

**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.

**GIFT AID ANNOUNCEMENT:**

As promised, we are announcing the Gift Aid Collections for the last three years. 2019 -2020: **£32,609.21**. 2020 – 2021: **£30,250.46** 2021 – 2022: **£30,155.40**  
The Returns have been made to the Archdiocesan Offices and we will be claiming the Tax Refund allowed 0.25p in every pound. We have been extremely lucky to receive very generous and loyal Gift Aid donations during the Pandemic time and the ongoing recovery time. Thank you for your great generosity and support. Please collect your boxes if you have not already done so.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donations, please contact the Parish Office. From the above amounts, we have paid the mandatory tree inspections and tree maintenance, church and grounds maintenance, the utility bills and council bills. Savings have been made where possible and we have been very careful to cut down expenditure during the COVID months and thereafter.

**Looking Ahead:** We have had the Quinquennial Inspection of the church, presbytery, boiler house and all grounds; including the Grotto, Bell Tower and garage. A report is due shortly. We are expecting recommendations for the replastering and redecoration of the Choir Loft, the Lady Altar, the Centenary Window area. Scaffolding will be used, and costs are expected to be high. The church boilers are a concern and will need changing. We expect the increase of gas, electric and water to be significant.

**ALPHA & RCIA COURSE INITIATIVE:** There will be an Open Evening on Thursday 30th June from 7:00 pm -9:00pm at St Gregory's for anybody who would be interested in joining the Alpha and linked RCIA course initiative, starting in September this year. Please do let us know if you would be interested in attending. Find out more about how Alpha works at: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/214170130>. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested or need more information please email The Chorley Network of Catholic Laity on: [cnocl@hotmail.com](mailto:cnocl@hotmail.com)

**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 – 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

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022



As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him

because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along, they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' Luke 9: 51-62

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>**  
16.15-16.45  
17.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Confessions  
**Mass – Fr Kevin Mulhearn (A)**

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (Mass book p. 102)  
**Mass – Kathleen Jackson RIP**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup>**  
12.00

St John Southworth  
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>**  
12.00  
19.30

St Irenaeus  
**Mass – Peter Doherty (birthday remembrance)**  
**Vigil Mass at St Joseph's Anderton** ( Mass book p.177)

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup>**  
09.30  
12.00  
18.30

**SS PETER AND PAUL** Holy Day of Obligation  
**Mass at Sacred Heart and St Gregory's**  
**Mass – Sarah Maher** ( birthday remembrance) (Mass book p.180)  
**Mass at Sacred Heart and St Gregory's**

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>**  
12.00 First Martyrs of the See of Rome  
*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> JULY**  
12.00 St Oliver Plunket  
**Mass – Souls in Purgatory**

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
16.15-16.45 *Confessions*  
17.00 **Mass – Bridget Cain (LD)**

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
10.00 **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (Mass book p. 105)  
**Mass – Margaret Bailey RIP**

*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.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Flynn Smith, Michael Cheston, John Ince, Henry Cocker.

**READERS:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00 Richard Gillett. 26<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.00 Tracy O'Neil. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat: 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Dr Jane Eccles.

**WARM WELCOME** to Fr Patsy Foley who will cover Masses for Fr Marsden's annual leave next 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.

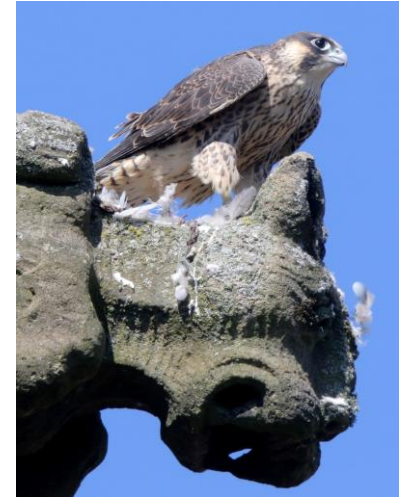


**WELL DONE** to Yr 4 who had a lovely tea party in school on Monday. Fr Marsden blessed all the rosaries and holy pictures. Parents and grandparents and visitors (grandparents) from Europe all joined together to celebrate the First Holy Communion of Yr 4 children. Parents brought a splendid cake for the occasion. It is hoped that the children do come to Mass with their families. Each child was presented with a beautifully painted Cross and a certificate Thank you to Mr Smyth (Head teacher) and Mrs Bamwell (Class teacher) who journeyed along the preparation road during the year.

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD.** We have received a letter from CAFOD acknowledging the receipt of our collection, which was £206.00. Thank you to all concerned. The letter is displayed on the notice board in the narthex.

**WALKING DAY PHOTOS:** Thank you to Margaret Arrowsmith for the Walking Day photos. They are displayed on the main notice board in the narthex. Thank you to all those who took part. We were lucky to escape the rain, but I think we all agree that it was really cold in the afternoon. Bishop Tom Neylon, Fr Dunne (the Dean) were present as well as the Bishop of Blackburn, and it was an enjoyable afternoon.

**WE HAVE AN INTERESTING VISITOR:** Several people have spotted a young male peregrine falcon sat on the gargoyle of the bell tower. It appears that Mum and Dad are on St George's tower and the youngster has decided to visit us. The falcon must be doing ok for supper because many pigeon feathers are apparent in the photos. Several ornithologists have come to take photos and visitors with binoculars hoping to spot the young one basking in the sun. Mr Adrian Dancy has very kindly taken some super photos and shared them with us.



**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. West 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.

Today's Gospel hears Our Blessed Lord calling out to each and everyone of us to Follow Him. He, who is the Truth and the Life and He, who is God. The call to Follow Him is different for each of us. Professions, marriage and family life, living alone life, religious life or vocations into the priesthood. If you could perhaps spare 10 minutes in silence and ask the Lord, 'what do you want me to do'? Perhaps it could solve many answers in your personal or family problems. Following Jesus Christ is not easy because we are asked to observe The 10 Commandments, give up certain life styles and be good and holy in our every day lives. If we are honest with ourselves, we may say that following our Blessed Lord is not always easy or comfortable or a garden full of roses. It takes Faith, determination and letting our souls be in harmony with the Will of God. So whatever God is asking you to do, be assured that if God did not think that you could do it, then you would not be burdened with the big ask! However, you follow the Lord, be assured that God is leading you, protecting you and watching over you.

