

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? There is a course starting in **September** which will lead onto the RCIA course which will enable you to be received into the church at the Easter Vigil 2027.

The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. It begins on **Thursday the 3rd September 2026** and will run every Thursday for 10 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact: **Phone: Sr. Dorothy - 07530 238222 or Julie - 07943 874257**
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DAY FOR LIFE SUNDAY will be on 20th / 21st June. There will be a retiring collection.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT: if you see or hear anything suspicious in the parish grounds, please report it to the parish office or ring Chorley Police.

TREE AND HEDGE WORK: This weekend you may hear noise from the machines that are trimming the hedges and making the front gardens and Grotto tidy. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you.

LOCAL TRAGEDY STRIKES AGAIN: **Cole L.** (11) a pupil at Southlands High School died last week after a recent fire in the family home. **Junior S.** (12) from Clayton le Woods died when swimming in open waters in Ribchester. He died from cold water shock. God rest their souls. Prayers for their families.

MASS BOOKS: If you have any Mass books at home, please return them asap. We have changed the books to Year A Volume 2.

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

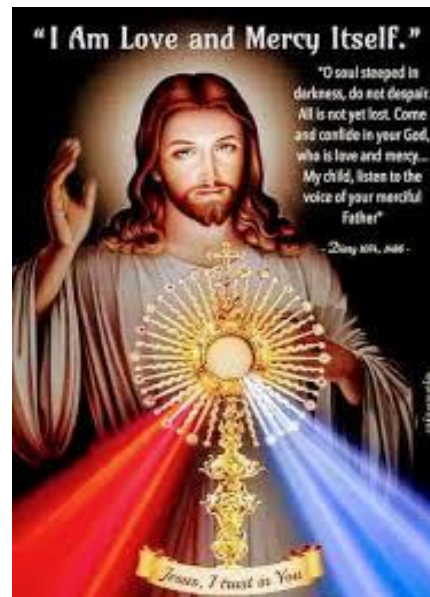
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

CORPUS CHRISTI

7th JUNE 2026



At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

So, Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.' John 6:51-58

Sat 6th
16.15-16.45
17.00

St Norbert
Confessions
Mass – Jimmy Halpin (A)
Procession around the church after Mass

Sun 7th
09.30

CORPUS CHRISTI
Mass – John Anthony O'Gorman (A)

Mon 8th
09.00

Mass – M.L. (poorly)

Tues 9th
12.00

St Ephrem, St Columba
Mass – John Anthony Gorman (A)

18.30 Confirmations – Archbishop Emeritus Malcolm McMahon OP for St Mary’s, St Joseph’s Anderton and Sacred Heart young people.

Wed 10th

09.00 Mass – Rosie Bolton (A) and deceased family members

11.00 Funeral Service – Janina Jeszke

Thurs 11th

St Barnabas

12.00 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 12th

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

11.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12.00

12.00 Mass – Michael Gibson (LD)

12.30 – 13.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 13th

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

15.30 Baptisms: Sebastian Bogać, Franklin Threfall, Chimamanda Okwudiri

16.15-16.45 Confessions

17.00 Mass – Dcn Norman – 16th Anniversary of Diaconate

Sun 14th

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Anthony Gorman, Rosie Bolton,

READERS: **06 Sat: 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 07 09.30** Dr Jane Eccles
13th Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples **Sun: 14th 09.30** Paul Lennon
20th Sat: 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 21st 09.30** Richard Gillett

Readers please note, 13th June readings will be the eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A).

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: will be held on Tuesday 9th June at **18.30. Please arrive and be seated no later than 18.20.** Candidates for Confirmation, please collect your Confirmation cards from the narthex area. Cards – white: St Mary’s Chorley. Cards – green: St Joseph’s Anderton. Cards – pink: Sacred Heart Chorley.

Polite Notice: Please remember that you are entering God’s House and therefore please dress respectfully and responsibly. Thank you.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS is on Friday 12th June. Exposition will commence at 11.00am until 12.00 noon Mass and then after Mass until 13.30. The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be said after Mass. You can eat meat on this day being a solemnity of Our Lord. **Please note also that Sacred Heart Church in Brook Street is having their annual exposition on the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 10.00 – 12.00. Fr Ball will be very pleased to see you if you would like to pop in to the church.**

Corpus Christi Prayers Jesus, Bread of Heaven, increase my love for You in



the Eucharist. Too often, I become distracted by the concerns of daily life and fail to appreciate the greatness of Your gift. Draw my heart back to You and awaken within me a deeper hunger for Your presence. Teach me to seek You not only in times of need but in every moment of my life. Help me treasure every opportunity to attend Mass, spend time in adoration, and receive Holy Communion. May my love for You grow stronger with each passing day. Transform my heart so that I desire You above all earthly things. Let Your presence satisfy the deepest longings of my soul and guide me toward holiness. Amen.

Merciful Redeemer, as I prepare to receive Your Body and Blood, I ask You to purify my heart and mind. Remove every distraction that keeps me from fully appreciating this sacred encounter. Help me approach Your altar with deep reverence and unwavering faith. May this Holy Communion strengthen me against temptation, increase my love for You, and deepen my commitment to live according to Your teachings. Let Your presence transform every area of my life and draw me closer to Your Sacred Heart. As You enter my soul, fill me with peace, wisdom, and spiritual strength. May I never receive this precious gift casually, but always with gratitude and devotion. Amen.

O Bread of Heaven! beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
My Jesus, dearest Treasure, hail!
I love Thee, and adoring kneel:
Each loving soul by Thee is fed
With Thy own self in form of bread!

O Food of Life! Thou who dost give
The pledge of immortality!
I live;—no, 'tis not I that live,
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,
And every grief with joy repays.

