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5th Sunday of Easter - 18th May 2025

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Acts 14: 21b-27; Apoc 21: 1-5a; John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

Sunday (Sat)	5.00pm	Michael Sherlock (RIP)
	9.30am	Mgr. Michael McKenna (B)
Monday	8.30am	Culshaw & Cooper Families
Tuesday	8.30am	Patricia Rimmer (RIP)
Wednesday	8.30am	Derek Starkey (RIP)
Thursday	8.30am	Special Intention (IL)
Friday	8.30am	Dorothy Ainsworth (B)
Saturday	9.00am	Monica & George Hicks (RIP)
Saturday	5.00pm	Edith & John Burke (RIP)
Sunday	9.30am	Harry Southworth (A)



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.00am - 10.30am

Please Pray for The Following Who Are Sick: Anna Hennessy, Sr. Paschal Rose, Laurence Eccles, June Wrigley & Marie Bolton. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice, St. Catherine'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. Please let the Ward Clerk know you are a Roman Catholic. In an emergency the hospital switchboard will contact the on-call Catholic Priest. Please request this from any member of Staff on the Ward. 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**. Tina Finlayson (Requiem 10am Thursday 29th May). We also remember all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Harry Southworth.

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.

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 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

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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.*

of telling bible stories. Such craftsmanship. Absolutely spellbinding.”



This Sunday's Readings: First Reading. Acts 14:21-27. Paul and Barnabas give encouragement and hope to the fledgling churches of Asia Minor and Greece and tell them of the marvellous success of the spread of the Gospel.

Second Reading. Apocalypse 21:1-5. God is creating a new heaven and a new earth where there will be only love, joy and peace.

Gospel. John 13:31-35. “Love one another just as I have loved you.”

Counters: THIS WEEK: C Carter/G Kenyon
NEXT WEEK: J Simmons/T Schofield

Readers today: 18th May

5.00pm Paul Southworth
9.30am Anna K/L Crowther/S Tierney

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

5.00pm Christine Farnworth
9.30am A King/T Schofield (c)

Next Sunday: 25th May

5.00pm Pauline Daintry
9.30am S Francis/Anna K/S Tierney

Next Sunday:

5.00pm Clare Kinnaird
9.30am J Nolan/E Thompson (c)

Prayer for Ukraine & the Middle East

Mary, Mother of God,
we ask you to intercede for the people of the Ukraine,
& the Middle East, for their governments,
and all who suffer as a result of war.
Be with them as you stood beside your Son,
suffering on the Cross at Calvary.

Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice.
May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity
that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed,
that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war. Amen.



Hannah Wallis – Volunteering in Africa: I am excited to share that in a month's time, I will be spending six weeks volunteering in Tanzania and one week climbing Mount Kilimanjaro! The first three weeks of my trip will be dedicated to working with a non-profit organisation focused on sustainability and eco-awareness. Following that, I will spend three weeks volunteering at a school in Arusha, where I will lead and support classes of up to 50 children in various lessons. I hope to make a really positive impact on the community. As well as volunteering, I will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. As I'm going to be working to support the children in Africa, I am fundraising to support the children back at home too. At a time when school budgets are tighter than ever, the funds raised will go towards vital educational resources and initiatives. Any contributions would mean the world to me and help me make a real difference in the lives of many children. The link to donate is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/misswallis>

Thank you so much for your support. I am incredibly grateful for all the encouragement I have already received!

Hannah

An email that came in after last Sunday's 9.30am Mass with the Crowning of Our Lady by our children who are due to make their First Holy Communion soon:

"Good morning, Father Peter,

I am a regular 'parishioner' to your excellent Livestream every Sunday.

I found your website by sheer accident during Covid, I am a housebound lady of a 'certain' age and being able to have Holy Mass means everything to me.

I am deeply impressed by all that is done in your wonderful parish: Music, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and all who work so hard in the parish. This morning was so impressive, all the little children involved with the Crowning of Our Lady, the children who read, the children who carried flowers and the children who were invited to place flowers at the end of the service, they were so respectful and so beautifully behaved, huge congratulations to all their teachers and helpers, this must have been a very proud moment for all concerned.

God Bless you all!

Thank you for making an elderly very happy, and proud to be Catholic!

With many thanks and kind regards,

Brenda"

Crafting the Word of the Lord - Handcrafted Bible Exhibition:

Sincere thanks to everyone who came along to visit the exhibition, it was much appreciated, *"We hope that you will come to see us again when we will have new friends joining us wherever that may be"*:

Your Friends from the Bible Exhibition.

This Sunday's Response to the Psalm



Reflection: The hope of eternal life gives us courage to be faithful and keep loving, even when it costs dearly. There is no situation which is hopeless. There is no love which will not be rewarded. No action is too small to have eternal significance. If we viewed life in this way, then we would rejoice and be glad. This joy will attract others to Christ. Joy is always powerfully attractive and infectious.