

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Fr Kenny who has been appointed Parish Priest at St Richards in Skelmersdale. We wish him every blessing in this new appointment which he will take up in September this year.

Volunteers Required

As we gently emerge from lockdown, our thoughts now turn to the time when our churches will be opened once again. In the first instance the opening will be for private prayer only and St Mary's will be the only church to open. Whilst we are unsure at the present time exactly when this will be permitted, with reopening in mind, please can I ask for volunteers to help out at St Mary's during opening times with marshalling and cleaning of the church. If you would be willing to take this on, please let us know. Thank you.

Archbishop Malcolm's Video Message for Pentecost

Archbishop Malcolm has prepared a video message for Pentecost.

To access the message please follow the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wTvvfbTQGk>

Cardinal Nichols Homily for Pentecost Sunday

In his homily for Pentecost Sunday, Cardinal Vincent Nichols questions why churches have not been allowed to open for private prayer.

The transcript of his homily can be found at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-nichols-now-is-the-time-for-the-phased-reopening-of-churches/>



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Gregory's Weld Bank

7th June 2020 - The Most Holy Trinity, Cycle A

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REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity - not something that most of us can easily understand! The Trinity is a *mystery* that we experience with our hearts not with our heads. When we use the word 'mystery' to describe the Trinity, we are talking about a reality that is so endlessly rich and profound that it will never be exhausted. Through the Trinity, God creates and loves us, Jesus liberates and saves us and the Spirit encourages and strengthens us. The Trinity is a community of love and life that we are invited to be part of and share and in.

When we look at the news on TV or in the newspapers, we are often presented with news of violence and segregation. There is the reality of individuals and even some countries speaking about and defending *their* rights at the expense of dialogue and cooperation with other nations. People of different race or religions in the same country are often not only disagreeing with each other but are actively fighting each other. The violent protests we have seen over the past week following the tragic death of George Floyd, whilst self-destructive and self-defeating, reflect the frustration and anger of millions who still experience humiliation, indignity, and unequal opportunity because of their religion, race or the colour of their skin. Sadly, there is division where there should be unity, there is aggression where there should be understanding, and there is suspicion where there should be trust and mutual respect. The Trinity offers us a model of sharing, belonging and community and challenges our individualism and our demand that our rights be met.

The Trinity asks to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families and our communities. When we begin our prayers, we make the sign of the cross and call on the power and presence of the Trinity. We deliberately and consciously ask the Trinity to be part of our prayer and daily life. Perhaps on the Feast of the Trinity we could say these prayers and let their meaning become part of us in a more intimate and personal way.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

If you wish to do so, you are still welcome to post your envelopes through the presbytery door. This would be much appreciated.

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw
 Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley
 Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Madge Henshaw - Eileen Nuttall
Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently.
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ECUMENICAL NEWS

Virtual Walking Day 2020 - A Plea For Help!

All Christian church communities/congregations across Chorley are invited to help St Laurence's & Chorley Methodist churches put together a 'virtual' walking day, enabling us all to celebrate the work, mission and ministry of the churches across our town. The vision is to create a video which could be shown live at 2.00p.m. on Sat 27th June, which will promote the good work the churches are individually and collectively doing across the town, and to offer prayers over significant keyworker people and places. All churches are invited to create a video (approx. 3 mins) showing where the church presence/building is, and in particular to highlight some of the activities which the church runs 'for the community'. As Pope Francis asks us at this time to 're-open' ecumenical efforts it seems all the more important for us to make a good contribution to this proposed virtual walking day which would be the perfect resource to show how the Church in Chorley is alive and well at this time.

If anybody has any video footage relating to St Gregory's either of activities that have been held or of the buildings or grounds that they would be willing to share, please could you let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

CAP DEBT CENTRE VOLUNTEERING

It is hoped that The Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre project led by St Laurence's church may be able to start operating in Chorley by the end of July/beg of August. Although many operational issues still need to be explored in the light of government requirements, with the current financial situation that is unfolding, this ministry is going to be even more vital than ever, as so many people in our communities will be crippled financially and that will have an impact on family life and well-being, as well as those whose isolation will be accentuated without work or income. This makes it essential that this service to our community and beyond be initiated. If you would be interested in volunteering as befrienders in the CAP Debt Centre, please contact Sue Boulton at: office@stlaurencechorley.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 07 Jun	9:30am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Private Intention	
Sun 07 Jun	11:00am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Marie Kenyon (A)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 07 Jun	6:30pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	People of the Parish	
Mon 08 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon		Tommy McGuigan Agnes Mooney (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Tues 09 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Columba & St Ephraem	John Todd (LD) Teresa Thompson	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed 10 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon		Martin Hicks (A) Special Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Thu 11 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon	St Barnabas	David Hall (B) Peter Clitheroe (LD)	SONGS OF PRAISE 3:00pm
Fri 12 Jun	8:30am 12:00 noon		Private Intention Margaret Monk & Benny Thompson	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat 13 Jun	8:30am 6:00pm	St Anthony of Padua	Bridget McManus Private Intention	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 14 Jun	9:30am	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	Bernard Dickinson	
Sun 14 Jun	11:00am	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	David Kirby (LD)	EXPOSITION 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 14 Jun	6:30pm	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	Patrick McManus (A)	