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7th Sunday of Easter – 29th May 2022

“World Communications Day”

Sunday (Sat)	5.00pm Paul Croft (RIP) 9.30am Harry Southworth (A)
Monday	8.30am Klara Klaiber (B)
Tuesday	8.30am Special Intention MT (A) 10.30am Requiem: Brian Terry (RIP)
Wednesday	8.30am Eddie Donegan (RIP)
Thursday	10.00am Sandra Rennison (RIP) <i>Bank Holiday</i> 1.30pm Wedding: Emma Whitney & Matthew Thompson
Friday	10.00am Jack Maynard (RIP) <i>Bank Holiday</i>
Saturday	9.00am Anne Marie Jenner (A)
Sunday next	5.00pm Parishioners 9.30am Monica Kovacs (RIP)



Confessions: Saturday 10am to 10.30am

Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick: Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, James Gorman, Doreen Moss, Mark Rimmer, Anna Hennessy, Mary Hanson, Sr Paschal Rose, Tina Finlayson, Laurence Eccles & June Wrigley. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice, our Nursing Homes & all those affected by Covid-19.

✠. Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in Thee.

✠. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy holy place.

IMPORTANT – Our Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers will be recommencing going into the hospital on a Sunday with Holy Communion very soon.

The Hospital, via the Ward, will contact St. Joseph's or the On-Call Priest for any visits to patients.

Please include in your Prayers: All those who have **Recently Died:** Brian Terry & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Canon Albert Shaw, Harry Southworth & Anne Marie Jenner.

Keeping in touch: Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email? If you would, then please send a blank email to: stjosephchorleybulletin@yahoo.com. Please, **ONLY** use this email to request the bulletin – the parish general email remains the same. Also, e-mails are sent out on a daily basis with reflections and information, so please, if you would like to receive this then request it by the above bulletin email address.

Your Collection: If you still feel unable to attend church, you can still make your weekly Offering to the Parish when you are out for your daily exercise by putting it through the Letterbox at the Presbytery. Thank you for your continuing & wonderful generosity & support to the parish.

Mass Online at St. Joseph's: Mass will be Live-streamed from St. Joseph's: The Link for St. Joseph's is: <https://www.churchservices.tv/chorleystjosephs>

St Joseph's Parent and Toddler Group: The group is open on Wednesday mornings from 9am-11am during Term Time. We have Craft and Sensory Stations, lots to play with as well as toast and refreshments for everyone! Please come along with your pre-schoolers, it's £2 for an adult & child.

St Joseph's Parish Centre – Members Notice: Available for all types of social events. For bookings please contact the Parish Centre Manageress: ☎ 275137 or 📠 07932 404447.

E-mail: StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk Website: www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk

Churches Together in Lancashire: www.ctlancashire.org.uk/

Living Waters Food Bank: Please leave your donated gifts in the basket in the church porch. Thank You for your generosity.

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Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. *Amen.*

Counters: THIS WEEK: C Jenner, H Bailey
NEXT WEEK: G Massey, J & A Nolan

Reader Today: 29th May

5.00pm Ruby Griffiths
9.30am Laura McLoughlin

Next Sunday: 5th June

5.00pm Pauline Daintry
9.30am Tricia Dugdale

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

5.00pm Francesca Vause
9.30am A Nolan, A King (c)

Next Sunday:

5.00pm Peter Cahill
9.30am A King, B Walmsley (c)

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND & WALES

Returning to Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 5th June 2022

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.” Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to re-turn to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source

of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference

Prayer for Ukraine



Almighty and Great God,

accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us.

Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine, as they confront foreign aggression and invasion.

Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence, that they be horrified by their works.

Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen, and bless Ukraine with your gifts of liberty, peace, tranquillity and good fortune.

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land.

Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans, the disabled and helpless, those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion.

Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need.

Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instil in us your strength, wisdom and understanding. May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.