

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. **Good luck and thank you to Fr Andrew Allman, RPH Chaplain for Catholics, who leaves St Clare's Fulwood for pastures new.**

QUINQUENIAL REPORT: The results have now been sent to us by the independent surveyors who spent a day looking around the church, presbytery, bell tower, Grotto, gardens and boiler house. The report details the works that must be undertaken and the estimated costs for the repairs. We will have a meeting with the Archdiocesan surveyors to discuss the phases of the required works. The cost of required scaffolding is very high, and the total cost of the recommended works amounts to £85,000. We are a Grade II Listed Building and repairs must be done in a certain way with surveyors and inspectors making sure that no Historic Church rules are ignored or broken. We envisage that works will commence in October and will keep you informed with the details.

Overall, the Report states that the church and parish grounds are in good order and well maintained. There are no major works required but we must have a structural engineer's report on the roof of the Bell Tower. We are fully compliant with our gas, electricity, and fire checks. The asbestos register is clear, and the security and emergency lights are very good. We maintain our annual safety checks, and none are outstanding, and all checks are made in the specified time limitations. The Report recommends the relocation of the toilet to the narthex area of the church and the addition of an accessible toilet and a baby's changing area.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION: There are 19 St Mary's candidates for Confirmation for 6th and 7th July at St Gregory's Chorley. Fr Marsden sent an invitation to our young people via Holy Cross School to come to Saturday evening Mass and have an informal meeting and Q&A session after Mass. Thank you to the parents and the 7 young people who attended. Everyone said it was useful and well received.

CHURCH OPENING: *Thank you for all the positive comments on the church being open during the day. There are a number of people who pop in and have a few minutes with the Lord in peace and tranquillity. You are most welcome!*

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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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

3rd JULY 2022



The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no

haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road.

'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house.

'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Sat 2nd 16.15-16.45 17.00	<i>Confessions</i> Mass – Bridget Cain (LD)
Sun 3rd 10.00	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Mass book p. 105) Mass – Margaret Bailey RIP
Mon 4th 12.00	<i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i> <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Tues 5th 12.00	<i>St Anthony Mary Zaccaria</i> Mass – Tom and Molly Gillibrand (birthday remembrance)
Wed 6th 12.00	<i>St Maria Goretti</i> Mass – Freda McHugh RIP
Thurs 7th 12.00 14.45	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i> Funeral Service - Peter Foster
Fri 8th 12.00	<i>St Oliver Plunket</i> Mass – Gerard and Agnes Carter RIP
Sat 9th 16.15-16.45 17.00	<i>St Augustine Zhao and Companions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Mass – Karen Francis RIP
Sun 10th 10.00	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Mass book p. 108) Mass – Ruby Jubilee of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

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

Please pray for the sick and the housebound: 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.

LATELY DECEASED: **Peter Foster** (67) husband of Patricia (died on 7th June) who died on 24th June at Royal Preston Hospital. Funeral Service will be on Thursday 7th July at 14.45 followed by interment at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

ANNIVERSARIES: **Bill Durkin, Janet Cowdall, Michael Bolton, Lucy Rollins**

READERS: **2nd Sat: 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska. **3rd Sun: 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles. **9th Sat: 17.00** Gillian Sharples. **10th Sun: 10.00** Simon Eccles.

WARM WELCOME to Fr Patsy Foley who will cover Masses for Fr Marsden's annual leave this weekend. Also, grateful thanks to Fr Peter Crowther who will cover the Tuesday and Friday weekday Masses, and midday Mass on St Peter and Paul's day.

DRIVING ON PARISH GROUNDS: We have noticed recently that there are many parents with prams and little children on the parish grounds walking through to town. Please be very careful when you drive into the parish grounds and when you leave. If anyWest Street car park can be full of young children getting in/out of cars. Make sure that you leave the church grounds slowly. Pedestrians may have just come up the steps and be crossing from the left.

PARISH SECURITY: Since we are situated in the town centre, you need to be aware that there have been reports of large groups of teenagers roving around the town and looking for something to do. If you see something that is concerning, please ring Chorley Police. The Bowling Green seems to be an attraction for the young people. It would be a great shame if the Green was damaged because of someone being daft. We will lock the access gate if there is further trouble.

Roe v Wade decision USA 410. US 113. [1973]

As you have probably seen in the media, on Friday 24 June, the US Supreme Court struck down the Roe v Wade decision, returning the matter of abortion legislation to individual states. There is no constitutional right to abortion and there never has been. That is the important decision in this Ruling of the US Supreme Court. Roe – real name Norma McCorvey (1947 – 2017), was a very complicated woman, who wanted an abortion but was persuaded to have her child adopted. Her legal representatives used her as an example of women wanting abortions in Court cases which took 3 years to reach the Supreme Court. McCorvey (aka Jane Roe) never saw a Court inside the three years. Henry Wade was the District Attorney in the case and was responsible for enforcing the anti – abortion Statute.

There has been much misinformation spread online about the implications of this decision. Lord David Alton has published an excellent piece that sets out the key facts on the decision:

<https://thecritic.co.uk/reversing-a-tragic-half-century-of-lost-lives/>

We say: The life of the unborn child must be protected and while many scream at the top of their voices that this innocent life has no rights, we say that every human life is a gift from God and has the right to live and be loved and looked after. It is sad to hear that protesters are gathering in England's cities and demanding that women who wish to terminate the life of an innocent and helpless baby can do so at their will. It will be interesting to watch what the response is going to be across The Pond and how each State will react to the US Supreme Court Ruling. Protect the innocent and give a baby the right to live! In the end, if you look at the case of Roe v Wade the whole matter was brought to Court by two female lawyers who sought women who wanted to have abortions.

60 million innocent babies have been killed in USA in the last 50 years.

If any woman or couple are struggling and need help, please contact the parish office – 01257 262537 – and you will be heard and helped. It is

***most important that you understand that you are not alone and can
receive the help that you need.***