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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th February 2022

Sunday (Sat) 5.00pm Joseph Ball (B)

9.30am Parishioners

Monday 8.30am Special Intention (TF)

Tuesday 8.30am Jack Waring (A)

Ash Wednesday 2nd March - A Day of Fasting and Abstinence

8.20am John (A/B) & Winifred Eccles

6.30pm Special Intention (Bose)

Thursday 8.30am Gillian Dew (A)

Friday 8.30am William Pike (RIP)

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9.00am Pauline Baldwin (RIP)



Sunday next (Sat) 5.00pm Parishioners

9.30am Luke Daniel Bennett (A)

Confessions: Saturdays 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 & 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.

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

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

IMPORTANT – Because of the Pandemic, Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers will not be going into the hospital with Holy Communion.

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:** Fr. Anthony Reynolds & Joanne Hough (47) (Requiem Mass on Friday 11th March at 2.30pm) & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Jack Waring, John Eccles, Gillian Dew, Luke Daniel Bennett, Fr Arthur Darragh & John Lee.

Keeping in touch: Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email during these uncertain times? 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. **PLEASE NOTE THIS EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.**

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.

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

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that they have launched their new online newspaper with the full support of their first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your **Digital** copy by going to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call on ☎ 07436617650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

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 Farnworth & J Horrocks
NEXT WEEK: M Finch & K Wilkinson

Reader Today: 27th February

5.00pm Martin Craven

9.30am Tricia Dugdale

Next Sunday: 6th March

5.00pm Paul Southworth

9.30am Stephen Tierney

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

5.00pm Christine Farnworth

9.30am A Christie & E Whitney (c)

Next Sunday:

5.00pm Eileen Broadstock

9.30am T Schofield & C Shepherd (c)

Ash Wednesday Rota:

8.20am **Reader:** J Maynard or C Carter

Pauline Hilton (**Ashes**), Christine Farnworth (**Ciborium**)

6.30pm **Reader:** Pauline Daintry

Geoff Kenyon (**Ashes**), Eileen Broadstock (**Ciborium**)

Sacrament of Confirmation 2022: Any young person currently in Year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration will close on Monday 21st March. To register they should visit www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click '**Register for Confirmation**' at the top right-hand side of the page. Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

H.M. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration: Calling all Choirs

This is an opportunity for your choir to play a unique role in history by signing up to sing: A Song for the Commonwealth "***A Life Lived with Grace***".

On 2nd June 2022 choirs throughout the four nations of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth are being invited to join in local collaboration and sing the newly written Song for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at 9.45pm as beacons are lit in celebration of this extraordinary moment.

The song has now been released by Vincent Atueyi from Nigeria (music) and lyrics by Lucy Kiely from Australia and the Guide to this event can be accessed on the website here: <https://cte.org.uk/song-for-the-commonwealth/>

Every school, parish and cathedral choir are invited to participate and can download the musical score parts and the lyrics, and it is hoped that many will participate in this joyous event. Now is the time to schedule your choir for this, and to contact other choirs in your locality to see if joint choirs can be organised in every locality. Please visit www.commonwealthresounds.com for more information.

LENT 2022

2nd March 2022 - Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be blessed and distributed
during the Masses at **8.20am and 6.30pm**

Lent is an opportunity to spend some extra time each day in peace & quiet to pray for our needs and the needs of others. There will be *Stations of the Cross* on Friday evenings at **7.00pm**. The church will be open one hour before each Mass, perhaps for people to spend some time in private prayer. In preparation for Easter, please try to attend an extra Mass & Devotions each week during Lent to help deepen our prayer & spiritual life. **Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection & fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain Redemption. The Church reminds us all of the disciplines that help us to live the Christian life in the World. The practises of prayer, of fasting and of almsgiving are the focus not only of the Lenten season, but also of every day of our lives. Lent is our reminder. Now, and every day, is the day of salvation, the day of living the life of faith. Personal and communal prayer leads us out of our narrow selves into the light of the Lord. Fasting from food, drink, television & the pursuit of our own agenda opens us to the encounter with other people. Almsgiving, sharing what we have with others - be it money, time, assistance, patience, consideration - brings blessings on humanity. We are fellow workers with Christ. Daily conversion to the Lord fits us to join in with the reconciliation of the World.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 What we say reveals who we truly are.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Physical death does not have the last word, thanks to the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Luke 6:39-45 Jesus warns us against thinking that we might be better people than we actually are.

Irenaeus: Monday Evenings, 28th February, 7th, 14th & 21st March on Zoom from 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm, Fr Chris Thomas begins a series of four talks, on the Book of Esther, entitled '*For such a time as this*'. Everyone welcome.

For a link email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk