

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. Please ask the ward staff to call the Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital please ring 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary T. 01942 822324.

HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE: The number of Omicron (BA4 and BA5) infections has increased rapidly over the last three weeks. Hospital admissions have risen steeply. UK COVID death toll has hit 200,000. Therefore, during this latest infection spreading phase, it is highly recommended to wear masks and gel hands in church. If you have an underlying illness, you may wish to ask your family and friends to give you some space and not come too close to you. We do ask that you do not come to church if you have symptoms of a cold, a temperature, a runny nose or are feeling off colour. Take a test. Keep it to yourself and get better soon!

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals update to Inpatient Visiting Arrangements and Outpatients Appointments

Due to the increasing levels of COVID-19 both within our hospitals and the local community, from Tuesday 12th July **visitors and outpatients are requested to wear a surgical face mask in ALL areas of our Hospitals.**

Adult inpatient visiting: Patients will be allowed a maximum of two visitors at a time between the hours of 2pm - 7pm daily. In order to gain access to the ward, all visitors must not be COVID-19 positive, must not have COVID-19 symptoms or generally feel unwell. A full list of Coronavirus symptoms for adults and children are available on the NHS website. **All visitors are required to wear a surgical face mask in ALL areas within our Hospitals.**

NOTICE ABOUT BAPTISMS: There will be new dates from September 2022 for baptisms. Emergency baptisms for children and adults during the summer only. Please contact the parish office for dates in September onwards. Thank you.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: We wish Mr Smyth, his staff, the children and their families, a safe and happy summer break. We hope you have a great time and a good rest.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION – JULY 2022

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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Parish Office: 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

17th JULY 2022



Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.' Luke 10; 38-42

Sat 16th

16.15-16.45

Confessions

17.00

Mass – Janusz Moss - birthday

Sun 17th

10.00

Mon 18th

12.00

Tues 19th

12.00

Wed 20th

12.00

Thurs 21st

09.00

11.00

Fri 22nd

12.00

Sat 23rd

16.15-16.45

17.00

Sun 24th

10.00

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Mass book p. 111)

Mass – Joan (A) and Frank Scott

Mass – Stephen Cocker (LD)

St John Plessington

Mass – Rosemary Russell (LD)

St Apollinaris

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

St Laurence of Brindisi

Mass - Fr Marsden's 38th Anniversary of Ordination

Deanery Meeting for clergy

St Mary Magdalene

Mass – Kathleen (A) and Thomas Rostron RIP

St Bridget of Sweden, co-Patron Of Europe

Confessions

Mass – Parishioners

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Mass book p. 114)

Mass – Pamela Margaret Ball (A)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tues, Fri. 12.30 - 13.00

Please pray for the sick and the housebound: Fr Michael O'Dowd, Fr John Poland, Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Laurence Mayne, Emily Atkins, Kevin Bailey, Dorothy Burgoyne, John and Margaret Brown, John Campbell, Michael Collins, Hughie Daly, Colette Ellis, Desmond Gorman, Julie Gruszka, Jacob Hughes, Rosemary Hough, Debbie MacFarlane, Teresa O'Malia, Molly Redhead, Caroline Rigby, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Eileen Snape, Terry Tingey, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, Agnes Young and parishioners in *The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, Gillibrand Hall*

Please check if a name should be removed from the above sick list. Please inform the parish office. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Mgr Anthony Dennick (87)**, retired parish priest of Our Lady and St Joseph's Prescott, and before that St Malachy's, Liverpool, curate at St William's Ince. He was secretary to Archbishop Beck, and then diocesan Chancellor and Master of Ceremonies at the Cathedral. **Professor (Fr) Anthony Towey (63)**, who taught at St Mary's University College, Twickenham. **Clifford Deprynbleu also known as Clifford Pendlebury (86)**, died on 7th July at Royal Preston Hospital. Requiem Mass on Friday 29th July at 12.00 noon followed by interment in Chorley cemetery. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Marsden, John Akers,

READERS: 16th Sat: Eleanor Jenner. 17th Sun: Tracy O'Neill. 23rd Sat: Eileen McCarrick. 24th Sun: Greta Fazakerley. 30th Sat: Richard Gillett. 31st Sun: Dominic Simpson.

SECOND COLLECTION - PROVISION FOR PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT takes place this weekend. Please remember your priests who have worked tirelessly for decades.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Séan McNamara and Ania Krystyna Neisser will be married here on Saturday 30th July, Nuptial Mass at 13.30.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Michael Harwood, who was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on 15th July at St Peter and St Paul Crosby. Fr Michael will visit us soon to celebrate his First Mass with us. During his seminary time in Rome, Fr Michael was here with us on two training placements. God bless him and may Our Blessed Lady look after him.

DEANERY MEETING will be held on Thursday 21st July. Please note that there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Wednesday this week, and Thursday Mass will be an earlier one, at **09.00**

SPUC APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS IN PRESTON OFFICES We are in great need of volunteers. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children needs volunteers to help with telephone calls and admin each week at our Preston office. Our Office is located at Lockside Office Park, Unit 10, Lockside Rd, Preston PR2 2YS. Please email: caroleadamson@spuc.org.uk or call 01772 258 580. Maybe you can help a few hours each week.

MARTHA AND MARY – WHICH ARE YOU?

When visiting their home in Bethany, Martha complained that Mary failed to help her in everything that needed doing. Our Lord said only that Mary had chosen the *better* part at that moment; to sit at His feet and listen. In no way did He say that Martha was

wrong, or that what she was doing was unnecessary.

All in the 'world' have both Mary and Martha aspects in their lives, and for some, it is more obvious than for others. However, the balance may change at different times in our lives. Mums and Dads, in the years of raising young children may feel almost trapped by the Martha-ness of their lives — something which may pass, when children go to school and free time becomes a rediscovered reality, rather than a luxury. Time which may be spent spiritually, 'sitting at the Lord's feet' in prayer or spiritual reading.



Perhaps coming to Mass during the week. Sitting in the coolness of our lovely church in perfect silence. Martha and Mary, of course, applies to all of us to some extent.

Life evolves with changes in circumstance, dependents, the demands of work, travel and so many other incidents. In these times, we can be both Martha and Mary. Listening/praying and working. Multi-tasking in a complicated and demanding world.

During the summer, you perhaps may want to pop into the church and have a few minutes of peace, quiet and holiness. A time to de-stress, chill out and soak in the calmness that can only come from God into our heart and soul.

"It is not said of Mary simply that she sat near Jesus, but at His feet, to show her diligence, steadfastness, and zeal, in hearing, and the great reverence which she had for our Lord." St. John Chrysostom

"The works of an active life pass away with the body, but the joys of the contemplative life rather begin to increase from the end." St. Gregory the Great

St. Augustine writes that here both Martha and Mary represent the Church: Martha, the present Church which "receives the Lord into her heart"; Mary, the future Church which "shall delight in Wisdom alone."

"Action and contemplation are very close companions; they live together in one house on equal terms. Martha and Mary are sisters." — St Bernard Of Clairvaux.

"Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God's unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome." Pope Francis

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: The church will be open from 10.00 – 17.00, Monday – Friday. Weekend times may vary. You are very welcome to come in and spend some time with the Lord. We are very lucky to have such a beautiful church.