

**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

#### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES FOR ENGAGED COUPLES.**

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is offering marriage preparation courses for couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church. Each course includes four evening sessions led by trained lay facilitators, providing time for couples to reflect on their relationship, develop communication skills, and explore the meaning of love within the context of Catholic faith. Two course options are available:

Course A Venue: Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Childwall, Liverpool L15 6YQ

Dates: Mondays – 16 June, 23 June, 30 June, 7 July Time: 18.30 – 20.30

Course B Venue: St Helen's Church, Alexandra Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 7TQ

Dates: Mondays – 29 September, 6 October, 13 October, 20 October Time: 18.30 –

20.30 Cost for either course: £50 per couple (to cover materials and expenses)

Booking: <https://forms.office.com/e/1dcczNSQqX>

Enquiries: Moses Mui, Training Coordinator – m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

**RELICS FROM FATIMA** including the relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta, and the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, will visit Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Monday, June 2nd, 2025. The visit is part of a national pilgrimage marking the Centenary Year of the Pontevedra Apparition and the Jubilee. Programme: 9:50 AM – Welcome, 10:00 AM – Holy Mass, 11:15 AM – Holy Rosary for World Peace 12:00 PM – Break / Book Table (Brown Scapulars available) 1:00 PM – Fatima Film & Talk, 2:30 PM – Enrolment & Investiture of the Brown Scapular, 2:50 PM – Holy Hour & Reconciliation, 3:55 PM – Benediction, 5:00 PM – Evening Mass.

#### **YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025.**

Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from **Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August**, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: [youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025](https://youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025).



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Parish Office: Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00–17.00

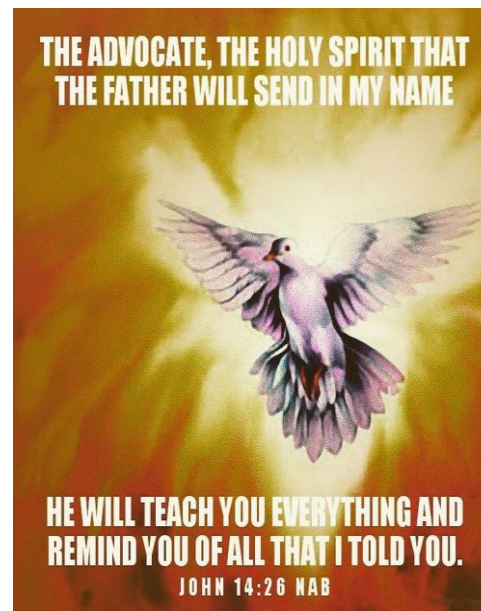
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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# **St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley**

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**



*At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.*

*'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'* John 14:23-29

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup>**

**17.00**

**Mass – Maura Brown RIP**

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>**

**09.30**

**EASTER VI**

**Mass – Michael Bolton (birthday remembrance) deceased members of Bolton Family**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

**St Philip Neri**

**Mass - Parishioners**

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

**St Augustine of Canterbury**

**Mass – James Clarke (LD)**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

**Mass - LICF**

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> 12.00** **ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Mass** – Janet Bolton (A) and deceased members of the Bolton family

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 12.00** **Bl Lawrence Richardson of Crosby**  
**Mass** – Joseph Abraham RIP

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 17.00** **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Mass** – Anthony Daykin RIP

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> June 09.30** **EASTER VII**  
**Mass** – Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:** Margaret Arrowsmith, Emily Atkins, Michael Collins, Colette Ellis, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Norah O'Donoghue, Molly Redhead, Joan Smith, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Janet Bolton, John Harlow, Ann Seed, Beatrice Robinson, Mary Hart, Fr John Irish, Fr Leo Ball.

**READERS:** **Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Gillian Sharples **Sun. 25<sup>th</sup>** Dr Jane Eccles  
**Sat: 31<sup>st</sup> 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 01** Simon Eccles  
**Sat: 07<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 08<sup>th</sup>** Paul Lennon

#### **EASTERTIDE MARIAN ANTHEM – until Pentecost**

**Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia:** Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
**Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia:** Because he whom you merited to bear, alleluia.  
**Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:** He has risen, as he said, alleluia.  
**Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia:** Pray for us to God, alleluia.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to 32 children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday morning. We very much hope that parents continue to bring their children to Sunday Masses. There are 9 churches in or near to Chorley with different Mass times on Saturday afternoons and Sundays in the morning or afternoons. Please try your very best at attend Sundays Mass as it is a requirement of our Christian / Catholic Faith.

#### **A WORD FROM THE VOCATIONS DIRECTOR – FR JOHNSON**

After the four priestly ordinations last summer, we have six seminarians in formation for the diocesan priesthood and a number of men in the discernment group or in one-to-one discussions with the Vocation Director. They come from across the Archdiocese, are of various ages and backgrounds reflecting the Lord's call of ordinary men who by God's grace are able to respond and offer themselves to live a life of service to the Church and God's people. Please pray for them and support them with your prayers and love. And if you feel that the Lord might be calling you to serve His Church, have the courage despite your own sense of unworthiness, to start a conversation by calling our Vocation Director on 0151 727 2493 or email [r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk)

**POPE LEO XIV Regina Coeli prayer and the Pope's address can be seen on TV every Sunday at 11.00 am (our time). EWTN, Vatican News or You Tube Vatican Live presents the Papal Sunday address to the world.**

**WELCOME TO FR PATSY FOLEY** who is supplying for the next two weekends, and Fr Peter Crowther for the weekday Masses. **Welcome to** Bishop Gregory Komar and Fr Oleksandr Sapunko who will spend a few days with us for the Installation of Archbishop

John Sherrington in Liverpool next week. Holy Mass will be offered for our new Archbishop on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 09.30. A thanksgiving Mass of immense gratitude will be offered for our retired Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 17.00.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?** We are running a course during summer for people who wish to become Catholics. If you have not been baptised, then the course is a little different for you. People who have been baptised and if the baptism is valid, can be prepared during the summer to receive the Sacraments and become Catholics. Please see Fr Marsden or email the parish office.

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Holy Day of Obligation – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May, Ascension of the Lord 12.00 noon**  
**Mass only (no vigil Mass)**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – First day of the Pentecost Novena to The Holy Spirit**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Whit Sunday – Pentecost**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June - St Anthony of Padua**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Chorley Churches Walk of Witness**

**CHURCH INSURANCE BILL:** We have received a bill for our church insurance for 2024/2025. This year it is **£6,278.63**. That is a £500.00 increase from last year.

**HALF TERM:** We wish Mr Smith, his staff, all the children and families a safe and happy half term break. Everyone has worked very hard in the last few weeks and Yr 6 have completed their SATS exams. There have been lots of exciting things going on in the school and now is a time for a rest. Keep safe and remember not to go into reservoirs or lakes. Cold water safety rules from Royal Life Saving Society are a good guide.

**CHORLEY CHURCHES WALK OF WITNESS:** will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, starting in Cunliffe Street at 12.00 noon. Please come and support St Mary's. There is a poster in the narthex with more information.

**GENERAL CATECHIST COURSE:** Are you an existing catechist looking to refresh your knowledge? The Archdiocese will organise the training module called 'Missionary Catechesis' in **June**. The module will help participants identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship. Topics including family focused catechesis, catechesis for those with special & additional needs, leading a team of catechists, and ongoing formation will be covered. The module will be held on **4 June, 11 June, 18 June and 25 June**, 19.00 – 20.30 at St Mary's church, Broadfield Walk, Leyland PR25 1PD

**INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON** For those who cannot get to the Cathedral on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, a livestream of the event is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGZxo1xn1zQ>. The Mass starts at 12.00 noon. You can also view the Mass on You Tube – Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Please note that Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May is a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. **There will be only one Mass at St Mary's at 12.00 noon with Fr Crowther.** If you wish to go to an evening Mass, Sacred Heart on Brooke Street will be having a Mass at 18.30.