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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th August 2022

Sunday (Sat)	5.00pm Sandra Rennison (WA) 9.30am Winifred (A) & Gilbert Bolton (RIP)
Monday	8.30am Parishioners
Tuesday	8.30am <i>Eucharistic Service:</i> Fr. Matthew McGettrick (A)
Wednesday	8.30am Sr. May Lewis (RIP)
Thursday	8.30am Eileen Horan (A)
Friday	8.30am Fr. Paul Hughes (RIP) 11.00am REQUIEM: Margaret Walsh (RIP)
Saturday	9.00am Alan (A) & Elsie Jenner (RIP)
Sunday next	5.00pm Parishioners 9.30am Laurence Schofield (A)



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10am – 10.30am

Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick: Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, James Desmond Gorman, 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.

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 – Please contact St Joseph's Presbytery, if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit.

In an emergency the hospital switchboard will contact the on-call Catholic Priest. Please request this from any member of Staff on the Ward. Eucharistic Ministers visit the Wards every Sunday morning with Holy Communion.

Residents living at Buckshaw Retirement Village, who require Holy Communion at home please contact Euxton St Mary's on: ☎ 262655, or email: mail@stmarys-euxton.com

Please include in your Prayers: All those who have **Recently Died:** & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Winifred Bolton, Eileen Horan, Fr Matthew McGettrick, Alan Jenner & Laurence Schofield.

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.

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

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

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

The Universe Catholic Weekly have launched their new online newspaper. Order your **Digital** copy by going to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call on ☎ 07436617650 and ask for Michelle.

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: A & G King

Reader Today: 7th August

5.00pm Francesca Vause

9.30am Catherine Cross

Next Sunday: 14th August

5.00pm Paul Southworth

9.30am Anna King

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

5.00pm Claire Kinnaird

9.30am B Walmsley /T Schofield (c)

Next Sunday:

5.00pm Francesca Vause

9.30am L Clarkson/A King (c)

Church Cleaning: Friday 19th August: M & J Holland, C Hunt, C Donegan, D Griffiths, J Hargreaves.

Congratulations: to St. Joseph's Primary School who won the Gold Award yet again for their Garden at the Chorley Flower Show last weekend.

Lourdes Water 2022: Two 5 Litre containers are available near the Pieta Shrine at the back of the church. Jug, funnel and empty bottles provided.

ST. BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022: The relics of St Bernadette will be in the Archdiocese between 15th & 20th September visiting, St Mary's, Chorley, the Anglican Cathedral and the Metropolitan Cathedral. There will be Masses, Anointing of the Sick, Confessions and Torchlight Processions during this time. To view the whole schedule, visit:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/StBernadettesRelics->

Archdiocesan Lionesses: Did you know that Nikita Parris and Alex Greenwood are both former students of Archdiocesan schools? Nikita attended St. Patrick's Primary School, Bellerive and Cardinal Heenan and Alex went to Savio Salesian College in Bootle. Nikita was also an Altar Server at the Cathedral.

The Alpha Course: Could change your life! It is a **course** which seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. It is "*an opportunity to explore the meaning of life*". The next course will start from **Thursday, 1st September 2022 at St Joseph's Parish Centre at 7.00pm** and will be on Thursday evenings. Please come and join us, but booking a place is essential. Join up at Eventbrite - Chorley Catholic Community Alpha Series. Or, if you are interested and would like more information, simply contact us and someone will be in touch. **CONTACT US:** The Chorley Network of Catholic Laity ☎ 01257 542324 or E-mail: cnocl@hotmail.com

NEXT Sunday, 14th August: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been transferred from Monday 15th August to the Sunday.

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

At the funeral of Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Ratzinger, who eventually became Pope Benedict XVI, brought his homily to an end with a beautiful image: *“None of us can ever forget how that last Easter Sunday of his life, the Holy Father, marked by suffering, came once more to the window of the Apostolic Palace and one last time gave his blessing Urbi et Orbi. We can be sure that our beloved Pope is standing today at the window of the Father’s house, that he sees us and blesses us.”* The Cardinal had struck a chord with all those in St. Peter’s Square and all those watching the event unfold around the world. While it is true that we are all sinners, nevertheless, down through the centuries the sanctity of certain men and women has led to the kind of public acclaim that declares them saints even before they have been formally canonised. John Paul II and Mother Teresa – now St. John Paul II and St. Teresa of Calcutta – are perfect examples of this phenomenon in our own time. That said, there do remain intriguing questions as to when and how we experience the new life of the Resurrection, which Jesus has won for us. It was not until 1950 that the Assumption of Our Lady was proclaimed a dogma of our faith, but, as we have noted, by this proclamation Pope Pius XII was simply confirming definitively what the Church had long believed. Interestingly, the Church does not decide the question of whether or not Mary died. She may well have done, but what was important was the fact that the Church confirmed the truth that she now enjoys to the full, the fruits of Christ’s redeeming work. The significance of this feast for each of us is that this is our destiny too. Certainly, God wants us to live life to the full here and now, but God in Christ has also won for us the new life of the Resurrection. But, of course, that is a question which we finite beings can never unravel. The secret is in the fact that in eternity there is no time. Today we need only renew our faith in Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, and trust that one day we will see more clearly what today we celebrate in faith.

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. 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. May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

