

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.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE has sent a proposal calendar for collection of food during Lent. There are copies available near the newsletters in the narthex.

DOES ANYONE REMEMBER Mrs Mary Winifred Brown who died in 1982, from Gloucester Road, who was landlady of the Red Lion near the Town Hall? If so, please contact the parish office.

YOUTH MASS: There will be a Youth Mass at St Gregory's, Weld Bank on Sunday 8th March at 16.00. details are on the poster in the resource area on the notice board. Before the Mass there will be a short walk starting from Holy Cross High School to St Gregory's church. The walk is in partnership with CAFOD's Lenten challenge of walking 200km in 40 days. If you wish to join the walk, please park your cars at Holy Cross High School and follow the instructions from the Team Leaders. Meeting time and start of the walk is 15.00.

THE GOSPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION is always read on the Second Sunday of Lent, although the Feast itself falls on 6th August. The three Apostles' experience of seeing Jesus revealed in his heavenly glory on Mount Tabor, conversing with Moses and Elijah, helped to strengthen them for the scandal of the Cross, for the horror of Good Friday.

“O Lord, when You were transfigured before being crucified, Mount Tabor was made to resemble heaven; for a cloud was extended as a canopy, and the Father bore witness to You. Peter, James and John were present there, the same three apostles who were to be with You at the time of the betrayal of Judas, so that, having seen You in glory, they would not be dismayed at the time of Your suffering. Likewise, O Lord, make us worthy to recognise You as our God in the same sufferings You endured in your great mercy, and to adore You.”

He Who mysteriously spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai and said I Am Who Am, today manifests Himself to His disciples on Mount Tabor and reveals through His person that human nature is reestablished in its original splendour. As witnesses to this grace and partakers in this joy, He raised up Moses and Elijah, the forerunners of the glorious and saving resurrection, made possible by the cross of Christ.

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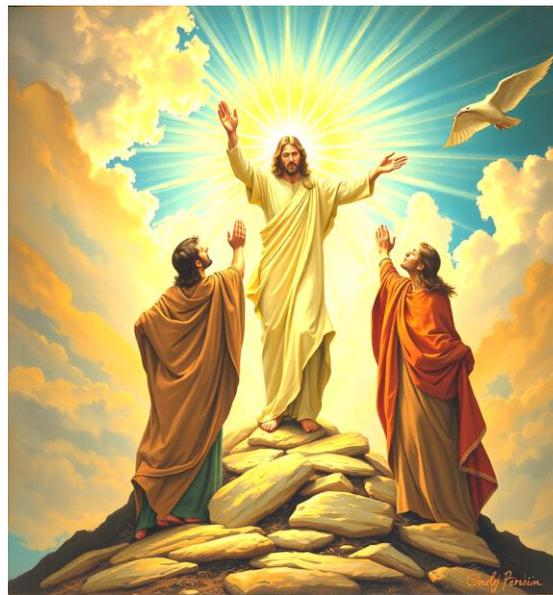
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st MARCH 2026



At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud

overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.' Matthew 17:1-9

Sat 28th

16.15-16.45

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Norah Carter (A)

Sun 1st March

09.30

15.00

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [St David of Wales]

Mass – Mary Benadel (A)

Holy Hour – Evening Prayer at 15.40

Mon 2nd

09.00

14.15

Tues 3rd

12.00

Mass –

Prayer Service at Marley Court Nursing Home

Mass -

Wed 4th
09.00 St Casimir
Mass – Ro Anderton RIP

Thurs 5th
12.00 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 6th
11.30 **Women's World Day of Prayer**
Stations of the Cross
12.00 **Mass –** Peter Doherty (A)
12.30-13.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 7th
16.15-16.45 Ss Perpetua and Felicity
Confessions
17.00 **Mass –** Mark Southworth (A)

Sun 8th
09.30 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Mass – Kathleen (A) and Henry Watmough
15.00 Holy Hour – Evening Prayer at 15.40

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Fr Peter Crowther, Audrey Holden, Rosemary Hough, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, David Monks, Vasil Olijniczuk, Molly Redhead, and parishioners in the Adelphi, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall. *Please note: We now need written permission to add a name to the above sick list. This can be done by the sick person or by the next of kin, if the sick person cannot give permission themselves. Written permission can be made via email to stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Zofia Filipczyk (95) who died on 25th February in Chorley Hospital. Requiem Mass will take place at St Joseph's Harper Lane on Thursday 12th March at 10.00 am.

PRAYERS FOR FR PETER CROWTHER: Please pray for Fr Peter who is now very poorly.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Benadel, Peter Doherty, Mark Southworth, Kathleen Watmough,

READERS: **Sat: 28 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 01 09.30** Simon Eccles
Sat: 07 17.00 Gillian Sharples **Sun: 08 09.30** Paul Lennon
Sat: 14 17.00 Chris Thorpe **Sun:15 09.30** Richard Gillett

Readers: If you would like to read at the Paschal Triduum or Easter Masses, please inform the parish office. Thank you.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Heavenly Father,
As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the

busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Amen.

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR LENT?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – each Friday at 11.30 just before the 12.00 noon Mass. Please make every effort to come.

LENTEN ALMS can be found near St Anthony's statue.

HOLY HOUR – During each Sunday of Lent, we will have a Holy Hour at 15.00 with Evening Prayer at 15.40.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT – Every Tuesday and Friday after the 12.00 noon Mass, until 13.00.

ROSARY- please can you offer a daily decade for world peace, especially in Ukraine. Please note that during Lent, we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries on Sundays.

CONFESSIONS - every Saturday at 16.15 until 16.45. or upon request after weekday Mass.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM AND EASTER SERVICES:

The Chrism Mass is on Wednesday 1st April at 19.30 in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Liverpool. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 2nd April - Mass of the Lord's Supper – 19.30

Good Friday 3rd April - Stations of the Cross – 10.30

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – 15.00

Holy Saturday Paschal Food Blessing (Polish & Ukrainian) – 12.00.
EASTER VIGIL – 20.00

Easter Sunday 5th April Mass at 09.30

Easter Monday 6th April Mass at 10.00

Confessions will be available on Holy Thursday 1845-1915, on Good Friday at 14.00-1445 and after the 15.00 service
Holy Saturday at 19.00 before the Easter Vigil.

“[In the Transfiguration Jesus] was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand, the kind of transformation, that it would receive as His gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.” Pope St Leo I

The purpose of the gospel is to transform common creatures into celestial citizens, and that requires change. — Dallin H. Oaks

Place your mind before the mirror of eternity! Place your soul in the brilliance of glory! And transform your entire being into the image of the Godhead Itself through contemplation. — St Clare of Assisi

To love is to be transformed into what we love. To love God is therefore to be transformed into God. — St John of the Cross