

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. In urgent cases or emergency please ask the ward staff to call the duty 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.

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month at 10.45 (following the 10.00 am Mass). Please attend Mass and speak to Fr Marsden or Deacon Norman after Mass. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: **St Patrick's** Feast Day – 17th March. Solemnity of **St Joseph** – 20th March (Monday). Solemnity of **The Annunciation of The Lord** – 25th March. Holy Week starts with **Palm Sunday** on 2nd April. Sacred Triduum – **Holy Thursday** 6th April. **Good Friday** 7th April and **Easter Sunday** on 9th April. **Divine Mercy Sunday** on 16th April.

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR LENT? As a parish we warmly invite you to Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 11.30 am. Also, each Sunday of Lent we will hold a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 15.00. Each Tuesday we will pray the Holy Rosary after Mass. Please could you pray for peace in the Ukraine and other war zones in the world.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: We are now in the process of reordering your Gift Aid envelopes. Please remember that your envelope is a **monthly offering**; e.g. One envelope per month, apart from the special collections which will be a different colour to the monthly collection. There is also the option of donating BACS via your bank. If you donate via your bank, please consider making your donations monthly.

If you would like to donate your offerings and would like to Gift Aid the monies, please ask at the Parish Office for a form. You must be a UK Tax Payer and the amount that you offer must not exceed the amount of Tax you pay to HMRC on an annual basis.

We are always grateful for any donation. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be a Gift Aid contributor to St Mary's. It is a tremendous help to the parish, and it does not cost you more that you contribute. We receive 25% per pound for donations given where Tax has been paid by you.

DONATION LINK FOR ST MARY'S CHORLEY PARISH FUNDS:

<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-mary-chorley>

HEALTH & SAFETY You may be aware of the increase in numbers of the Norovirus virus. Please wash your hands frequently, especially after using baskets and trolleys in shops or getting petrol. If you have Norovirus symptoms – **DO NOT COME TO CHURCH.** Stay at home, seek medical help if needed, and get better. Thank you.

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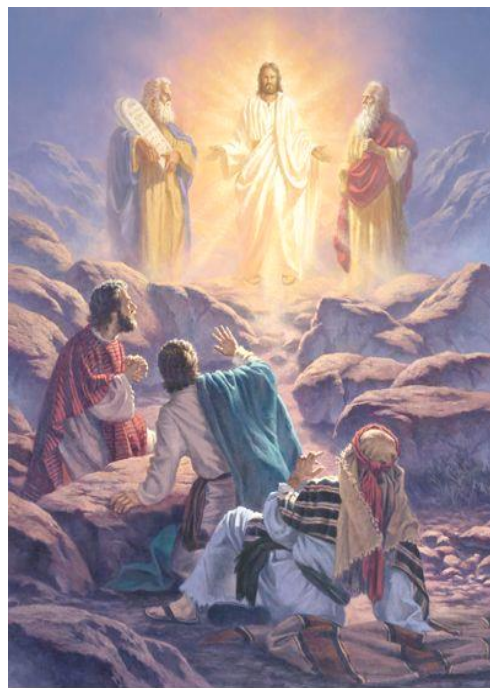
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5th MARCH 2023



Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to

him.'

When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'
Matthew 17:1-9

Sat 4th

16.15 - 16.45

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Jim Simmons (LD) / Parishioners

Sun 5th

10.00

15.00

Mon 6th

10.00

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (p.155)

Mass – Kathleen Watmough (A)

Holy Hour – Adoration and quiet prayer. Evening Prayer at 15.45



Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tues 7th 12.00	<u>Ss Perpetua and Felicity</u> Mass – William Morris (LD)
Wed 8th 10.00	<u>St John of God</u> <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Thurs 9th 12.00	<u>St Frances of Rome</u> <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Fri 10th 11.30 12.00	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Mass – Desmond Gorman (LD)
Sat 11th 16.15 -16.45 17.00	<i>Confessions</i> Mass – Derek Smith (birthday remembrance) / Parishioners
Sun 12th 10.00 15.00	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (p.158) Mass – Christina Mosscrop (LD) Holy Hour – Adoration and quiet prayer. Evening Prayer at 15.45

N.B. Please note the changes to the Services this week, 10.00 rather than 09.00 on Monday and Wednesday.

Restoration Fund collection this weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Emily Atkins, Kevin Bailey, Derek Birchall, John and Margaret Brown, Dorothy Burgoyne, John Campbell, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, Hughie Daly, Colette Ellis, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Mary Langton, Fr Laurence Mayne, Fr Barry McAllister, Debbie MacFarlane, Fr Michael O'Dowd, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Eileen Snape, Terry Tingey, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **William Morris** (69) who died in Chorley Hospital on 22nd February. Requiem Mass at St Oswald's Coppull on Monday 6th March at 11.00 am followed by burial in the church cemetery. William served here as an Altar Server for many years. He was very faithful to his ministry of serving at The Lord's Altar. Parishioners may remember him walking his dog down Pall Mall and living in Gloucester Road. He enjoyed his cuppa and biscuits after Mass and a talk with people he knew. Thank you, William, for all your hard work and dedication to St Mary's. God rest his soul and may he rest in peace. Amen. Also **Doreen McMellon** (90's) at Gillibrand Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Zosia Neisser, Alice Joyce, John Ginty, John Leach, Patrick Barron.

READERS: **Sat: 4th 17.00** Gillian Sharples. **Sun: 5th 10.00** Simon Eccles. **Sat: 11th 17.00** Eileen McCarrick. **Sun: 12th 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles.

LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION throughout Lent is via St Anthony's Box. Thank you.

TÜRKIJE – SYRIA COLLECTION: Thank you for your generosity. The collection was £240.00 and it was sent to The Red Cross Emergency Disaster Relief Fund.

NUGENT COLLECTION: A retiring collection will take place on the weekend of 18th and 19th March. Thank you.

HOLY HOUR ON SUNDAYS IN LENT: I invite you to come to your church and spend one hour, or as much as you can and observe a Lenten tradition in this parish. The TV

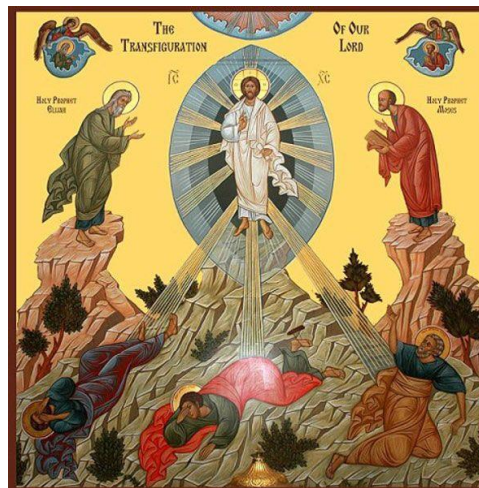
can wait, and the sofa will be relieved. Give your time to be with The Lord who gave us everything for our salvation. Thank you.

THANK YOU to Fr Crowther who is supplying this week for Fr Marsden while he and Fr Ball go on a Priests' Retreat in Walsingham. **Please note the changes to the Services during the week. Mass will be celebrated on Tues and Fri at 12.00 noon. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion will be on Mon, Wed at 10.00 am. Thursday remains the same as usual.**

MARCH SERVICES: We will continue to have our Masses in the warmer sacristy for the next few weeks (by popular demand). However, Stations of the Cross and the Mass on Fridays will be in the main church.

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION : will be held at St Gregory's Weld Bank, on Sunday 26th March at 15.00, and at St Mary's Leyland on Wednesday 29th March at 19.00. Confessions here are available on Saturdays from 16.15 – 16.45.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - REFLECTION



We are invited today to listen to the beloved Son, as the Father has instructed: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." **Listening is different than hearing.** We may hear different things or voices around us, but to listen is to be very attentive to what God is saying and living it out in our lives. This is being open to God's word, by having our minds and heart shaped by it, and living it out. By listening to His Word, we are nourished spiritually, made pure or whole, so that we may rejoice in beholding God's glory. Through partaking in the mystery of the Eucharist, we are partaking of the things of heaven, we partake in His divine life. The Transfiguration is the

manifestation of God's glory, a glory that we are called to share. The suffering and death of Christ was a scandal for his apostles, so the Transfiguration is a sign of hope, a foreshadowing of the conquest and glory to come. So too our own sufferings and struggles in life are transfigured. We are especially blessed today that we may be faithful to the Good News and that we too may join Christ in glory. Fr Anthony Fyk.

Can we offer up our suffering in whatever form they may be? Loneliness, illness, estranged from family members, anxiety in daily life, having enough money to pay the bills and buy food. Our personal and private sufferings, only known between God and the person, can be offered as a penance or for Souls in Purgatory. Unite your suffering and disappointments to Our Blessed Lord carrying His Cross. Be assured that in God's Mercy and love you are not alone.

ROSARY DURING LENT Please could we have volunteer leaders for the Rosary on Tuesdays after Mass? Thank you. As we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries, could we pray for peace in the Ukraine, much needed aid to Türkiye and Syria and for the many teenager victims of the train crash in Tempi – Larissa (Greece).