

**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:**

Ascension Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Confirmations at St Mary's - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May with Bishop Thomas Neylon

Pentecost 28<sup>th</sup> May, Trinity Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June,

First Holy Communions – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June Corpus Christi

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

Liverpool Cathedral Mass for Lourdes Centenary 5pm Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June



**PRAYER ON THE OCCASION OF THE CORONATION: *Our Father in heaven, we pray today for our new King Charles III. Grant him your peace as he commits himself again to your service. Give him strength and perseverance as he promises to serve us all as King. May he know you are walking with him day by day.***

After the 12.00 Mass on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we will be having a glass of bubbly and a snack to celebrate the Coronation Weekend. Everyone welcome. God save the King.

**CONFIRMATION CARDS:** Could parents/carers and grandparents please make sure that the information on the Confirmation Card is in capital letters, accurate and legible).

Wherever your child was baptised, please write the full name, address and country of the church. We have to send notice of the Confirmation having taken place to the church of baptism, for recording in the candidate's Baptismal Register entry. Please also write the full name of the Sponsor, not just "Auntie Dorothy" or Uncle Tom". Please note: Parents **cannot** be Sponsors. Thank you.

**IN MEMORY OF AVA WHITE** (12) who was fatally stabbed in Liverpool City Centre in November 2021, all the Archdiocesan parish centres have now an emergency bleed control kit. Heather Cheyne has confirmed that our parish centre has received this kit.

**LOST PROPERTY:** Have you lost your glasses, gloves, hats, or umbrellas? Please have a look at the lost property box. At the beginning of May, if not claimed, the contents of the box will go to a charity shop.

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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)

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# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER VOCATIONS SUNDAY

30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023



*Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'* Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

*So, Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'* John 10:1-10

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup>**

16.15

17.00

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup>**

10.00

**St Catherine of Siena, Co-Patron of Europe**

*Confessions*

**Mass** – Parishioners / The Spear Family

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (Mass book p.262)

**Mass** – Andrew Waddington RIP

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**09.00**

St Joseph the Worker

**Mass – McCrory Family RIP**

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**12.00**

St Athanasius

**Mass – Mary and Tom Nightingale RIP**

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**09.00**

**Ss Philip and James, Apostles**

**Mass – Leo Bolton (A) and deceased family members**

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

**Feast of the English Martyrs**

*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

**Mass – Coronation of King Charles III**

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup>**

**16.15**

*Confessions*

**17.00**

**Mass – Roland Anderton RIP**

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (p.265)

**Mass – Parishioners**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:** Canon Brendan Alger, Emily Atkins, Vincent Aspinall, Kevin Bailey, Derek Birchall, Patrick Bolger, 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.**

**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** is for the **PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** **Carl Andrew Spear** (39) who died on 7<sup>th</sup> April in Wigan. Funeral Service on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 15.30 at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** **Canon Peter Cronin** (PP at Sacred Heart, Chorley), **Dcn Ronald Strickland** (Sacred Heart Chorley) **Fr Michael Lee, Leo Bolton,**

**READERS: Sat: 29<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Gillian Sharples. **Sun: 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Simon Eccles. **Sat: 6<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Andrew Jenner. **Sun: 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles.

**ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM McMAHON O.P.** His Grace came to Liverpool from Nottingham, and on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 was installed as our Archbishop in the Cathedral. We thank the good Lord for giving us a good and secure Father of the Archdiocese.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**THE CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED LADY** will take part during the Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am. The Children from Little Church will crown Our Lady's statue.

Please come to Mass and take part in this special parish custom.

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY:** Could we please have someone lead the Rosary after Mass, during May? Thank you.



**VOCATIONS SUNDAY:** Please pray for vocations in the Sacred Priesthood and Religious Life. Currently we have 7 seminarians in the Archdiocese. The fact is that we are very short of Priests, and we need men who are eligible to consider a vocation in serving others, and being a representative of Our Blessed Lord in our parishes.

This is a very serious matter because in a few years' time, we will definitely not have enough priests locally, and taking into account retirements and illnesses, the number of active priests in Chorley will be only three.

**'God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults'.**

**RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR**

**MARRIAGES: Help Your Marriage –** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**JESUS AS 'THE GATE' REVEALS**

Jesus is the only way into the sheepfold and the family of God.

1. Jesus is the One who keeps all believers secure and saved.
2. Jesus keeps all who would harm His sheep out of the sheepfold or the true family of God.
3. Jesus knows your name if you are within the sheepfold or the family of God.
4. Jesus provides pasture or the necessities of life for the sheepfold or the family of God.
5. Jesus gives eternal life to those in the sheepfold or the family of God.
6. Jesus has a personal relationship with each one in the family of God and they know Him and His voice.
7. Jesus is illustrating the truth revealed in John 14:6 when He said, "... No one comes to the Father except through me."
8. Jesus is the LORD (YHWH), the Good Shepherd.
9. Jesus will judge those who are unwilling to enter through the door but seek to enter God's kingdom another way.

