

**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 UPDATE:** There were 889 new cases in Chorley during the seven days to 29<sup>th</sup> March. There were 116 patients in Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (Preston and Chorley) with Coronavirus on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

We all wish the pandemic was over, but clearly it is not. We need precautionary measures and physical distancing as well as the vaccinations and boosters. A **second** booster is available to the over 75s and people who are categorised as vulnerable. A walk-in centre for the second booster is available in Market Walk.

We will continue to act with caution, in order to protect the vulnerable parishioners and visitors to St Mary's. **We will continue to wear masks and to sanitize hands.** Thank you for all your cooperation.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS**

A one-way system is in operation. Please come up to the altar via the central aisle, or by the extreme outside aisles. Return to your pews via the inner side aisles. Please do not come up the inner side aisles, to avoid having to squeeze past each other. Thank you for your cooperation.

**BAPTISMS:** Please send an email to the parish office and you will be asked to complete a baptism form. Please be aware that priority is given to residents within the parish. Any person who lives outside the geography of St Mary's parish must have a very good reason and their parish priest's permission to want baptism at St Mary's. It is usual to be baptized in the parish where you reside.

#### **'WE HAVE COMMITTED TO PUTTING ON AN ALPHA COURSE IN SEPTEMBER'**

Each participating Parish would have at least one representative helping on the course and that they would accompany any St Mary's/St Joseph's actual or potential parishioners in their journey. We would provide any training required and manage the process on behalf of the participating Parishes. Paul McBeth & Michael Hall

#### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION – APRIL 2022**

**For healthcare workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities:** 'We have felt more deeply than ever an appreciation for doctors, nurses and all healthcare workers on the front lines in providing an arduous and at times heroic service.

They have been visible signs of humanity that warm the heart.' **Pope Francis**

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

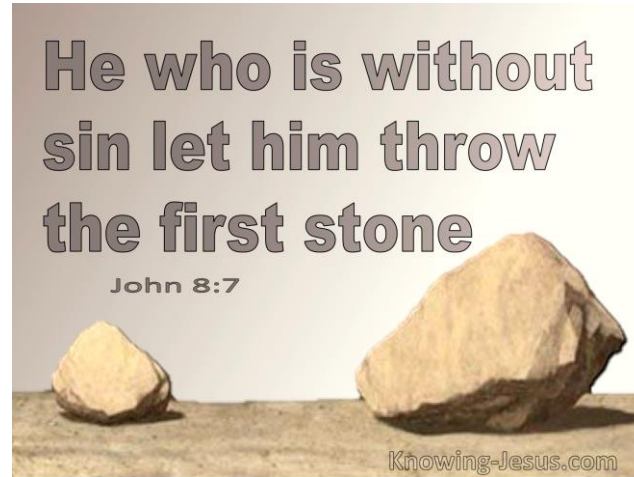
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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# **St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley**

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2022**



**Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.**

**The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to**

**Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'** John 8:1-11

#### **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**14.00**

**16.15–16.45**

**17.00**

#### **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10.00**

**11.30**

**15.00**

#### **Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Syro-Malankara Mass**

*Confessions (at porch of presbytery)*

**Mass – Mary and Tom Nightingale RIP**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** (Mbk p.176) St Richard of Chichester

**Mass – Bernard and Alice (A) Joyce**

*Mass at St Joseph's Anderton*

*Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**St Isidore of Seville**

**12.00** Mass – Hilda Lopacinski RIP  
**Tues 5<sup>th</sup>** St Vincent Ferrer  
**12.00** Mass – Rowland Anderton RIP  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00** Mass – Margaret Bailey RIP  
**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>** St Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, St Henry Walpole  
**08.00** Mass – Private Intention  
**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** St Julie Billiart SND  
 11.30 Stations of the Cross (St Alphonsus' version)  
**12.00** Mass – Leokadia (A) and Wladyslaw Gray-Grzeczynski, Paul Anthony Creaner

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 16.15–16.45 Confessions (at porch of presbytery)  
**17.00** Mass – Thomas (A) and Imelda Roscoe

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** **PALM SUNDAY** (Mass book p. 184)  
**10.00** Mass – Joseph Conway (LD)  
 11.30 Mass at St Joseph's Anderton  
 15.00 Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tues, Wed and Fri. 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, 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, Bridget Trimm, Alan Willetts, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, Agnes Young and parishioners in *The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, Gillibrand Hall*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** **Kathleen Jackson** (83) who died at home on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Requiem Mass on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 noon followed by a Service at Pleasington Crematorium. **Shaun McGeown** (60) who died on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Requiem Mass at St Gregory's Chorley on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 am followed by burial in St Gregory's graveyard. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Leokadia Gray-Grzeczynska, Wladek Jotejko, Mary Lamb, Lauren Owen, Francis Singleton.

**READERS:** April 2<sup>nd</sup> 17.00 Andrew Jenner. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 Dominic Simpson.

### **SERVICE TIMES AND READERS FOR HOLY WEEK**

**PALM SUNDAY** Sat 17.00 Gillian Sharples and Richard Gillett,  
 Sun 10.00 Dcn Norman and Simon Eccles

**HOLY THURSDAY** 19.30 Eileen McCarrick

**GOOD FRIDAY** 15.00 Tracy O'Neil and Kinga Grzeczynska

**EASTER VIGIL** 20.00 Gillian, Richard, Eileen and Kinga

**EASTER SUNDAY** 10.00 Dr Jane Eccles

**UKRAINE AND EUROPE:** On Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> March a total of €6881 was sent to Bishop Gregory Komar in Ukraine, and was received that same day. Further donations have been received and will be sent out shortly. Thank you for your great generosity.

The Catholic Pictorial website has excellent coverage of the Ukraine crisis, including an article by Bishop Hryhoriy. See [www.catholicpic.co.uk](http://www.catholicpic.co.uk) There are pictures of the trucks from Liverpool arriving in Ukraine, and also a bit about my own time in Ukraine back in 1995 (FM)

On Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> April our Holy Hours at 15.00 will be offered for peace in the Ukraine. The second part of the Holy Hour will be silent prayer where you can talk with God and pray for your needs and the needs of others. Please try to attend the Holy Hours and spend some time with Our Blessed Lord.

**Your donations at the parish centre were delivered to the Archdiocesan Offices in Liverpool. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March a team of drivers and vans left Liverpool and arrived at Drohobych, Ukraine on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. They were met by Bishop Gregory Komar and his team who will use your donations for the thousands of people who have been escaping the missiles and bombings in other parts of Ukraine. Photos are available at the back of the church, on the big blue notice board. You Tube are showing two clips of the delivery and unloading of the donations. Liverpool Archdiocese/donations for Ukraine.**

**LENTEN GATHERINGS:** Many people have asked about the films we did before the pandemic struck the world. DVD on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 14.00. We will show the film **The Song of Bernadette** in the meeting room. If you would like to bring a bottled drink and some light refreshments, you are welcome.

**LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHRISM MASS: 19.30 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

**THE LIVERPOOL PASSION PLAY – THIS IS OUR STORY** Monday 11 April 18.30 - 20.30 Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, St James' Mount, Liverpool L1 7AZ. The Liverpool Passion Plays tells the story of the last supper, as well as Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. Using the Cathedral's architecture and artwork as a backdrop, the audience will 'walk with Jesus' through his story, starting as a young boy, and witnessing his entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal by Judas, and his trial and crucifixion. The performance combines music, script and liturgy to demonstrate what Christ's suffering and resurrection means for us today. The play starts at 6:30pm and will finish at 8:30 pm. Entry is free but donations are welcomed to support the cathedral's choir tour fund. For more information visit: [www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/events-calendar/the-liverpool-passion-plays-this-is-our-story/](http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/events-calendar/the-liverpool-passion-plays-this-is-our-story/).

### **INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION – SIX WEEK COURSE**

At St Joseph's Anderton PR6 9LX. Tuesday mornings at 10.45 on April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. This will provide an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation to experience the practice in a small group, to learn about its origins, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world. For more information contact Bernadette Crosby. [mbernadettecrosby@gmail.com](mailto:mbernadettecrosby@gmail.com) or ring 07941 986259