09.00

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Mass – Fr Dunstan Harrington (LD)

Tues 18th
12.00
19.00

Mass – Richard Greeney (LD)

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral – Jack Traynor Mass

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

CHORLEY AND DISTRICT SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE: There will be a **special service at St Laurence's in Chorley** at 18.15 on **Monday 24th February**, marking the third anniversary of the start of this wicked Muscovite invasion, of Ukraine. to pray for all who are suffering and for a just peace. There is the real danger of appeasement with Putin from Washington, over the head of Ukraine. Appeasement does not work with dictators. It did not work with Hitler in 1938-39. Let us pray for a just peace.

INVITATION FROM HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL. Mr Lindley the Headteacher, has kindly sent an invitation to parishioners to come to an SVP Party with afternoon tea, bingo and entertainment, on Friday 28th March at 13.30 – 16.00. If you would like to go, please sign the list, which you can find near the newsletters. Transport may be arranged also.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The left side aisle and all the pews will be out of action from Monday 24th February for 2 weeks. The painting of the dry rot repairs will be done in this time and the area will be sealed off. Thank you for your co-operation.

WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL REUNION

The annual reunion will take place on **Saturday March 1st 2025** from 1.00pm - 4pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are most welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

ARCHDIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME IN NOVEMBER: More places have become available for the Pilgrimage to Rome in November. Dates are **Friday 7th - Thursday 13th November**. Email Mppmmurphy@aol.com for further details and booking forms.

JACK TRAYNOR MASS The Archbishop will lead the thanksgiving Mass for the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor on the first Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923. Mass starts at 19.00 in the Cathedral, if you cannot go, please join the Mass via the livestream link: www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk

DAY OF RENEWAL on the theme **"Do Whatever He Tells You"** (John 2:5) St Clare's Church and Parish Hall, Preston, Saturday 1st March 2025, 10.00-16.00, starting with Mass at 10.00. Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9HH. Led by Daniella Stephens, an evangelist and teacher from the Prince of Peace Community. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee available. For further information contact Christiane on 07745 009694 or Annette on 07954 429333

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL Registered Charity No. 1199714

Wed 19th

09.00 Mass – Antonio Paolo Veneziale (LD)

Thurs 20th

12.00 *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

Fri 21st

St Peter Damian

12.00 Mass – Stephen Hull (LD)

12.30-13.00 *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

Sat 22nd

Chair of St Peter the Apostle

16.15-16.45 *Confessions*

17.00 Mass – Norah Carter (A)

Sun 23rd

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09.30 Mass – John Paul Joyce RIP

Psalm Response: Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

PASTORAL LETTER for **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** from Archbishop McMahon will be read at Mass this weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Emily Atkins, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, baby Henry Curtis, 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, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Denis Harvey (2005) Ronald King, Lloyd Messado, Patrick McCrory, William Fearson.

READERS: 15 Sat 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska 16 Sun 09.30 – volunteer
22 Sat 17.00 Andrew Jenner 23 Sun 09.30 Simon Eccles
01 Sat 17.00 Gillian Sharples 02 Sun 09.30 Dr Jane Eccles

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Registration open until 17 March 2025. If you are a baptised Catholic in Year 8 or above and wish to be confirmed, please register with Liverpool Called at liverpoolcalled.co.uk Please contact the parish office if you are in Yr 8 and attend other High Schools in the Chorley area and still wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? Does the Catholic Faith encourage you to try to get closer to God? Would you like more information about what it means to be a Catholic? Please ring the parish office and we hope to meet in a group at a time to your convenience. 01257 262537.

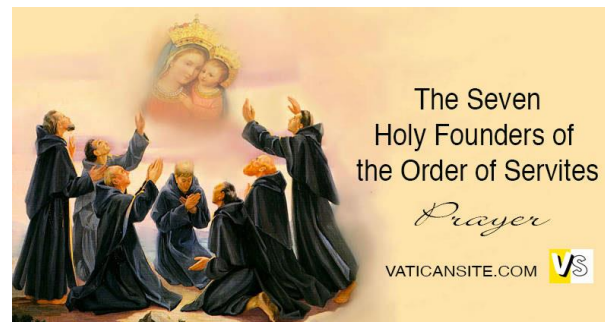
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SOME LATIN STUDY BOOKS have been donated. If anyone would like them, they can go free to good homes.

SEVEN MORE VERSES OF SCRIPTURE ALL CATHOLICS SHOULD KNOW –

by Dr John Bergsma

1. Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
2. James 2:24/26 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.
3. Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
4. Matthew 16:18-19 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
5. Luke 1:41-42 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
6. John 6:53-54 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.
7. Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.



SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER:

Memorial on Monday 17th February. These were devout 13th century people from Florence, who included some of the most well-known and affluent families of the city. The seven founders, Bonfilius, Bonajuncta, Amadeus, Hugh, Manettus, Sostene, and Alexis, were jointly canonized in 1888. In

response to the Cathar heresy, they founded a Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and later an Order of Friars called Servites or Servants of Mary. They led a life of prayer and austerity on nearby Mount Sennario, where they built a church and hermitage. In 1240, they adopted a stable way of life based on the rule of St. Augustine, wearing a black habit. Their signature devotion is to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. They set up further foundations in nearby towns and cities, most famously the Annunziata church in Florence, which they still serve. The Servite Order was solemnly approved by Pope Benedict XI in 1259 and has since spread to many parts of the world. Houses in the UK are in London Fulham Road, Kersal Salford, and Benburb, Dungannon, Co Tyrone.