

**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 ENVELOPES:** Please collect your boxes.

**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.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** There are 19 young people from this parish who will be confirmed by Bishop Neylon in July, at St Gregory's Church. Confirmation candidates from our parish are invited to Mass on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 17.00, here at St Mary's. There will be a 30 minute welcome and discussion after Mass in the church.

**CHURCH OPENING:** Now that summer is upon us, the church foyer is open most of the day until 17.00. The glass doors will be opened at 11.30 am for Mass and locked after the midday Mass. Please use the kneelers or chairs in the foyer when praying. The choir loft will remain alarmed at all times.

**WORLD MEETING IN ROME FOR FAMILIES** takes place 22-26 June. The message is that 'a family which prays together – stays together'. Please encourage your family to come to Mass and pray with you and for you. Perhaps you would like to pray as a family at home, reading the Bible or praying the rosary?

**DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE:** Last Thursday I was able to send out another £6963 to Bishop Gregory Komar of Ukraine, for the feeding and care of refugees, and for help (diesel, mostly!) with delivery of humanitarian supplies to central and eastern parts of the country. This money has come from donations here, and at St Joseph's Anderton, at St Joseph's Withnell, Fr Patsy Foley's parish and school and many other group efforts and part of my own parish allowance. Grateful thanks to all who have given. We will continue to collect funds. The situation is pretty dreadful in the Donbas, around Severodonetsk, with many soldiers being wounded and killed each day, each one of them someone's husband, father or son. Nevertheless, the resistance against Putin remains strong and determined. Please pray that Ukraine may receive all the practical help it needs. Holy Mother of God and Our Lady of Ukraine – pray for them.

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

## THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST CORPUS CHRISTI

19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022



*Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.*

*It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these*

*people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected, they filled twelve baskets.* Luke 9:11-17

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>**  
16.15-16.45

**17.00**

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>**

**12.00**

**12.45**

St John Rigby

Confessions

Mass – Roland Anderton / Parishioners

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)** (Mbook p. 83)

Mass – First Holy Communicants and Families

St Alban, first martyr of Britain

Mass – Derek Smith (A)

St Aloysius Gonzaga

Mass – Maureen Fletcher RIP

Funeral Service – Patricia Foster



**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** **St John Fisher and St Thomas More**

**12.00** Mass – Kathleen Durkin RIP p

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Birth of St John the Baptist**

12.00 *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**12.00** Mass – Michael Joyce (A)

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

16.15-16.45 *Confessions*

**17.00** Mass – Fr Kevin Mulhearn (A)

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (Mass book p. 102)

**10.00** Mass – Kathleen Jackson 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.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** **Brigid Cain** (94) who died on 1<sup>st</sup> June in St Catherine's Hospice. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Chorley at 11.00 am on 21<sup>st</sup> June followed by burial at St Gregory's Churchyard Chorley. **Patricia Foster** (66) who died on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 12.45 followed by cremation at Charnock Richard. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord....

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Kevin Mulhearn, Derek Smith, Donald Vigar.

**READERS:** 18<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00 Eileen McCarrick. 19<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.00 Yr 4 Parents of First Holy Communicants. Sat: 17.00 Richard Gillett. 26<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.00 Tracy O'Neil.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Yr 4 children who receive First Holy Communion on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, today. The children have been preparing since last September with weekly catechesis. They are a great group, and it has been an enormous pleasure to journey with them on the road of preparation for this great day. God bless them and their families.

### Corpus Christi

**Today we commemorate the Lord truly present in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which we partake and consume during every celebration of the Holy Mass. As Catholics, we all firmly believe that the Eucharist we partake and receive in the Holy Mass is the Most Holy and Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord Himself. We see this miracle occur at every Mass.**

**Although the appearance of the bread and wine remains, but the mystery of our faith in what is known as Transubstantiation means that the bread**

**and wine had actually, by the power of God, through the priests, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and the authority given to them by the Lord through His Church, become the very essence, reality and matter of the Lord's own Body and Blood. We have faith that this is the truth, and what we truly eat and drink is the Lord Himself, Whose Body has been broken for us, and Whose Blood has been shed and poured down to us, to wash us clean and to bring us to salvation and eternal life.**

**Now that the Sunday Obligation has been restored for those who are fit and able to come back to Mass, we could look back on the Pandemic Times and COVID – 19 as 'The Difficult Years' where we could not receive the Body and Blood of Christ but we could make a spiritual offering and join a Mass in Livestream, all over the world from our front rooms. It has taught many of us several things: 1. Mass and receiving Holy Communion is precious. 2. Churches could close for whatever period or reason at a moment's notice. 3. Priests are very precious. We need more men to consider Vocations into the Priesthood. We need more Priests. 4. We are lucky in what we have: priest, church, congregation and our health and well being and people to support us when needed.**

**I look forward to seeing you and your family at Mass, during the week if you can, and certainly at weekends. We move on to summer and better times and look forward to the visit of St Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes in September.**

The only cure for sagging of fainting faith is Communion. Though always Itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise. Frequency is of the highest effect. Seven times a week is more nourishing than seven times at intervals.—J.R.R. Tolkien

"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master." —St. John Vianney

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." —St. Maximilian Kolbe

"Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing" —St. Therese of Lisieux



Happy Father's Day to Dads, Pops, Grandpas and all who consider themselves to be protectors of their family. May St Joseph bless you all. Hope you have great day. For the Fathers who have gone to meet their rewards in heaven – we love you and we miss you. You are forever in our hearts.