

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 537 new cases in Chorley during the seven days to 7th April, a fall of 40% on the previous week. Thankfully the latest wave is subsiding somewhat, but Lancashire Teaching Hospitals (Preston and Chorley) had 124 admissions with Covid, from 28th March - 3rd April, an increase of 33%. Many of the new admissions were over-55's. A **second** booster is available to the over 75s and people who are categorised as immunosuppressant. A walk-in centre for the second booster is available in Market Walk in Chorley. In order to protect the vulnerable at St Mary's, we **will continue to wear masks and to sanitize hands.**

ROSEMERE FUNDRAISER: A night of music and fun in aid of the Rosemere Cancer Foundation. Back in Time in Music On Friday April 22nd at 7.30 at St Mary's Parish Centre Devonshire Road Chorley. Hot Pot. Butter Pie. Tombola. Raffle. Music by Sean Leonard and Lindsay. Chorley author Linda Sherlock will sign copies of her book "Shampoo and Set" with £5 from each book donated to Rosemere. Tickets £8 available in advance only from Denis 07759 158744

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. We might think of charities like Médecins sans Frontières, who do excellent and often heroic work in very poor countries and in conflict zones or areas of natural disasters. Charity and healthcare centres run in the world by the Church include: 5.245 hospitals, most of them in Africa (1.418) and in America (1.362); 14.963 dispensaries, mainly in Africa (5.307), America (4.043); 532 Care Homes for people with Leprosy, mainly in Asia (269) and Africa (201); 15.429 Homes for the elderly, or the chronically ill or people with a disability, mainly in Europe (8.031) and in America (3.642); 9.374 orphanages, mainly in Asia (3.233) and in Europe (2.247); 10.723 creches, mainly in Asia (2.973) and in America (2.957); 12.308 marriage counselling centres, mainly in Europe (5.504) and America (4.289); 3.198 social rehabilitation centres and 33.840 other kinds of institutes. (America includes both N. & S. America)

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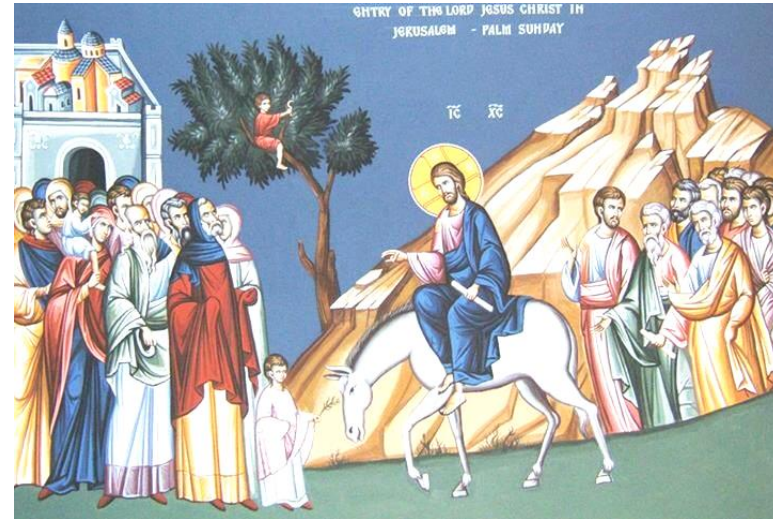
Parish Office: Tues – Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00–17.00

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

St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

PALM SUNDAY

10th APRIL 2022



Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If

any one asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it." So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.'

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

Sat 9th

16.15–16.45

17.00

Sun 10th

10.00

11.30

15.00

Mon 11th

Confessions (at porch of presbytery)

Mass – Thomas (A) and Imelda Roscoe

PALM SUNDAY (Mass book p. 184)

Mass – Joseph Conway (LD)

Mass at St Joseph's Anderton

Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday in Holy Week

12.00 **Requiem Mass – Kathleen Jackson**
Tues 12th **Tuesday in Holy Week**
12.00 **Mass – Rev John Cree (sick)**
Wed 13th **Wednesday in Holy Week**
12.00 **Mass – Christine Corcoran RIP**
Confessions as required after Mass
19.30 **LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHRISM MASS**

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Thurs 14th **HOLY (MAUNDAY) THURSDAY**
19.30 **Mass of the Lord's Supper – (Mass book p. 199)**
 For Ukraine and her people
Confessions as required after Mass

Fri 15th **GOOD FRIDAY** (Mass book p.204)
 10.30 *Stations of the Cross (St Alphonsus' version)*
 11.15 *Office of Readings and Morning Prayer*
 14.15-14.40 *Confessions*
15.00 **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
Confessions as required after the liturgy

Sat 16th **HOLY SATURDAY**
 11.00 *Office of Readings and Morning Prayer*
 11.30-11.50 *Confessions*
 12.00 *Paschal Food Blessing for the Polish community - Świąconka*
20.00 **Easter Vigil and Mass** (Mass book p.223) - Parishioners

Sun 17th **EASTER SUNDAY** (Mass book p.258)
10.00 **Mass – Andrew Waddington RIP**
 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 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*

GIFT AID ENVELOPES have arrived. In your box, please find the new system for Gift Aid collections. **The orange envelope** is for your monthly contributions. You can either put a cheque in or your cash for the whole month at any time of the month. Special collections are marked on the envelope and are a **different colour**.

We found that there was a lot of envelope wastage during the last two years and donors preferred to put in one donation and attached the envelopes unused. This is why we have changed the collection system. Also, please make sure that you pay

enough tax in claiming Gift Aid, to cover your donation amounts. This is very important.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Kathleen Jackson** (83) who died at home on 30th March. Requiem Mass on Monday 11th April at 12.00 noon followed by a service at Pleasington Crematorium. **Bridget Philomena Trimm** (85) who died on 1st April at The Lodge in Buckshaw Village. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 20th April at 15.00 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium. Bridget's ashes will be buried with her parents and her brother in Ireland. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...**

ANNIVERSARIES: Canon Richard Firth, Fr Michael O'Neil MHM, David Roden,
CONFESSIONS: During Holy Week following 12.00 noon Mass **Wednesday** at 12.30 (prompt), and on Holy Thursday and Good Friday after the main Liturgy likewise, at the presbytery front door. Also, on Holy Saturday morning at 11.30, before the Polish blessing of Easter food. If there is a queue, please respect other people's privacy and social distancing. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS are in the foyer, please take one home for your front window.

LENTEN GATHERINGS: Many people have asked about the films we did before the pandemic struck the world. DVD on Monday 11th April at 14.00. We will show the film **The Passion of the Lord** in the meeting room. If you would like to bring a bottled drink and some light refreshments, you are welcome.

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

HELP FOR UKRAINE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE: Last Thursday I was down in Liverpool at the Archdiocesan Offices, and had a chance to see all the work going on to collect, package and send off the humanitarian help to Ukraine, to Bishop Hryhorii – some for refugees in the Lviv and Drohobych areas, other foodstuffs and medical supplies for the bombed cities further east. Six more large transit vans are going out on 26th April, as far as the Ukrainian border at Medyka, where the goods are transferred to other vehicles. It is very heartening to see so many people working together for a vitally important cause. Above all keep praying for the suffering people of Ukraine, and that Putin's evil plans will be thwarted.

Bishop Hryhorii (Gregory) is very grateful to everyone; for every contribution and donation and for every effort that you have given. God bless you for your generosity and kindness.

BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION - BLACKBURN ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL Choristers and Blackburn Choir on Tuesday 12 April 7.30pm Blackburn Cathedral English Touring Opera celebrates Easter with Bach's towering St John Passion.



EASTER GREETINGS

*May I wish you a very blessed and happy Easter.
 Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless
 you all. Fr Marsden, Fr Mayne and Dcn Norman.*