

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

To enable you to plan ahead for Holy Week and Easter, here are the times of the Masses and other Services.

DEANERY LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will be held at St Gregory's Weld Bank on Sunday 6th April at 15.00.

Palm Sunday – Blessing of Palms at Mass. Sat 17.00. Sunday 09.30 with palm procession and Little Church. 15.00 - Holy Hour: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer (15.40) and Benediction.

Holy Week: Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00-12.00 Mass 12.00. Exposition resumes 12.30-13.00

Wednesday 16th: 19.30 Chrism Mass at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM AT ST MARY'S:

Maundy Thursday 17th: 19.00 The Lord's Supper – with watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 21.30. Confessions after Mass.

Good Friday 18th: 10.30 Stations of the Cross. 15.00 The Passion of the Lord. Confessions follow as required.

Holy Saturday 19th: 12.00 Paschal Food blessing for the Polish and then the Ukrainian communities. Confessions. 20.15 – Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday 20th April: 09.30 – Mass with Little Church.

Divine Mercy Service: Sunday 27th April 15.00 Sacred Heart Chorley. Chaplet and Mass.

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

23rd MARCH 2025



There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other

Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'

Luke 13:1-9

Sat 22nd

16.15-16.45

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Frank Fulton (A)

Sun 23rd

09.30

10.45

15.00

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass – Sp Int.

Baptism – Reuben Harty

Holy Hour with Benediction

Mon 24th

09.00

Mass – Mary and Tom Nightingale (A)

Tues 25th

12.00

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Mass – Wojciech Tycjan Panek (LD)



LENT

Wed 26th
09.00 **Mass-** Rosie Bolton (birthday remembrance) and family members

Thurs 27th
12.00 *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

Fri 28th
11.30 *Stations of the Cross*
12.00 **Mass** – Kathleen Jackson RIP (birthday remembrance)

Sat 29th
16.15-16.45 *Confessions*
17.00 **Mass** – Peter Higgins (A)

Sun 30th
09.30 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** Mothers' Day
15.00 **Mass** – Parishioners
 Holy Hour with Benediction

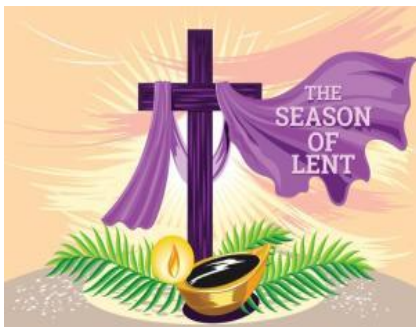


PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: **Pope Francis**, Margaret Arrowsmith, Emily Atkins, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, baby Henry Curtis, Colette Ellis, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Winter Heenan, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Joan Smith, Alan and Marjorie Taylor, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Rachel Heald** (née Walsh) (63) who died 11th March at home. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 2nd April at 11.30 at St Gregory's Weld Bank. May her soul rest in peace.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY AT WALSINGHAM will take place after Mass today, (on 22nd and 23rd March). This is for the hefty bills that the basilica has every year. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary and Tom Nightingale, Peter Higgins,



READERS: **22 Sat 17.00** Gillian Sharples
23 Sun 09.30 Dr Jane Eccles
29 Sat 17.00 Eileen McCarrick
30 Sun 09.30 Richard Gillett
5 Sat 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska
6 Sun 09.30 Richard Gillett

PROGRAMME FOR LENT AT ST MARY'S:
Fridays 11.30 Stations of the Cross.
Sundays 15.00 - Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by

Benediction. Confessions on Saturday at 16.15 – 16.45.

ROSARY ON SUNDAYS IN LENT; We pray the Sorrowful Mysteries on Sundays in Lent, returning to the Glorious Mysteries on Easter Sunday.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: We have received a lovely letter of thanks for the money we sent to SPUC. You will find it on the notice board. Thank you.

CHORLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MASS took place on 18th March. We hosted 650 pupils and staff from the Junior Schools and from Holy Cross Catholic High School. Yr 6 pupils represented the Junior schools. It was a truly splendid occasion with the sun shining and all the pupils were a credit to their schools. The readers, altar servers and the musicians were very good. Thank you to the priests who concelebrated and supported their schools. A huge congratulations to Mr Lindley, Mrs Huddy and the Headteachers from the Junior Schools. Perhaps this could be an annual Lenten event?

CATHOLIC HERALD: Could you please inform the parish office if you would be interested in buying the Catholic Herald newspaper. It is now monthly and costs £5. We can get copies, but we need to know if there is some interest in purchasing these papers. Thank you.

TO PARENTS AND CARERS: Please come and join us at Sunday Mass. The little children can join the Little Church during Mass and make friends with the other children. Friendships can last through school and throughout life. Little Church welcomes all children. Toddlers and infants can join their own area in the narthex, where there is a good assortment of toys. The older children can stay with their parents and learn about the Mass and the Liturgy. The greatest friendship we can form is the one with God and during Mass we can learn to be close to God and receive Him in Holy Communion. You will be welcome.

GUEST SPEAKER FROM USA. We are very lucky to have Mike Pietrzyk a speaker from Michigan USA, visiting the Archdiocese of Liverpool. We have invited Mr Pietrzyk to speak to us **on Monday 28th April at 18.30** in the parish centre about Eucharistic Miracles. This will be a day after the canonisation of Bl. Carlos Acutis in Rome. A further visit will take place **on Saturday 3rd May**, in the parish centre, and we will have a talk about the Shroud of Turin and the secrets that the forensic evidence tells us with the new technology we have available to scientists.

Please book the dates in your diary and come and hear the amazing evidence that will astound you about the Passion of Christ and the true existence of Jesus in Holy Communion.



MOTHERING SUNDAY is next weekend. The clocks also go forward. The greatest gift you can give your Mother or the person that has been a Mother to you, is to come to Mass and pray for her. Give thanks to God for what you have received from her loving heart and arms. If your Mother has gone to God, pray for her and ask her to pray for you and your family. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, may all your prayers be heard and answered.

IMPORTANT PETITION Please consider signing the **CARE NOT KILLING** petition which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. You will find the petition at the back of the church.