CHORLEY HOSPITAL CLERGY: if you or a family member/friend need a Catholic Priest while in **Chorley Hospital** please ask the ward sister to bleep the on-call priest. The duty chaplain for Chorley Hospital is Fr Peter Stanley at St Joseph's Church on Harpers Lane. 01257 262713. If you are in **Royal Preston Hospital,** please ask the ward sister to bleep the duty Catholic Chaplain who lives in St Clare's Church Fulwood.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION: In May we will commence three sessions in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. The first meeting will take place on **Monday 18th May at 17.30, and then on 25th May and 1st June in the church.** The sessions will be 45 mins each. Please inform the young people in your families and of our parish who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this summer (we don't know the date yet) to attend this important meeting. Thank you.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY: Please can someone lead the Rosary during May on Tuesdays and Fridays during Exposition. Thank you.

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL is available – free – at the back of the church near the newsletters. Please help yourselves.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 13th May – Our Lady of Fatima, **14th May** - Ascension of The Lord **Holy Day of Obligation**, **24th May –** Pentecost (Whitsun), **May 31st –** Holy Trinity, **June 7th –** Corpus Christi.

Please note that there are two Masses available for Ascension Thursday to fulfil the Holy Day of Obligation. There is a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 19.00 and there will be a 12.00 noon Mass on Thursday – Ascension Day which marks 40 days after Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Our Blessed Lord.

There is Mass at Sacred Heart usually on Holydays at 09.30 and 18.30, and at St Gregory's at 12.00, but please check these times on the respective websites before going.

POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: ***Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to endure that everyone has access to quality food.***

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th MAY 2026

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, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.' **John 14:15-21**

Sat 9th	
16.15-16.45	*Confessions*
17.00	**Mass –** Hilda Lopacinski (A)
	Crowning of Our Lady's statue during Mass
Sun 10th	**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER –**
09.30	**Mass –** First Holy Communicants and their families
Mon 11tH	Ss Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras
09.00	**Mass –** Fr Mayne, Fr Crowther, Fr Cobham RIP
Tues 12th	
12.00	**Mass –** Michael Joyce RIP
Wed 13th	**Our Lady of Fatima / Feast of the Dedication of the Metropolitan Cathedral**
09.00	**Mass –** James Lawson (LD)
12.00	**Funeral Service** – Sophia Mary Krischkiw

19.00 **VIGIL MASS OF THE ASCENSION –** Winifred Gillett (A)

Thurs 14th **ASCENSION OF THE LORD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

12.00 **Mass – Deceased priests, altar servers, staff, volunteers and parishioners of St Mary's Parish**

Fri 15th **NO MASS**

Sat 16th

16.15-16.45 *Confessions*

17.00 **Mass –** Lucy Brophy (LD)

Sun 17th **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

09.30 **Mass –** Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Rosemary Hough, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, David Monks, Vasil Olijniczuk, Molly Redhead, and parishioners in the Adelphi, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sophia Mary Krischkiw (75) who died on 21st April at Royal Preston Hospital. Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 13th May at 12.00 followed by burial at Chorley Cemetery..
Paul McBeth – who was a parishioner of St Gregory's Weld Bank, has recently died after a long illness. His Requiem Mass took place last Friday at St Gregory's. Paul was the founder member of Chorley Buddies, a group of volunteers who have helped thousands of people during the COVID years and onwards..
Barbara Southworth, wife of Trevor, was buried from Sacred Heart last Monday. May they all rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Winifred Gillett, Anna Guzara, Michael Carter, David Hinawski, Teddy Ciborowski, Magdalena Moron.

READERS: **09th Sat: 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 10th 09.30** School Teachers
16th Sat: 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 17th 09.30** Paul Lennon
23rd Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples **Sun: 24th 09.30** Richard Gillett

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the parish office.

WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFORMATION about becoming a priest in the Catholic Church? The Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool is **Fr. Ron Johnson**, who is responsible for helping men discern a call to the priesthood. He is based at St Charles Borromeo in Aigburth and can be contacted via email at vocations@rcaol.org.uk or by phone at 0151 727 2493.

MESSAGE TO PARENTS; Thank you to all parents who have helped in the preparation of your child's First Holy Communion, by bringing your child to Holy Mass. It is most important that your child has the chance and the opportunity to form a bond and closeness to Jesus Christ. Please continue coming to Mass with your family and allow your child's Faith to develop. ***A family that prays together – stays together.*** Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 4 CHILDREN who made their First Confessions in the week and today make their First Holy Communions. It is a wonderful occasion for them, their class friends and all the family. **Tomorrow, Monday 11th at 14.30 in school**, we will have a thanksgiving tea party and the certificate presentations and also the blessing of the religious gifts your child has received.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS ROUND who will be 90 years young in a few days time. Mrs Round and her daughters crowned Our Blessed Lady this weekend to celebrate this special birthday. Happy birthday and best wishes from all of us.

As we crown the statue of Our Blessed Lady this weekend;

In the glory of springtime, we give praise to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death, burial and Resurrection have made all things new. This weekend with great affection we crown an image of Mary, the Mother of God and Queen of heaven. In faith she kept watch near the Cross of her Son Jesus. In joy she became the Mother of the Church, witness to the Resurrection of the Lord. This weekend we pray for our parish priest, our parishioners and our school, teachers and staff. We also pray for the sick and house bound and all those who care for them.
As we remember the times of our youth and the wonderful crowning days of May, the children processing with baskets of petals in front of the statue of Our Lady who was carried on four men's shoulders, we give thanks to God for the protection that Our Lady, Mother of Jesus, has given to our parish and parishioners over the many years.

'WALKING WITH JESUS' All are invited to an evening talk entitled 'Walking with Jesus'. A captivating and thought-provoking speaker, Mary Hardiman will be presenting her thoughts on the gospel story of The Road to Emmaus. She will be asking searching questions and helping us see its relevance in our faith journey. A former school teacher, Mary is now an author and counsellor working in North West prisons with people affected by trauma. This event will take place on Wednesday 20 May at 7:00pm at Our Lady and All Saints school, Parbold WN8 7HD with refreshments provided.

YOUNG ADULT TRIP TO ASSISI: During the **800th anniversary year of the death of St Francis of Assisi**, we're offering an exciting opportunity to people aged **18-35** to go to on a **pilgrimage to Assisi** from **29 November – 2 December 2026**. Pilgrims will walk in the footsteps of **St Francis and St Clare**, visiting key sites in Assisi and learning about the life of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**. The cost includes flights, accommodation, transport and meals (except one dinner). **Advance booking price: £799 per person** for the first 15 people from the archdiocese to book. **£990 per person** (sharing a double or twin room). **More information and booking:** https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/BookAssisi