

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

White Fathers' Mission Appeal 6/7 May

Ascension Thursday 18th May

Confirmations at St Mary's - Friday 19th May with Bishop Thomas Neylon

Pentecost 28th May, Trinity Sunday 4th June,

First Holy Communions – Sun 11th June Corpus Christi

Visitation by Bishop Neylon. Sun 24/25 June and week following.

Liverpool Cathedral Mass for Lourdes Centenary 5pm Sunday 25th June

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS – REFLECTION

Most of us, at a certain age in our past, chose which road to travel in our personal and family lives, our careers, our education, and our Faith. Those choices we made is probably evident in our surroundings now. *You shall reap as you sow!* The roads that we travel during our lives can be full of excitement and happiness, joy and laughter. Sadly, there may have been times when there have been sadness and tears, arguments and upset. Encountering Our Blessed Lord on these roads, in the form of a needy relative or a sick friend, a stranger who needed help or food, tells us that Jesus Christ can be found in anyone who we meet 'on the road' in our lives. Sometimes, when we look back on events, we contemplate at what happened and how it happened? The guidance of our guardian angels and our prayers to our saints, give us a little nudge from time to time and we can realise that we are not walking along the road on our own, but indeed with a little help from a very generous and merciful God. Some people put their bets on luck and good fortune but we the followers of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, have our belief in the Resurrection and prayers in our hearts, as we put our trust in The Lord to accompany us on every road that will hopefully lead us to heaven and into God's presence and Our Blessed Lady and Saints.

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

23rd APRIL 2023



Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said, 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them.

And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.
Luke 24:13-35

Sat 22nd

16.15-45

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Pauline Fairhurst

Sun 23rd

10.00

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass – Canon Richard Firth (A) and Fr Michael O'Neill (A)

Mon 24th

09.00

St George Patron of England

Mass – Roland Anderton

Tues 25th

12.00

St Mark, Evangelist

Mass – Christine Corcoran

Wed 26th

12.00

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thurs 27th

12.00

St Maughold, Bishop (Isle of Man)

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 28th

St Peter Chanel, St Louis Marie de Monfort

Mass – John Bernard Doyle

Sat 29th

16.15-45

17.00

St Catherine of Siena, Co-Patron of Europe

Confessions

Mass – Carl Andrew Spear (LD)

Sun 30th

10.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass – Andrew Waddington

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, Colette Ellis, Carole Foczke, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Fr Laurence Mayne, Fr Barry McAllister, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Terry Tingey, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

Please contact the Parish Office if there is a need to remove a name from the sick list. Anyone who would like to have their name removed please ring 01257 262537. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Carl Andrew Spear** (39) who died suddenly in Wigan on 7th April. Funeral Service on Thursday 11th May at 15.30 followed by interment at Charnock Richard Crematorium. **Fr Peter Haverty** (88) who died on Easter Thursday and was a member of Opus Dei in Manchester. He had been 60 years in the Priesthood. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Gerard Lee, Leo Bolton, Albert Southworth, Stephen Walsh, Veronica Prior, Doreen Thompson.

READERS: **Sat: 22nd April. 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 23rd 10.00** Tracy O' Neill.

Sat: 29th 17.00 Gillian Sharples. **Sun: 30th 10.00** Simon Eccles.

THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA also known as "The White Fathers" are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. **Fr Ferdinand van Campen is coming to preach the missionary appeal on 6/7th May.** There will be a collection after Mass for the White Fathers.

"Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare, the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa....and above all else to build up the leadership of the Churches." To donate online here is our website: www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations or transfer directly to our bank account: Society of Missionaries of Africa A/c No 82296731 Sort Code 60-21-07

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Service on Wednesday at **12.00 noon** followed by the usual Service on Thursday at 12.00 noon.

SPONSOR A WHEELCHAIR APPEAL has been started by the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Office. The cost is £400 for a wheelchair with an engraved plaque dedicated in someone's memory or cause. More details available on loudepilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk or please ring our central offices on 0151 522 1000 and ask for Lourdes Pilgrimage Office.

LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL: On Sunday 30th April, Bishop Kenneth Nowakowsky will preside at this Pontifical Divine Liturgy, which will start at 3:00pm. His Grace, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP will also join this special Mass. In advance of the Eurovision Song Contest, it will be an occasion to celebrate Mass in the Byzantine Tradition to pray for peace and an end to the invasion of Ukraine as well as the success of the Eurovision Events. Please car share if you intend to go and let others know if you have room in the car. Thank you. This will be a very special occasion and as you know Liverpool is hosting the Eurovision song contest on behalf of Ukraine.



POPE FRANCIS has generously gifted King Charles III relics from The True Cross which are placed in the new Cross of Wales and will lead the Coronation Procession on 6th May. The King has given the Cross as a centenary gift to the Church in Wales. The inscription on the Cross reads – 'Be joyful, keep the Faith and do the little things'.

The two pieces of the relics are found in the centre of the Cross. On Friday 5th May after the 12.00 noon, there will be light refreshments at the back of

the church and a toast for our new sovereign, King Charles III.