

Please include in your Prayers: All those who have **Recently Died:** Fr. Anthony Reynolds (Vigil Mass: Father Reynolds' body will be received into St Michael's Church, Ditton, Widnes, for Mass at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 28th February. Requiem Mass: Tuesday 1st March at St Mary's Church, Woolton, at 12 noon).& Dorothy Higson & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Fr Peter Fox, Norah Hallatt, Gertrude Walsh, Alice Southworth, Angus & Veronica MacLeod.

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: G Massey, J & A Nolan
NEXT WEEK: C Farnworth, G Horrocks

Reader Today: 20th February

5.00pm Tricia Evans
9.30am Laura McLoughlin

Next Sunday: 27th February

5.00pm Martin Craven
9.30am Tricia Dugdale

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

5.00pm Peter Cahill
9.30am C Carter, L Clarkson (c)

Next Sunday:

5.00pm Christine Farnworth
9.30am A Christie, E Whitney (c)

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.

Faith Sharing Group: THIS Wednesday 23rd February 1.30pm until 2.45pm. ALL are welcome. Tea/coffee provided. This is an ideal opportunity to develop your Faith Journey.

Diaconate Information Evening: Tuesday 22nd February 2022

7.30pm - 9.00pm, with refreshments from 7.00pm.

The Parish House, St. Gregory's, Weldbank Lane, Chorley, PR7 3NW.

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.

The Vatican Synod on Synodality 2023

As Christians, we journey together in communion with one another as the People of God. Our mission, as the People of God, is to journey together with the entire human family. These two perspectives enrich one another and are helpful for our common discernment towards deeper communion and more fruitful mission. The questions accompanying each of the following ten themes can be used as a starting point for reflection. You may choose to reflect on all ten themes or, which may be more manageable, choose five which most speak to you. You may additionally wish to make general reflections on any of the themes. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS 10th March 2022**

The archbishop is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the universal Synod 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. Although we have already begun to engage with the synodal process in the archdiocese, which initially generated 27,000 responses, we may find ourselves in a different place on our journey. This may include fresh insights, which we will submit to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phases of Synod 2020. This is where you can find out more:

Online (preferred method): www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023

Email: vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk

Post: Vatican Synod Submissions, St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool Archdiocesan Office, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA.

Resources from the Synod Office in Rome are available at www.synod.va/en.html and cater for different languages. Resources from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are available at www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Though the king set out with an army to kill him, David refrained from harming Saul, even when the opportunity presented itself.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Human beings have bodies. Yet a physical being may become spiritually minded and bear the image of Christ.

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Those who are truly God's children resemble their heavenly Father in showing indiscriminate kindness, even towards their worst enemies.