

**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.

**RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE** (Lourdes) are visiting the diocese during September. They will be present here at St Mary's from the afternoon of Thurs 15 September 2022 until Saturday afternoon 17 September. A privilege and a blessing for our parish!

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** Please collect your boxes.

**NEW COVID GUIDELINES:** Following a recent meeting of the Archbishop's Council the following Guidelines are being offered.

**Face Coverings:** Face-coverings are now optional for people who attend a service in church.

**Sanitising:** Sanitiser/gel should still be available for those who wish to use it on entering the building. The sanitising of hands is recommended, not mandatory.

**For the distribution of Holy Communion:** The priest/deacon or extraordinary minister should still cleanse their hands prior to beginning distribution (and after). A face-covering should still be worn when distributing Holy Communion.

**Communion under both kinds** is not to be offered yet (We will continue to review this.) If **Communion on the tongue** is requested, it should be offered when all others have approached the altar and the minister's hands should be cleansed after each individual distribution.

It is not envisaged that intinction should be offered (except at a concelebration.)

**CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS:** You will find the FREE May edition of the Catholic Post, on a table near the collection baskets. Please take one. Also, we have been notified that the Day by Day booklets are now £1.20 each.

**ARTISTIC DISPLAYS FROM OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN** The children have been very busy creating beautiful artwork for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Mr Smyth (Headteacher) has very kindly allowed the displays to come to church during half -term. I hope you enjoy them. We wish all the staff, children and families a very happy and healthy half – term. Enjoy your rest and holidays.

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION – JUNE 2022

**We pray for Christian Families around the world. May they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.**

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Parish Office: Tues – Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00–17.00

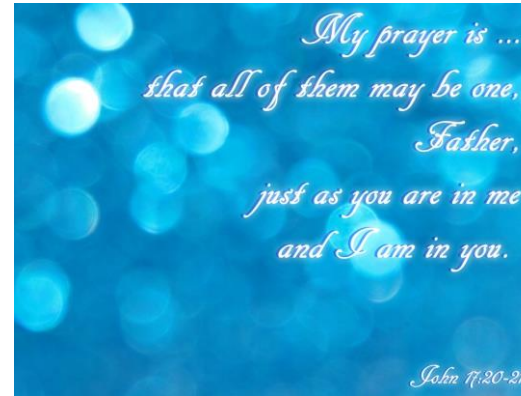
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29<sup>th</sup> May 2022



**Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them**

**and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'** John 17: 20 -26

#### Sat 28<sup>th</sup>

16.15-16.45

17.00

*Confessions*

**Mass** – Parishioners/ Jean Ostick RIP

#### Sun 29<sup>th</sup>

10.00

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Mass book p. 281)

**Mass** - Janet (A) and Bolton Family RIP

#### Mon 30<sup>th</sup>

09.00

*Blessed Laurence Richardson*

**Mass** - Lily and Edward Akers

#### Tues 31<sup>st</sup>

12.00

**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Mass** – Colette Bury RIP

#### Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June

12.00

*St Justin Martyr*

**Mass** – Thanksgiving – Deo gratias

#### Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>

12.00

*Ss Marcellinus and Peter*

*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

#### Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>

12.00

*St Charles Lwanga and the Ugandan Martyrs*

**Mass** – *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

Wedding Service – Adam Holmes and Danielle Anne Godfrey

16.15-16.45

Confessions

**17.00**

**Mass** – Elizabeth Jane Firth (birthday remembrance)

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** (Mass book p. 294)

**10.00**

**Mass** - Hilda and Lesley Watson

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tues, Wed, 12.30 - 13.00*

**Please pray for the sick and the housebound:** Rev. John Cree, Fr John Poland, Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Laurence Mayne, Emily Atkins, Kevin Bailey, Dorothy Burgoyne, John and Margaret Brown, Brigid Cain, John Campbell, Tom Carmichael, Michael Collins, Hughie Daly, Colette Ellis, Yvonne Finlayson, Desmond Gorman, Julie Gruszka, Jacob Hughes, Rosemary Hough, Debbie MacFarlane, Teresa O'Malia, Molly Redhead, Caroline Rigby, Sr Magdalene Roskell, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Eileen Snape, Terry Tingey, Alan Willetts, 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:** **Bożena Zięba** (56) who died in Royal Preston Hospital on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Requiem Mass will be at Sacred Heart Chorley on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 13.30 followed by cremation at Charnock Richard.

**May Smith** (100) who died suddenly in Marley Court on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Requiem Mass will be on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11am at St Mary's Brownedge, followed by interment in the church cemetery.

**Robb Elementary School, Uvalde, Texas, USA.** We pray for the 21 victims in this terrible tragedy.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord....

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr John Byrne, Annie Turner, Zosia Szponar, Elsie Smith

**READERS:** 28<sup>th</sup> Sat. 17.00: Eileen McCarrick. 29<sup>th</sup> Sun. 10.00 Greta Fazakerley.

4<sup>th</sup> June, Sat. 17.00: Kinga Grzeczynska. 5<sup>th</sup> Sun. 10.00 Simon Eccles.

**FILM AFTERNOON** on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 14.00

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** is this weekend, 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May. A collection basket is in the foyer. Thank you.

**WEDDING BANNES:** Adam Holmes and Danielle Anne Godfrey are to be married here on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00 noon.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Pentecost 5<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Walking Day: Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> June

Corpus Christi and First Holy Communions:  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 Mass

**THE GREAT NOVENA:** The novena in preparation for Pentecost/ Whit Sunday will be said each day after the Holy Gospel. Commencing on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,*

*and You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,*

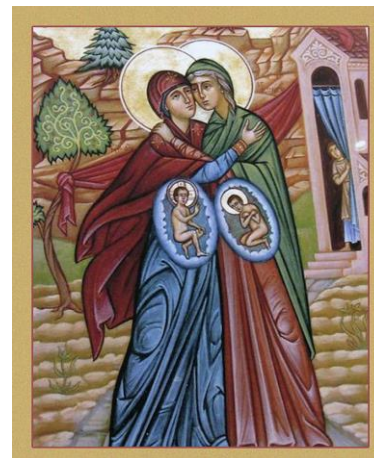
*grant that by the gifts of the same Spirit, they may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS** The boys and girls in Yr 4 are getting very excited as their First Holy Communion Day approaches on 19<sup>th</sup> June, Corpus Christi. They made their First confession in school this week. After the children return from half – term, we will welcome them in church for more preparation for their big day. Mums and Dads and Grandparents, please bring your children to Mass. They are eager to come to church, please allow the time in your weekend diaries. Thank you.

**WALKING DAY** It is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Walking Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We will meet at 14.00 outside the church and walk down to Cunliffe Street to be given our place in the walking queue. Please try to represent St Mary's. Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** There are 19 young people from this parish who will be confirmed by Bishop Neylon in July, at St Gregory's Church. Please remember them in your prayers.

**QUIZ NIGHT** Every Thursday in the St Mary's Parish Centre – starts at 8.30 p.m. and finishes approx. 10-ish – interesting questions – good company – Bonus ball in aid of charity. Contact Derek Birchall on 01257 278964, for more information. Thank you.



**Next Tuesday, 31st May, is the Feast of the Visitation, the day when the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth at Ein Kerem in the hills just outside Jerusalem, and the child, John the Baptist, leapt in her womb. All of this, which we recall in the Second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, is recounted in the Gospel of Luke (1: 39-56). It's a great day to go to Mass. With the incarnate Word now present in her womb, Mary rushed to visit Elizabeth, pregnant with the one who would later baptise Jesus. "When she reached Elizabeth's house, an event took place that no artist could ever**

**portray with the beauty and the intensity with which it took place. The interior light of the Holy Spirit enfolded their persons and Elizabeth, enlightened from on high, exclaimed *Blessed are you among women*" (Pope Benedict XVI). The visitation of the Blessed Virgin reveals that we two are the recipients of the active, eager and tender love of Jesus and Mary. On this day especially, let us pray for all expectant mothers, and for ourselves, that like Mary, through our words and deeds, we may bring to others the presence and love of Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

**We also pray that all women will recognise the gift of life that they are carrying in their wombs.**

