

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.

COLLECTION FOR ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE: The staff at St Catherine's rely on charity funding as their main annual income with a little support from NHS. They also have to pay for all the medications they use. **It costs £7 million pounds per year to fund the hospice.** Therefore, in memory of the Late Fr Peter Crowther and his generous and devoted love of his priestly ministry and his support of St Mary's, we are collecting donations for St Catherine's Hospice. Please send donations in a marked envelope – St Catherine's Hospice. The collection will be for the next two weeks (Lent Sundays 4 and 5). Thank you.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH runs 10th – 18th March. There are some St Joseph Crosses, medals and two magnets in the sacristy, reasonably priced and from St Rita's in Honiton. If you have children and grand children who need a little bit of help in what they are doing or wanting to achieve, St Joseph is a great saint to pray to, having the ears of God and Our Blessed Lady.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: *For disarmament and peace. We pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*

CENTRING PRAYER DAY - Saturday 21st March 10.00–16.00 in St Teresa's Church, Norris Green, L11 3BW including simple lunch, led by Fr Richard Sloan, this day focuses of teaching and practice of this beautiful way of silent, simple, meditation prayer in the presence of God, lovingly active within you, No charge: places must be booked by contacting: st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: Thank you to our lovely Mothers and those who have been a Mother to us, here with your families or smiling down on us from heaven. You are precious in our hearts and memories and we want you to know that wherever you are near or far, we love you. God bless you all.

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Parish Office: Mon by appointment, Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00–17.00

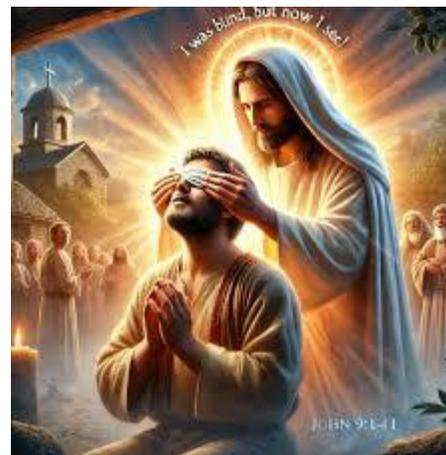
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

15th MARCH 2026



They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So, the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man,

'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So, for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' And they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Why, this is an amazing thing! You do

not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see", your guilt remains.' John 9:1-41

Sat 14th

16.15-16.45

Confessions

17.00

Mass – Maura Brown

Sun 15th

09.30

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mothering Sunday

Mass – Parishioners

15.00

Holy Hour – Evening Prayer at 15.40

Mon 16th

09.00

Mass – Maria and Jan Lavrič

Tues 17th

12.00

ST PATRICK

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

Wed 18th

09.00

Blessed Roger Wrenno, Parish Martyr, and Blessed John Thules

Mass – Souls in purgatory

Thurs 19th

12.00

ST JOSEPH

Mass – Holy Souls

19.00

Vigil Funeral Mass – Fr Peter Crowther at St Joseph's Withnell
Celebrant Bishop Tom Williams

Fri 20th

11.30

Stations of the Cross

12.00

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

12.00

Requiem Mass – Fr Peter Crowther – St Joseph's Withnell

Celebrant Archbishop John Sherrington

12.30-13.00

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 21st

16.15-16.45

Confessions

17.00

Mass – Eileen Waterhouse (birthday remembrance)

Sun 22nd

09.30

15.00

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass – Janusz (A), Zosia and Leon Neisser RIP

Holy Hour – Evening Prayer at 15.40

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: 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*

ANNIVERSARIES: Janusz Neisser, Maria Lavric, Helen Hindle, Irene Holbrook, Clare Snape.

EASTER CARDS: There are some beautiful Easter cards in the sacristy and very reasonably priced, from St Rita's in Honiton.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Shaun Waddington** (75) who died in Blackburn on 7th March. Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 24th March at 14.30 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

<u>READERS:</u>	Sat 14	17.00	Gillian Sharples	Sun 15	09.30	Richard Gillett
	Sat 21	17.00	Eileen McCarrick	Sun 22	09.30	Dr Jane Eccles
	Sat 28	17.00	Kinga Grzeczynska	Sun 29	09.30	Simon Eccles

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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

LENTEN PRAYER: Thank you, Lord, for all the graces and blessings that I receive from You, and especially for my Faith. In you I have put my trust. Help me when I am tired or lonely, be with me and watch over me. May Your Face shine upon me and my family and friends. Amen.