

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.

HEALTH & SAFETY You may be aware of the increase in numbers of the Norovirus and COVID virus. Please wash your hands frequently, especially after using baskets or trolleys in shops or getting petrol. If you have Norovirus or COVID symptoms or a bad cold – **do not come to church.** Stay at home, seek medical help if needed, and get better. It is not charitable to spread infectious illnesses to others, putting their health and even their lives at risk! Some people are not realising this. Please play your part in limiting the spread of infections.

HOLY WEEK AND SACRED TRIDUUM

Wed 5th

19.30

Chrism Mass at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Thurs 6th

19.30

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose 20.30 and Night Prayer 21.30.

Fri 7th

10.30

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross

15.00

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Sat. 8th

12.00

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of the Paschal Food (Polish, Ukrainian.)

20.15

EASTER VIGIL

Sun 9th

10.00

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS

In today's Gospel Jesus responds to Martha: 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he die, he will live' (Jn 11:25-26). Here is the novelty that breaks and goes beyond every barrier! Christ destroys the wall of death; in him there dwells the fullness of God, who is life, eternal life. For this reason death did not have power over him; and Lazarus' resurrection is the sign of his complete dominion over physical death, which before God is like a dream" (cf. Jn 11:11).

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26th MARCH 2023

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'



Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without tumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him. 'He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest, he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come, she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe

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that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'
John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Sat 25th

16.15 - 16.45

17.00

Sun 26th

10.00

15.00

15.00

Mon 27th

09.00

Tues 28th

12.00

Wed 29th

09.00

19.00

Thurs 30th

12.00

Fri 31st

11.30

12.00

Sat 1st April

16.15 - 16.45

17.00

Sun 2nd

10.00

15.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Canon Brendan Alger, 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, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, 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: **Hughie Daly** (91) died on 23rd March. Requiem Mass at St Gregory's on Mon 3rd April at 10.00. **Margaret McAteer** (83) wife of Michael. Service at Charnock Richard Crematorium on Tues 4th April at 15.30. **Brian Dunn**, who was Head of Surveying at the Archdiocesan Offices, died of cancer on 23rd March after a long illness. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.....

ANNIVERSARIES: Pope St John Paul II, Lauren Owen, Peter Higgins, Kathleen Jackson, Fr Anthony Fleming.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS are available in the narthex. Please help yourself.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Confessions

Mass – Kathleen Jackson (A) / Pro Pop

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (p.170)

Mass – Andrew Waddington

Holy Hour – Adoration and quiet prayer.

Evening Prayer at 15.45

Service of Reconciliation at St Gregory's Weld Bank. PR7 3NW

Mass – William Morris (LD)

Mass – Elizabeth O'Donoghue (LD)

Mass – Mary and Tom (A) Nightingale

Service of Reconciliation at St Mary's Leyland

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

Stations of the Cross

Mass – Peter Higgins (A)

Confessions

Mass – Lauren Owen (A) / Parishioners

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Mbook p.176)

Mass – Hilda Lopacinski RIP

Weather permitting, we will begin outside church with a procession.

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



BAPTISMS: Please see Dcn Norman or Fr Marsden after Mass to obtain the Baptism Application Form and Order of Service and discuss the baptism details.

NUGENT COLLECTION: Catholic Social Services. A retiring collection will take place next weekend. Thank you.

PASSIONTIDE BEGINS THIS WEEKEND: If you would like to help in preparing the church for Holy Week and Easter, please contact Dr Jane/ Alison Prior to help with the flowers, or the cleaning team on Thursday mornings at 09.30. At this time of year, we request help to prepare our church for the walk with Jesus on the road to Calvary, and to take part in celebrating his wondrous Resurrection.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to take a Palm Cross when visiting the sick and housebound.

READERS: Sat: 25th 17.00 Gillian Sharples. **Sun: 26th 10.00** Tracy O'Neill.

Palm Sunday: 1st April. 17.00. Gillian Sharples and Kinga Grzeczynska

2nd April. 10.00. Dcn Norman and Simon Eccles

Holy Thursday: 19.30. Eileen McCarrick.

Good Friday: 15.00. Dr Jane Eccles and Tracy O'Neill

Easter Vigil: 20.15 Andrew Jenner, Eleanor Jenner and St Joseph's Anderton Readers

Easter Sunday: 10.00 Simon Eccles

CHORLEY GUILD SINGERS present the **FAURÉ REQUIEM** and music by Mozart, Haydn, Bach and Vierne. 7.30 pm, Saturday 1st April at St Laurence's Church, Chorley. Tickets £12 from choir members or available on the door.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES The Bishops Conference of England and Wales have indicated that where possible, Holy Communion can be resumed under both species. However, in consideration of the COVID numbers rising again in this area, we will wait for several weeks and see how the situation develops.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES have arrived and will be labeled with your name. Please come to the parish office to collect them. Thank you. Please remember that the envelope for each **month** is in the box. We do not have weekly envelopes anymore. You can hand in your gift aid envelope any time in the month. If anyone would like to use the bank transfer (BACS) to make a gift aid donation, please complete one of the forms on the books and newspapers table.

LENTEN SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION are at St Gregory's Weld Bank, this Sunday 26th March at 15.00, and St Mary's Leyland on Wednesday 29th March 19.00.

QUOTATIONS FOR REFLECTION: "What good would it have done Lazarus when he came out of the tomb, if it had not been said, "Unbind him and let him go"? He came forth bound, not on his own feet, therefore, but by some power leading him. Let this be in the heart of the penitent: when you hear a man confessing his sins, he has already come to life again; when you hear a man lay bare his conscience in confessing, he has already come forth from the sepulcher; but he is not yet unbound. When is he unbound? By whom is he unbound? "Whatever you loose on earth," Jesus says, "shall be unloosed in heaven." Rightly is the loosing of sins able to be given by the Church, but the dead man cannot be raised to life again except by the Lord's calling him interiorly, for this latter is done by God in a more interior way. (St Augustine) "Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity." "Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die."