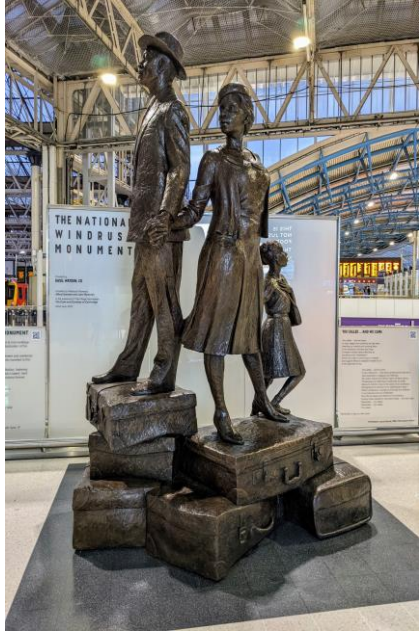


CHORLEY AND PRESTON HOSPITALS: Please contact St Joseph's Chorley (262713) if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and needs a visit. In urgent cases or emergency please ask the ward staff to call the duty Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston 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.



exhibition in Chorley library on the first – floor. Please have a look if you have time.

NURSERY INFORMATION: St Mary's Primary School and Nursey is an exciting place for your child to develop their education. The nursery and school are grounded on Roman Catholic principles with high educational standards that enable your child to reach full potential before transferring to High Schools. The staff are very supportive encouraging every child to become creative, confident and reaching the expected academic national standards or beyond. Please contact Mrs Wilson for further information on Nursery places. 01257 262811

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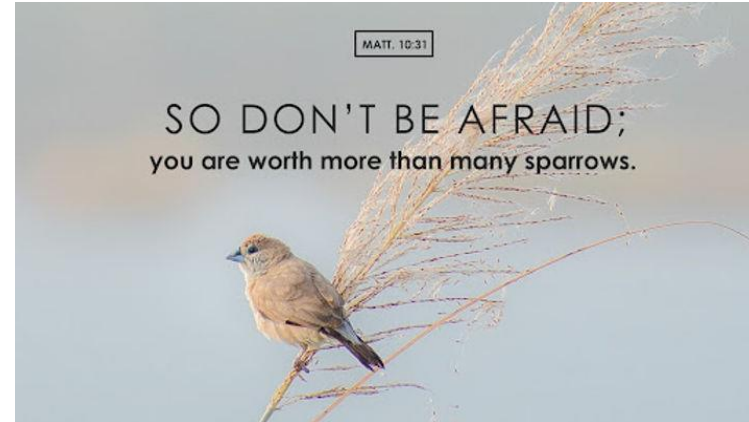
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75th ANNIVERSARY: This is the national Windrush Monument by Basil Watson, made from bronze and unveiled at Waterloo Station, London, in June 2022. The monument pays tribute to the new arrivals from The British Empire to Britain, after answering Mr Churchill's call to make new lives in Great Britain. The people who answered the Call came with their ambitions, courage and made many contributions to lots of communities, after leaving warmer climates and friendlier faces. They had to battle against discrimination, unpleasantness and rudeness. We remember with gratitude the members of the Windrush families. They worked hard and raised families in difficult circumstances. They contributed greatly to NHS, education, transport sectors, steel and coal production and music. We also pray for the souls of our many parishioners who settled in Chorley. This weekend marks the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Windrush Families. There is a great

St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

25th JUNE 2023



Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you

hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.' Matthew 10:26-33

Sat 24th

16.15

17.00

Sun 25th

10.00

Mon 26th

09.00

Tues 27th

12.00

Wed 28th

09.00

19.30

Birth of St John the Baptist

Confessions

Mass – Agnes and Gerard Carter RIP

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (p.93)

Mass – Christine Corcoran RIP

Mass – Rosie (A) and deceased members of the Bolton family

St Cyril and St John Southworth, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Mass – Freda McHugh

St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Mass - Peter Doherty (birthday remembrance)

Vigil Mass of SS Peter and Paul

Thurs 29th	<u>SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL</u> (p.170) Holyday of Obligation
09.00	Mass – Parishioners – School attending Yrs 2-6
12.00	Mass – George and Margaret Bury
19.00	<i>Mass at St Gregory's Weld Bank and Sacred Heart Brooke St</i>
Fri 30th	First Martyrs of the See of Rome
12.00	Mass – Peace in Ukraine
Sat 1st July	<u>St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr</u>
16.15	<i>Confessions</i>
17.00	Mass – Rita Shaw (LD)
Sun 2nd	<u>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</u> (p.96)
10.00	Mass – Parishioners

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, Mary (Prior) Lovatt, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Alan Taylor, Terry Tingey, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Ince, Michael Cheston, Donald Vigar, Elizabeth Touhey.

READERS: **Sat: 24th 17.00.** Richard Gillett. **Sun: 25th 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles. **Sat: 1st July 17.00** Gillian Sharples. **Sun: 2nd 10.00** Simon Eccles.

WELCOME to Bishop Thomas Neylon, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. Bishop Neylon will be celebrating the weekend Masses and will be available for a chat in the parish centre after each Mass. On Monday there will be a visit to the school and a school lunch! On Wednesday, Bishop Neylon will be visiting Gillibrand Nursing Home and 4 parishioners who are sick and house-bound in the community.

SVP MESSAGE: The Committee of SVP – St Mary's, met on 3rd June. It was unanimously decided to put the Conference in obedience at this present moment (1939 – 2023) with its present members. It is very sad that this has happened. Perhaps in the future, parishioners may wish to form a new SVP Conference in St Mary's. Thank you to all the retiring members of the SVP for their years of dedication and Service to the sick, housebound and the needy.

If you would like to form a new SVP Committee please contact the parish office. There are huge amounts of good work for our community that can be done through the SVP Society. Thank you.

AFTER LOSS GROUP IN CHORLEY: New Friends for You have started a new After Loss group, still on Monday afternoons, at 2.30-4pm, at Hartwood Hall, Preston Road, Chorley, PR6 7AX. This group is for people who are at the start of their grieving journey, whether their loss is through death, divorce, disability or dementia. At the group they will find support from Marjorie Hayward and support from others in a similar position. More information is available on Facebook pages on Friends for You, After – Loss Club or Talkin' Tables.

PRAYERS FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Emeritus of Southwark will be leading this year's Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life on **Saturday 5th August 2023**, commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. You can also join the pilgrimage, online on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) or [walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/). If you can, please offer a rosary for babies and Life, for women who give birth to Life and for men who love and support their families. Thank you.

THANK YOU to Fr Crowther and Fr Ball for supplying for the Masses while Fr Marsden is at Clare College, Cambridge University, at a reunion for ex-alumni on the occasion of 50 years (+1) from entering the University (matriculation).

LOURDES CENTENARY NOVENA

PRAYERS can be found near to the newsletters. I am sure you recall the wonderful visit of St Bernadette's Relics, last September 2022. Please take a card and pray for the sick and suffering. EOMs visiting the sick and housebound parishioners, please take a prayer card from the envelope on the Press in the sacristy. As you may remember, several churches in Chorley have jointly sponsored a young person to travel to Lourdes during the Centenary Archdiocesan trip. We did this to thank St Bernadette for her many intercessions and for the 2 thousand people who came to visit St Mary's during the Relic Visit.

Our Lady of Lourdes – pray for us. St Bernadette – pray for us.



ON THE ROMAN CHURCH AND ITS BISHOPS: St Irenaeus (180 AD)

.... that tradition derived from the apostles, of the very great, the very ancient, and universally known Church founded and organized at Rome by the two most glorious apostles, Peter and Paul; as also [by pointing out] the faith preached to men, which comes down to our time by means of the successions of the bishops. For it is a matter of necessity that every Church should agree with this Church, on account of its preeminent authority [potiorem principalitatem].

The blessed apostles, then, having founded and built up the Church, committed into the hands of Linus the office of the episcopate. Of this Linus, Paul makes mention in the Epistles to Timothy. To him succeeded Anacletus; and after him, in the third place from the apostles, Clement was allotted the bishopric.....To this Clement there succeeded Evaristus. Alexander followed Evaristus; then, sixth from the apostles, Sixtus was appointed; after him, Telephorus, who was gloriously martyred; then Hyginus; after him, Pius; then after him, Anicetus. Soter having succeeded Anicetus, Eleutherius does now, in the twelfth place from the apostles, hold the inheritance of the episcopate. In this order, and by this succession, the ecclesiastical tradition from the apostles, and the preaching of the truth, have come down to us. And this is most abundant proof that there is one and the same vivifying faith, which has been preserved in the Church from the apostles until now, and handed down in truth.