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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### “World Day of Prayer for Vocations”

**Sunday** (Sat)      **5.00pm** Thomas Riggio (RIP)  
                             **9.30am** Dorothy Fraser (RIP)



**Monday**            **8.30am** Ceciley Nowell (A)  
**Tuesday**         **8.30am** Sean Dewhurst (RIP)  
**Wednesday**     **8.30am** Kenneth Roocroft (RIP)  
**Thursday**        **8.30am** John Maurice Smith (A)  
**Friday**            **8.30am** Peter Hart (B)  
**Saturday**         **9.00am** Douglas Bailey (A)

**Sunday next**     **5.00pm** Bernard Hardman (RIP)  
                             **9.30am** Michael J Critchley (A)

**Confessions:** Saturday 10am to 10.30am

**Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick:** Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, James Gorman, Desmond 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** – 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:** Mary Eugene Cross (Requiem: 10am, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May) & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Ceciley Nowell, John Maurice Smith, Douglas Bailey, Pauline Liddle & Michael J Critchley.

**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](mailto:StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk) Website: [www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk](http://www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk)

**Churches Together in Lancashire:** [www.ctlancashire.org.uk/](http://www.ctlancashire.org.uk/)

**Faith Sharing Group:** NEXT meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1.30pm until 2.45pm. ALL are welcome. Tea/coffee provided.

This is an ideal opportunity to develop your Faith Journey.

**The Universe Catholic Weekly** have launched their new online newspaper. Order your **Digital** copy by going to [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://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: M Smith, F & B Walmsley  
NEXT WEEK: C Carter & G Kenyon

**Reader Today: 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**6.00pm** Paul Southworth

**9.30am** School Children

**Next Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**5.00pm** Francesca Vause

**9.30am** Rosaleen Challoner

**Eucharistic Ministers Today:**

**6.00pm** Patricia Evans

**9.30am** L Clarkson, G Riley (c)

**Next Sunday:**

**5.00pm** John Vause

**9.30am** Ann Nolan, P Hilton (c)

**Cleaners:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May C Farnworth, J Livesey, S Hirst, F Smith.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the recent *Back in Time Music Night* at St Mary's Parish Centre. A cheque for £1,406.50 has been presented to The Rosemere Cancer Foundation.

**COVID PROTOCOLS:** Following the meeting of the Archbishop's Council the following Guidelines are being offered. **Face Coverings:** are now optional for people who attend a service in church. **Sanitising:** Sanitiser/gel should still be available for those who wish to use it on entering the building. It is not seen as necessary to make the sanitising of hands mandatory. **For the distribution of Holy Communion:** The priest or extraordinary minister should still cleanse their hands prior to beginning distribution (and after). A face-covering should still be worn when distributing Holy Communion.

**St. Joseph's Guides** are a friendly & active Unit which has been going for over 50 years and allows the girls to grow in confidence and enjoy fun & friendship in a safe & secure environment. To allow the girls to continue to access and enjoy the activities and opportunities Girlguiding provides the unit urgently requires adult help support now. Most importantly however, a volunteer / volunteers are needed to undertake the role of guide leader/leaders as the current leader is due to retire from the role. All necessary training and support will be given (free). To anyone who would like to have further information or have any questions relating to this rewarding and satisfying role please contact Linda McLardie ☎01257 267949 or 📠 07503919391. Also, you would be most welcome to come along to a meeting night.

**This Sunday's Readings: First Reading** Acts 13:14. 43-52

Despite opposition, many of the people of Antioch respond to the preaching of Paul and Barnabas and become Christians. **Second Reading** Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17 St. John has a vision of the hosts of believers in heaven, too many to count, from every nation on earth. **Gospel** John 10:27-30 Jesus the Good Shepherd speaks to his sheep and leads us into eternal life.

**An All-Chorley Parishes Alpha and linked RCIA course initiative:** starting in September this year. The Alpha Course is best described as an intro to Christianity and is designed for people who do not go to church but perhaps are searching for answers to life's big questions. It is also suitable for those who have stopped practising their faith but are also searching. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for those who wish to take their interest further and, perhaps, become Catholics. Each Parish is asked to nominate one or two parishioners to join the Alpha team. The plan would be that they would accompany any current or prospective members of their Parish through both the Alpha and RCIA process. Training and support will be provided, and to be successful you don't need to have any qualifications, just a love of your own faith and an ability to make guests feel welcomed and respected, and a willingness to work in a team! Follow this link for an explanation of how Alpha works, <https://player.vimeo.com/video/214170130> The Initiative is also being supported by Catholic Alpha UK, the Liverpool Archdiocese Pastoral Development Team, The Million Miles Charity and their Side-by-Side Accompaniment team. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested or need more information or email The Chorley Network of Catholic Laity on [cnocl@hotmail.com](mailto:cnocl@hotmail.com)'



### **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.