

**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.

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

### Veni Sancte Spiritus – Pentecost Sequence

Holy Spirit Lord of Light  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolors best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow.  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay.  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.



Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die,  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.  
Alleluia. Amen



*On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'*

John 20:19-23

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**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>**

16.15-16.45

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Maura Brown

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>**

09.30

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**

09.00

17.30

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup>**

12.00

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Mass – Desmond Gorman (F)

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

*Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*

**Confirmation Preparation – second meeting**

St Philip Neri

Mass – Janet Bolton and deceased members of family

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**09.00**      **St Augustine of Canterbury**  
*Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00**      **Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest**  
*Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00**      Pope St Paul VI  
**Mass – Ann Round (90<sup>th</sup> birthday)**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*16.15-16.45*  
**17.00**      Bl. Lawrence Richardson of Crosby  
*Confessions*  
**Mass – Tony Page (A)**

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**09.30**      **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
**Mass – Bishop Vincent Malone (A)**

***Please note the change of times during the week.***

**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:** **Janina Jeszke** (95) who died at Parklands Rest Home in Preston, on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Her Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00 followed by burial in Chorley Cemetery. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord....

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tony Page,

**READERS:**    **23<sup>rd</sup> Sat: 17.00** Gillian Sharples      **Sun: 24<sup>th</sup> 09.30** Richard Gillett  
                  **30<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00** Eleanor Jenner            **Sun: 31<sup>st</sup> 09.30** Simon Eccles  
                  **06 Sat: 17.00** Eileen McCarrick        **Sun: 07 09.30** Dr Jane Eccles

**MGR. CANON CRANK'S COMMEMORATIVE BLUE PLAQUE** is in production and will be put up on St Mary's Arch on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Chorley Heritage Centre Group has led the commemoration to Canon Crank (1863 – 1946) because of his extensive work and deep commitment to the poor of the Chorley community and also fundraising for the architectural extension of St Mary's Church. Monsignor Canon Crank was Parish Priest of St Mary's 1887 – 1932. He designed the Archway and it was erected in 1910 in celebration of his Silver Jubilee. The Archway is recognised as a local land mark and is a point of interest in the Chorley Town heritage trail. We have this beautiful Grade II Listed church because of the efforts of Canon Crank and the great generosity of parishioners and benefactors. These souls are remembered in the wall citations in the sacristy and in the Foundation Mass lists. We owe a great gratitude to every person who contributed in any way for the extension of the church and the church grounds. The windows, the altar rails and electric lights to the High Altar were organised by Canon Crank in 1910. The rest of the church relied on gas lighting until 1921.

In 1894 the church could sit 750 people. There was a major reconstruction of the school and the altar and the side altars. **Mgr. Canon Thomas Crank died in 1946 and is buried at St Gregory's Weld Bank, Chorley. May he rest in peace.**

**PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION:** In preparation for Confirmation there will be three meetings in church, next one is **on 25<sup>th</sup> May and then 1<sup>st</sup> June in St Mary's**

**church.** The sessions will be approx 45 mins each. The first meeting on Monday was well attended. Please inform the young people in your families who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation to attend these important meetings. Thank you. This involves three parishes: St Mary's, Sacred Heart and St Joseph's Anderton.

Candidates for Confirmation please note: **please choose a Confirmation name of a saint who inspires you. It is a good idea for you to learn something about the saint you have chosen, you may be asked by the Archbishop why you have chosen this name. Also, please choose a sponsor who will go to the altar with you when you are confirmed. Your sponsor must be over 16 years of age, a full practising Catholic (baptised, received Holy Communion and confirmed). Your sponsor should be a regular Mass attendee. Parents of the candidate cannot be sponsors. Please remember to dress appropriately in God's House. Thank you.**

**DATE OF CONFIRMATIONS:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 18.30 here at St Mary's with + Archbishop-Emeritus Malcolm McMahon presiding.

**HALF TERM FOR SCHOOL:** We hope Mr Smyth, his staff, children and families have a safe Whitsun half term break. Have a good rest.

**THANK YOU** to Fr Ball and to Fr Patsy Foley for celebrating our Masses for the next few days. Please note the different times for the Services on Monday (Bank holiday).

**HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** to Mrs Ann Round. Wishing you many blessings and we hope you have a lovely celebration of your special birthday.

### **News from The Vatican**

**Upcoming AI Encyclical:** The Vatican announced that Pope Leo will release his first encyclical which focuses on protecting human dignity in the age of artificial intelligence. Pope Leo XIV is writing his new encyclical to provide moral guidance on artificial intelligence and protect human dignity in the digital age. The encyclical is titled [\*Magnifica Humanitas \(Magnificent Humanity\)\*](#) and addresses the threats AI poses to labour, creative industries, and warfare. The encyclical focuses on:

**Protecting Human Relationships:** The Pope is deeply concerned that AI tools that simulate human faces and voices encroach upon genuine human relationships, turning people into passive consumers rather than active creators.

**The Value of Human Labor:** The Holy Father is tackling the impact of automation and AI on the workforce, ensuring that human dignity is not stripped away for the sake of corporate efficiency.

**Dangers in Warfare:** The Holy Father has criticized the use of AI in weapons systems, warning that AI-directed warfare threatens to lead to a "spiral of annihilation". **AI affects most of us. It will have a greater impact on ourselves and most definitely on future generations where we may not be able to tell what is computer generated and what is real/human. The Holy Father is emphasising the importance of human dignity and values.**

**CAN YOU HELP?** A mature Ukrainian lady is seeking a new sponsor in Chorley. She has been here for 3 years and the current sponsor is selling her home. She would like to stay in Chorley and is good at housework and cooking. More information from Paul Lennon.