

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

LARKHILL GET – TOGETHER: Saturday 28th June @ 2 pm. in the chapel at Larkhill (Cardinal Newman College). Bring a friend and have a look round the old school and gardens. Open. 1pm — 5.30 pm. Contact. Christine Fitzpatrick 01772 424189

DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTION will take place next weekend. Please pray that the Assisted Dying Bill is thrown out. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill 2024-25 is scheduled to have its report stage in the House of Commons on 16 May 2025. What we really need more funding in palliative care and hospices. We don't want someone killing us off with injections or drips.

Guild of St Stephen Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Guild of St Stephen's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is currently **accepting bookings**. The pilgrimage will take place **Sunday 26th October – Saturday 1st November 2025**. For more information, please contact **Rose Curry** on 07932 729896

LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY AT: All Hallows Catholic High School, Penwortham Contact. Crabtree Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, **Lancashire**, PR1 0LN. Telephone: 01772 746121 E-mail: enquiries@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk Closing date 16th June 2025.

SACRED HEART CHORLEY 150th ANNIVERSARY: Sacred Heart parish is celebrating their special anniversary on the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 27th June. Mass will be at 09.30 and there are two full days of special activities followed by the children's First Holy Communion on Sunday 29th June. The activities are all advertised on our notice board at the back of the church. The parish office has 10 bingo tickets at £2.00 each for the family bingo in the Sacred Heart school on Friday evening at 18.30. Please support Sacred Heart in their celebrations. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dcn Norman for serving 15 years in the Diaconate. It is a very important role in the life of a parish.

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday 13th June - St Anthony of Padua. Sunday 15th June – The Most Holy Trinity. Sunday 22nd June – Corpus Christi. Sunday 22nd June - Chorley Churches Walk of Witness Friday 27th June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 27th June – Sacred Heart Chorley, 150 Anniversary celebrations 09.30 Mass

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

PENTECOST SUNDAY - WHITSUN

8th JUNE 2025



At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever. 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. John 14:15-16, 23b-26

Sat 7th
17.00

Mass – Thanksgiving Mass for Archbishop Emeritus Malcolm McMahon OP

Sun 8th
09.30

PENTECOST SUNDAY – WHITSUN

Mass – Parishioners

Mon 9th
09.00

Mary Mother of the Church

Mass - John Anthony O'Gorman (A)

Tues 10th
12.00

Mass – LISCF

Wed 11th
09.00

St Barnabas

Mass – Maura Brown RIP

Thurs 12th
12.00

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 13th
12.00

St Anthony of Padua

Mass – Dcn Norman Arrowsmith (15 years Ordination to diaconate)



Sat 14th
17.00

Mass – Patrick Bolger RIP

Sun 15th

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY *Father's Day*

Day for Life Prayers and collection

09.30

Mass – Vera Kenyon RIP

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Prof Dr Anne Merriman** (90) who was born in Liverpool in 1935. Died in Kampala, Uganda on 18th May. Dr Merriman created and managed Palliative Care throughout the countries of Africa and into Singapore. She introduced oral morphine to cancer sufferers who wanted to be cared for at home in a pain free and dignified manner. Dr Merriman was the founding Vice – President of Hospice Africa Uganda and a founding member of the African Palliative Care Association. God rest her soul and may the Good Lord reward her greatly for the great work she did in medicine.

ANNIVERSARIES: **John Anthony O'Gorman, Kevin McCullagh, Matthew McCarrick**

READERS: **Sat: 07th 17.00** Richard Gillett **Sun: 08th 09.30** Paul Lennon
Sat: 14th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 15th 09.30** Richard Gillett
Sat: 21st 17.00 Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 22nd 09.30** Simon Eccles

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.

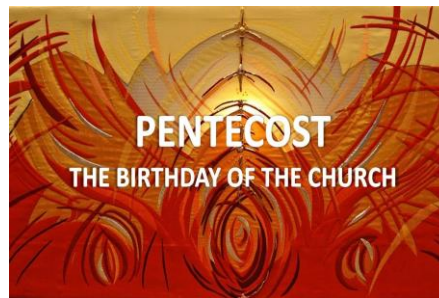
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CHORLEY CHURCHES WALK OF WITNESS: will take place on Sunday 22nd July, starting in Cunliffe Street at 12.00 noon. Please come and support St Mary's. There is a poster in the narthex with more information.

BEATIFICATION CENTENARY of St Bernadette Subirous (1844 – 1869) Sister of Charity, is next Saturday 14th June. In 1925, Sr Marie Bernard was beatified by Pope Pius XI and canonised in 1933 after seeing the apparition of The Immaculate Conception 18 times in the Massabielle cave, near Lourdes. On the 3rd August 1925 her body was placed in a glass and bronze casket and transferred to the Chapel of St Gildard's Convent in Nevers where pilgrims flock to see her intact body. There will be three days of celebration 12th - 14th June on the anniversary of her beatification. You can join by using the Lourdes live TV. Some Masses are in English. You can find the full itinerary of the three days celebrations by using google or another search provider on your I phone or laptop/computer. You will remember that St Mary's was privileged to host St Bernadette's Relics on 15th – 17th September 2022. It was a very special occasion in our parish history. ***St Bernadette – Ora pro nobis***

Incidentally, some of you may know that our dear Stella Vigar RIP, took the name of St Marie Bernard upon entering the novitiate in the sisters of Charity, Our Lady of Mercy.

Veni Sancte Spiritus



Pentecost Sunday or Whitsun – the birthday of the church, starting its mission worldwide. That day when the apostles, in the presence of Our Blessed Lady, received the Holy Spirit and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit; wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord, the apostles became empowered to preach the Holy Gospel in

many languages.

They had been huddled in a room, bereaved and lost after parting with their beloved Jesus Christ. Suddenly their grief was lifted, and they emerged stronger and more positive, and they realised that they had a task to fulfil which was of great importance to Jesus Christ and to them. The words of what Jesus had been saying to them became very clear. The apostles could now step out and proclaim the Good News about Jesus' Resurrection and had courage to do this. In 2025 we don't see many people out in the public domain, sharing the Good News of the Lord. Many years ago, you may remember that a man used to stand on a small wooden box in front of the market fishmonger, with a bible in his hand and telling us all about Jesus Christ. You could not miss him. He was loud and bold and determined. Soon, we will prepare 17 St Mary's young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We hope that the Confirmandees become bold and true to the Faith, facing life challenges with optimism and courage. We hope that they acknowledge their Faith and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with their friends.

***Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.***

***Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.***

Let us pray.

***O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.***

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.