

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 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

CONFIRMATION CARDS: Could parents/carers 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 Confirmation to the church of baptism, for recording in the candidate's Baptismal Register entry. Please write the full name of the Sponsor, not just "Auntie Mary" or "Fred next door." Parents **cannot** be Sponsors. Thank you.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE: is this Tuesday 9th May, is a day of prayer for those who have been abused and is held in the Easter season of hope and new life. A focus for this year is an ongoing project which seeks to support parishes, communities and individuals which have been affected by the abuse of victims in particular where there is an allegation against a member of the clergy. If anyone would like to speak to Safeguarding Reps (Kinga Grzeczynska, Alison O'Keeffe, Simon Eccles), please contact the Parish Office (01257 262537) or Archdiocesan Safeguarding Lead; Mark Robson (0151 522 1103). safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Eparch of the Ukrainian Church in England and Wales, celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 30th April in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, with Fr Taras Khomych (Liverpool) and Fr Andriy Tseputa (Manchester) Archbishop McMahan OP and other priests including Fr Marsden concelebrated. It was a splendid occasion, with Ukrainian choirs from Manchester and Liverpool singing. Ukrainians gathered and prayed for peace and stability in their homeland. Please continue praying for peace. Thank you.

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Parish Office: Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00–17.00

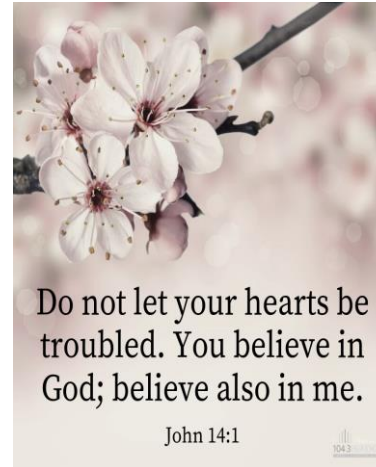
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th MAY 2023



Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

John 14:1-12

Sat 6th

16.15

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Roland Anderton RIP

Sun 7th

10.00

11.00

11.30

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p.265)

Mass – Parishioners

Baptism – Aria Taylor

Baptism - Rowan Andrew Brown

Mon 8th

09.00

Mass – Private Intention

Tues 9th

12.00

Mass – Deceased members of Ginty family

Wed 10th
12.00 St John of Avila
Eucharistic Service with Liturgy of the Word

Thurs 11th
15.30 *Funeral Service for Carl Andrew Spear*

Fri 12th
12.00 St Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras
Mass – Hilda Lopacinski (birthday remembrance)

Sat 13th
16.15 Our Lady of Fatima
Confessions

17.00 **Mass** – Jim Simmons RIP

Sun 14th
10.00 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (p.268)
Mass – with Crowning of Our Lady's statue:

Pauline Fairhurst & family
Baptism – Libby Rose Bird

11.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Canon Brendan Alger, Emily Atkins, Vincent Aspinall, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Kevin Bailey (83)** who died on 1st May in Stocks Hall Nursing Home in Burscough. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 16th May at 14.00 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium. **Carl Andrew Spear (39)** who died on 7th April in Wigan. Funeral Service on Thursday 11th May at 15.30 in church and then followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium at 16.30. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

ANNIVERSARIES: Marika Woods, James Gildert, Fr Krzysztof Toporowski,

READERS: Sat: 6th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska. **Sun: 7th 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles. **Sat: 13th 17.00** Gillian Sharples. **Sun: 14th 10.00** Tracy O'Neill. **Sat: 17.00** Andrew Jenner. **21st 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles.

THE CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED LADY will take part during the 10.00 Mass on Sunday 14th May, on the weekend of Our Lady of Fatima, the children from Little Church will Crown Our Lady's statue. Please come to Mass and take part in this special parish custom. The children in school Crowned Our Lady last Wednesday.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES' MEETING in church at **16.00 on Tuesday 16th May**, to run through final details about the ceremony on Fri 19th and to answer any questions which the candidates may have.

FIRST CONFESSIONS FOR YEAR 4 CHILDREN took place in school last Wednesday. Thank you to Fr Crowther for assisting Fr Marsden. We are now finishing off the catechesis in preparation for First Holy Communion. Soon we will have practice sessions in church. On Ascension Thursday, 18th May, a Holy Day of Obligation, Yrs 3-5 will attend 09.00 Mass. (Yr 6 are away that day).

SUPPLY VANS TO UKRAINE: This weekend six drivers in three vans, representing the Archdiocese of Liverpool will head out to Ukraine with urgent medical supplies. God speed and have a good trip. Bishop Gregory is very grateful for any medical supplies.

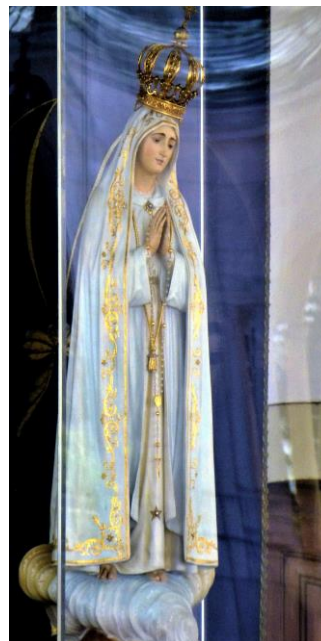
THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA also known as "**THE WHITE FATHERS**" are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Fr Ferdinand van Campen is coming to preach the missionary appeal this weekend.

"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 Name: Society of Missionaries of Africa Account no. 82296731 Sort code 60-21-07

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Saturday 13th May. On 13th May 1917, towards the end of



World War I and before the Communist revolution in Russia, the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children - Lucia, 9, her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6 - at the Cova da Iria near the village of Fatima, Portugal.. It was an apparition of 'a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun' who said to them, "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded, "I come from Heaven." The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. She asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to "say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families.

Mary appeared on 13th of each month up to October that year, except for a delay in August when the local mayor of Ourém kidnapped the children and threatened to boil them in oil if they stuck to their story. They refused to deny their testimony even under fear of death. On 13th October 70,000 people turned out to see

the promised miracle. The blazing sun became like a pearly disc, which began to spin and throw out bright colours. It then seemed to "dance" in the sky, and at one point zig-zagged as if it were about to fall to the earth, terrifying the multitudes. The astonishing phenomena were witnessed up to 40 km away. The Bishop of Leiria first approved the apparitions as genuine, as did Rome. The next day even the atheistic and Freemasonic newspapers in Lisbon reported "How the sun danced at Fatima."

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE MINISTRY OF BISHOP TOM WILLIAMS:

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on **Wednesday 17th May 2023** (Vigil of the Ascension) at 19.00 in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Everyone is invited to the Mass and the reception which follows.