

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 SHROUD OF TURIN Mike Pietrzyk will speak on Saturday 3rd May at 15.00, in the **CHURCH**, about and the secrets that the forensic evidence has discovered, using the new technology now available to scientists. Please come and hear the amazing evidence that will astound you about the Passion of Christ.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL are currently recruiting a Teacher of Maths and Teacher of Music. Further information and details can be found on our website: <https://www.holycross.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies/current-vacancies/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS will be held on Sunday 18th May at 09.30. Parents, please drop off your children at the parish centre at 08.45. Please sit in the pew with your child's name on. Could parents also drop off their child's baptismal candle asap to Mrs Banwell in school. Thank you.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY. I am sure that many of us can clearly remember the May Processions, the statue of Our Lady being carried around the grounds and church, the petals falling from the children's hands before the statue. There were tears of joys in many eyes and a lump in the throat. We will crown Our Lady on Saturday 10th May at the 17.00 Mass.

If we could have 4 volunteers (male or female) to carry the statue of Our Lady around the church, we could do this at the same Mass. Please contact the parish office if you wish to volunteer.

VE DAY 8TH MAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY on Tuesday 6th May we will celebrate the 12.00 noon Mass for the repose of the souls who gave their lives during World War II, for our freedom and for thanksgiving to God for the end of the war. The Nazis who ravaged, destroyed and murdered millions of people during 1939 – 1945 in Europe, finally surrendered to the Allied Forces on 8th May 1945. Please join us in commemorating and celebrating the brave children, men and women who fought for freedom.

On Thursday 8th May at St Laurence's there will be a Service of Commemoration at 20.00 followed by a lighting of the Chorley Council beacon at the War Memorial in Astley Park at 21.00. *Lest we forget.*

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4th MAY 2025



At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were

together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So, Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread

and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**When they had finished lambs.’ He said to him a second time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.’ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God. (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’
John 21:1-19**

Sat 3rd
15.00 **St Philip and St James, Apostles**
17.00 Talk about the Shroud of Turin in church, with Mike Pietrzyk.
N.B. Mass – Anthony (Tony) Daykin RIP
Confessions after Mass

Sun 4th
09.30 **EASTER III**
Mass – Kevin Bailey (A) and Elizabeth Jane Firth

Mon 5th
09.00 Mass – Dorothy Burgoyne RIP

Tues 6th
12.00 Mass – Victims of WWII in commemoration of VE Day

Wed 7th
12.00 *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

Thurs 8th
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Fri 9th
12.00 Mass – Maura Brown RIP

Sat 10th
17.00 *Crowning of Our Lady at Mass*
Mass – Hilda Lopacinski (birthday remembrance)

Sun 11th
09.30 **EASTER IV - VOCATIONS SUNDAY**
Mass – Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: 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: Winifrid Gillett (84) from Pall Mall, who died on 29th April after a short stay in Chorley Hospital. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 13th May at 12.00 noon followed by a service at Charnock Richard crematorium.

Maureen Hoole (90) Organist at Sacred Heart Chorley for many years, died on 28th April. Requiem Mass is at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 15th May at 11.00/ Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord...

ANNIVERSARIES: James Gildert, Fred Enderby, Fr Ryszard Toporowski, Linda Moss.

READERS: Sat. May 3rd 17.00 Andrew Jenner. Sun. May 4th 09.30 Simon Eccles.
Sat. 10th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska Sun. 11th 09.30 Paul Lennon
Sat. 17th 17.00 Eleanor Jenner. Sun. 18th Teachers/Parents Yr 4

HANDCRAFTED BIBLE EXHIBITION: There are 34 knitted scenes from Creation to the Road to Damascus. Free entry, at St. Joseph’s Parish Centre, Harpers Lane. Tuesday 13th May 8:45-9:30am and 3-7pm Wednesday 14th May 8:45-9:30am

PRIESTS’ TRAINING FUND COLLECTION will take place on 10th and 11th May.

CHILD’S EARRING FOUND in toilet. Please collect from parish office.

PRAYERS FOR THE CONCLAVE TO ELECT A NEW POPE

O God, who in your wondrous love watches over your Church, fill the cardinal-electors with your Holy Spirit to strengthen and inspire them as they choose a new Holy Father to lead us. May they choose a shepherd for your Church who will please you in his holiness and guide his flock with love and watchful care, especially for the sick, the poor and the vulnerable. We pray that your Holy Spirit will hover over the one who is chosen to strengthen him to be a messenger of love, peace and unity in our world. We offer our prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Father Most Holy, our God and King, Protect Your Church in this time of transition. Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty. Grant them Wisdom and Courage, Hope and Charity, and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will. Creator of all that was, is, and is to come— You alone know the heart of the one You have chosen as the next successor to St Peter. Reveal Your will to the College of Cardinals. Open their hearts to Your inspirations. Open our hearts to receive, with faith and obedience, the one whom You will raise up to sit on the Chair of Saint Peter. May he be a man of deepest compassion, a man of profound faith and hope, a man whose charity shines forth, permeating the darkness of this world with the light of Christ. You are God Most High, the God of the living and the dead, the Great I AM, the Alpha and the Omega, Eternal Being and Source of all that is. May Your holy will be done, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia.

ENGLISH MARTYRS 4TH MAY Ss John Houghton, Robert Lawrence, Augustine Webster, Carthusian priests and martyrs, St Richard Reynolds, Brigittine priest and martyr, Blessed John Haile diocesan priest and martyr (all 1535)

These were the Carthusian Priors of London, Beauvale and Axholme, the chaplain at Syon Abbey and the parish priest of Isleworth, Middlesex, respectively. They were the first to be martyred for the Catholic Faith at Tyburn, refusing to accept the King Henry VIII. as “Supreme Head of the Church in England”. As they were led to execution, St Thomas More, who had been in prison for a year already, was looking on with his daughter from his cell window in the Tower of London. "Look, Meg," he said, "these blessed Fathers be now as cheerfully going to their deaths as bridegrooms to their marriage!" He would follow them on 7th July that same year.