

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.

CAN YOU HELP? A female parishioner will need a lift back to Coppull on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sunday mornings on a regular basis after Mass. Could one or two people volunteer to make the trip to Coppull and enable this lady to continue coming to Mass? Thank you.

ALPHA COURSE starts Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7pm at St Bede's Parish Centre, Preston Road. PR6 7EB. This is a 11 week meetings of interactive sessions that explore big questions of life through the lens of the Christian Faith. Further details from juliannebrown1971@hotmail.co.uk

PLEASE DO NOT PARK your car near the presbytery lounge window. The pipe in the ground has been fractured and needs replacing. We will have it repaired as soon as possible. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Archdiocesan Lourdes Trip: Is taking place from 21st – 28th July. Prayer cards are available in the narthex. Each day during Mass we will pray for everyone taking part in this Centenary Year Pilgrimage.

Saturday 22nd July – Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Wednesday 26th July – Ss Joachim and Anne (Grandparents Day)

Sunday 6th August – The Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday 15th August – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is a Holy Day of Obligation and our Patronal Feast. We will have some bubbly and snacks after Mass. Everyone welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOAN MURPHY who will be 90 years young on 29th July. You will remember Mrs Murphy being one of the school teachers at our school.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS JULY 2023

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

16th JULY 2023



Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed,

some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up, they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So, in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with

their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Matthew 13:1-23

Sat 15th 16.15 17.00	<u>St Bonaventure</u> Confessions Mass – Vincent Aspinall (LD)
Sun 16th 10.00	<u>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</u> (p.102) Mass – Parishioners
Mon 17th 09.00 18.00	<u>OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL</u> NO MASS Leavers' Mass at St Mary's School – Yr 6 and families
Tues 18th 12.00	Mass – Joan (A) and Frank Scott RIP
Wed 19th 09.00	Mass – John Zackery (LD)
Thurs 20th 12.00	<u>St Apollinaris</u> <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Fri 21st 12.00	<u>St Laurence of Brindisi</u> Requiem – Irene Stashkiw
Sat 22nd 16.15 17.00	<u>FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE</u> Confessions Mass – Margaret Carrel (successful op.)
Sun 23rd 10.00	<u>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</u> (p.105) Mass – Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Fr Barry McAllister, Emily Atkins, Patrick Bolger, 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 and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Irene Stashkiw** (98) who died in Coniston House on 5th July. Wife of George (decd) and Mother of Doris, Ola and Peter. Requiem Mass will be on Friday 21st July at 12.00 followed by burial in Chorley Cemetery. Irene is the last person from WWII era who came from Ukraine and married and settled in Chorley. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: **May Roden, Michael Bolton, Joan Scott,**

READERS: **Sat: 15th 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 16th 10.00** John Riley. **Sat: 22nd 17.00** Richard Gillett **Sun: 23rd 10.00** Simon Eccles.

DRIVING ON THE PREMISES Please drive slowly when entering the parish grounds. There are many toddlers and children around and soon we will have the big summer holiday for schools. Every year we make an appeal for drivers to be careful. We don't want any accidents.

FR MARSDEN: Fr Marsden will celebrate 39 years of Ordination into the Sacred Priesthood on 21st July. Please remember him in your prayers.



ST SWITHUN'S DAY 15TH JULY. The name of Swithun is best known today for the weather expectations, which says that if it rains on St. Swithun's day, 15 July, it will rain for forty days.

St. Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St. Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS start on Thursday 20th July. There is a school leavers' Mass in school on Monday 17th July. We wish Mr Smyth, his staff and all the children and their families a very happy and safe summer vacation. See you in September and remember where you can find us every Sunday.



We wish every pupil in Yr 6 the very best of luck in their new High Schools. You have gained tremendous achievements during this last year at St Mary's Primary School. We hope you will cherish the memories you have, remember your

favourite teachers and your best friends. Enjoy High School, take it easy and learn fast. God bless you and your families. Good luck!