

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

First Holy Communions – 10.00 Sun 11th June (Corpus Christi)

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

Liverpool Cathedral Mass for Lourdes Centenary 17.00 Sunday 25th June

ADVANCE NOTICE: During our visitation period with Bishop Tom Neylon – 24/25 June, you are invited to the parish centre after the weekend Masses for a meeting with the Bishop. It is an opportunity to acquaint ourselves with the new Bishop and discuss parish

BLESSED LAWRENCE RICHARDSON (30th May) of Great Crosby, Lancashire, was an English martyr. He appears in one of our five martyrs' windows on the north side beneath the Centenary Window. Born Lawrence Johnson, he was the son of Richard Johnson, of Great Crosby, Lancashire, and a Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford. He was ordained priest at Douai in March 1577. and afterwards, taking the name of Richardson, left for the English Mission, in late July. He often celebrated Mass at Park Hall for the Charnock family, who built Astley Hall sometime after 1576.

In 1581, Richardson was arrested in London on his way to France and imprisoned in Newgate, charged with complicity in the pretended "Rheims and Rome plot". When offered pardon if he would confess having taken part in this pretended plot against Queen Elizabeth his answer was: "I cannot confess an untruth; neither can I deny my Faith." He was executed at Tyburn on 30th May 1582, together with St Luke Kirby. He was beatified in 1886.

QUIZ NIGHT in the Parish Centre every Thursday at 19.30. Now the days are getting longer, perhaps you would like to take part in the Quiz night and visit the parish centre.

HALF TERM: Wishing Mr Smyth, his staff and all the children and their families a happy and safe half term. Please remember to teach or remind your children and grandchildren (whatever their age) not to swim in reservoirs, lakes or open water.

NEW MASS BOOKS: The time has come to change the Mass books to Year A Volume 2. If you have any old Mass books at home, please bring them in so we can put them away for another three years. The two Volumes of Year A are easily mistaken being so close in colour.

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

PENTECOST SUNDAY

28th MAY 2023



In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them

his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

John 20:19-23

Sat 27th

16.15

17.00

Sun 28th

10.00

Mon 29th

10.00

Tues 30th

12.00

Wed 31st

10.00

Thurs 1st June

12.00

St Augustine of Canterbury

Confessions

Mass – Parishioners / McCrory deceased family members

PENTECOST SUNDAY (p.288)

Mass – Ann Colette Bury RIP

Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Blessed Lawrence Richardson of Great Crosby

Mass – Sp Int (JM)

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 2nd
14.00 Ss Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Requiem Mass – Eveline Ogden

Sat 3rd
16.15 St Charles Lwanga and Companions
Confessions

17.00 **Mass** – Thora, Thomas, Kathleen Huddy RIP

Sun 4th
10.00 **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** (p.81 in new Mass book. Year A Vol.2.)
Mass – Parishioners



NB: Note the times of the Services on Mon and Wed.
No 12.00 Mass on Friday because of the 14.00 Requiem.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:

Fr Barry McAllister, Canon Brendan Alger, Emily Atkins, Patrick Bolger, John and Margaret Brown, Dorothy Burgoyne, John Campbell, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, Colette Ellis, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, 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: **Francis Loughlin** (75) who died at home on 8th May. Funeral Service will be held on Friday 9th June at 13.30 followed by committal in Charnock Richard Crematorium. **Vincent Aspinall** (father of Margaret Evans) who died on 13th May in Wigan. Requiem Mass will be held in St Mary's Wigan on 9th June. **Paul Tuson** (77) who died on 6th May in Wigan Infirmary. Requiem Mass will be offered on Monday 5th June at 13.00 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium. **Fr Gerald Hicks OFM Conv** who died on 13th May. He was Parish Priest of St Anthony's Mossley Hill, Liverpool. **Jacqueline Russell** (76) who died on 17th May in Gillibrand Hall Nursing Home. **Eveline Ogden** (100) who died on 18th May in Adelphi Nursing Home. Requiem Mass on Friday 2nd June at 14.00 followed by committal at 15.30 at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

ANNIVERSARIES: Thora Huddy, Irena Hinawski, Annie Turner, Elsie Smith, Tom Seed, Janet Bolton.

READERS: 27th Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples. **28th Sun: 10.00** Simon Eccles. **Sat: 3rd 17.00.** Kinga Grzeczynska. **Sun: 4th 10.00** Tracy O'Neill.

CONFIRMATIONS: Thank you to everyone who contributed to a very special evening with Bishop Tom Neylon and the young people from Holy Cross Catholic High School, who were confirmed on Friday evening. If any adult is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Fr Marsden or Deacon Norman. You will be welcome.

NEW APOSTOLIC NUNCIO IN LONDON: After presenting his credentials to the newly crowned King Charles III, the new Nuncio Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía attended a special Ascension Day Mass of welcome. Cardinal Nichols described the Catholics of England and Wales as “a faithful people” with a “depth of faith in our history and in our hearts.” The Apostolic Nuncio is the personal representative of the Pope to the Court of St James's. He represents the Holy See to the UK Government. Cardinal Nichols said a new nuncio is “a way of strengthening our communion with Peter and of us taking our place in the Catholic Church throughout the world.”

EXAM TIME: Good luck to anyone taking exams. May the Holy Spirit help you to do yourselves justice. Keep calm and you will get through. Try your best and remember no one can ask for more if you do your best.

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH AT PENTECOST

The explosion of grace on that Pentecost day (Acts 2:1-11) changed people forever, changed how they thought, spoke, and related. Frightened fishermen cowering in the cenacle became fearless evangelists who gave the testimony of their lives. They might have looked the same and kept the same day job. but inside they were different people after that, and so was the world once the Church burst upon the scene. The story of Pentecost is a story of the power of the spiritual, the importance of feelings, relationships, and religious dimensions of the human person and of the universe. “Come Holy Spirit.” This simple prayer goes to the core of our being. It is our soul reaching out to the divine, our heart speaking to the Sacred Heart, our spirit inspired by His. For, like God, we are spiritual beings, even if like Christ we



are bodily beings also. There is more to us than biology and money, important as these are. It is our **souls** that inform our bodies, making them live bodies, human bodies, it is our souls that ground our consciousness, rationality and freedom, enabling good choices or ill, salvation or damnation, prayer and blessing, creativity and art, sympathy and immortality.

In today's Gospel (Jn 20:19-23), Jesus by-passes the barriers of isolation and distancing, and re-joins His lonely disciples in the flesh, even letting them see and touch His hands and side. But first He says “Shalom! Peace be with you” – God's Peace and Presence be with you. He breathes the Holy Spirit of Peace and Presence over them. At Pentecost that Spirit comes, to warm their cold hearts, enflame their tepid souls, fuel a deep passion for the things of God and the service of people, sufficient to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to the very ends of the earth. (Abp Anthony Fisher OP)

If we think back to the day of our Confirmation, in which church we were Confirmed and by which Bishop, our Confirmation name and why we chose it, and who our sponsor was, memories of that very special day are worth remembering and thinking about. You may want to consider praying for your parents, the sponsor and indeed the Bishop who Confirmed you. Pentecost is a good time to look at the gifts of the Holy Spirit and ask yourself if you still have the 7 gifts or have you forgotten about them. Each year we celebrate our birthdays, we have the opportunity to celebrate the Birth of our Church at Pentecost. We are very lucky to have such a beautiful church, daily Mass opportunities and a resident Priest. Whether you say Pentecost or Whitsun, please have a very nice day with lovely memories of your Confirmation.