

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

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.

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. It is a great opportunity for a talk about the Gospel and the Readings on the levels of children's understanding. The Little Church catechists prepare everything, and the children have fun listening, answering questions and drawing. 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.

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL FOR APRIL - some copies in the foyer or read online at <https://www.catholicpic.co.uk/>

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL broke up on Friday 4th April. We wish Mr Smyth, all his staff and the children an enjoyable and safe Easter break. School resumes on Easter Tuesday, 22nd April.

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6th APRIL 2025



At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and

placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So, what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.' John 8:1-11

Sat 5th
16.15-16.30
17.00

St Vincent Ferrer
Confessions
Mass – Carl Andrew Spear (A)

Sun 6th
09.30
15.00
15.00

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass – Jean Murray RIP
Holy Hour with Benediction
Reconciliation Service at St Gregory's Weld Bank

Mon 7th
09.00

Mass – Michael Joyce RIP

Tues 8th
12.00

Mass – Leokadia (A) & Wladyslaw Gray–Grzeczynski, Paul Creaner

Wed 9th
09.00

Mass- Theresa Joyce RIP

Thurs 10th

12.00

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 11th

11.30

Stations of the Cross

12.00

Mass – Sp Int (SC) sick

Sat 12th

16.15-16.30

Confessions

17.00

Mass – Laurence Kedward RIP

Sun 13th

09.30

PALM SUNDAY

Mass – Parishioners

15.00

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: Fr Stephen Wright OSB (87) who died on 1st April in Ampleforth. He has been in the monastic community for 68 years and worked in St Mary's Leyland for many years. Michael Antony Eccles (86) who died in Chorley Hospital on 25th March. Requiem Mass at 10.00 am, St Joseph's Anderton followed by burial in Clitheroe Cemetery. Geoffrey Yates (64) who died at home on 27th March. Funeral Service on Monday 14th April at 10.00 am followed by private cremation.

ANNIVERSARIES: Carl Andrew Spear, Leokadia Gray–Grzeczynska, Bp Anthony Hitchen, Lauren Owen, Michael Hinawski, Mary Lamb, Alice Joyce.

READERS: 05 Sat 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska 06 Sun 09.30 Richard Gillett

Palm Sunday 12th Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples and Richard Gillett

13th Sun. 09.30 Simon Eccles and Paul Lennon

17th April. The Mass of the Lord's Supper – 19.00. Eileen McCarrick

18th. Good Friday. 15.00 Richard Gillett and Kinga Grzeczynska

19th Holy Saturday. 20.15 Easter Vigil: Richard Gillett, Gillian Sharples,

20th Easter Sunday. 09.30: Dr Jane Eccles

MESSAGE FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP: Assisted Suicide Legislation – update

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*, is likely to take place on 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvvote>. Our MP, Sir Lindsay Hoyle as Speaker of the House of Commons, does not have a vote, but please make your views known to him. There is a petition notice that you can sign at the back of the church.

THE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY AT WALSINGHAM raised:£251.00. Many thanks to all those who contributed. May Our Lady bless you for your generosity.



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.

ST MARY'S CONFIRMANDI - There are 17 candidates this year from our parish. Please look at for details of a meeting in church, after Easter for you and your parents.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children in Yr 4 who received the Sacrament of Confession for the first time. Confessions took place in school and the children will be finishing their preparation for First Holy Communion after Easter, which takes place on Sunday 18th May at 09.30.

GIFT AID BOXES FOR 2025/2026 have arrived. Please remember that your normal Gift Aid envelope is **MONTHLY**; You can give in your donation at any collection during the month. The other envelopes are individually marked. Please collect your envelopes after Mass. Thank you. Gift Aid donations are a very important source of income for the church. If you pay Income Tax, you can claim Gift Aid to the limit of the amount you pay to HMRS. As a Tax Payer in the UK, please consider donating to the church through the Gift Aid scheme. It does not cost you any more than your donation. Example: you donate £10.00, through the Gift Aid scheme we receive £12.50. Forms available in the parish office.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? We are asking for volunteers to help clean the church (inside and outside) for Holy Week and Easter. Can you help us for a couple of hours? We will meet on Thursday 10th April at 09.30 and aim to clean the church. More hands make lighter work and you will be truly appreciated. We would also welcome some help to sweep around the outside of the church. Thank you.



CHRISM MASS will be held on Wednesday 16th April at 19.30 in our Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. It is a wonderful occasion and a good start to the Triduum and Easter Weekend. Please car share if possible.

MEDITATION ON THE GOSPEL "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to

throw a stone at her." Jesus did not deny the Scribes and Pharisees the right to carry out this prescription of the Law, but he insisted on one condition, namely, that they have no sin on their consciences. When Jesus and the woman were left alone, he looked up and said, "Woman, where are they?" Ironically, the self-righteous observers of the Law, so eager to throw stones, could not measure up to the requirement that Jesus had laid down.