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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 24th March 2024

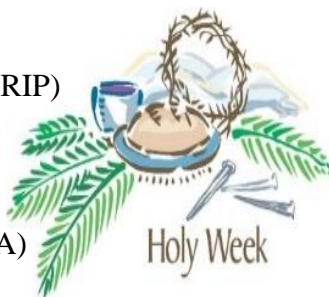
HOLY WEEK

Sunday (Sat) **5.00pm** Margaret Teresa Walsh (RIP)
 9.30am Bob Dobbie (RIP)

Monday **8.30am** Holy Souls

Tuesday **8.30am** Patrick John Matthews (A)

Wednesday **8.30am** Fr. James Rooney (A)



*On Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm the Archbishop will be celebrating
the Mass of Chrism at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.*

THE TRIDUUM



Mass of the Lord's Supper

THURSDAY **7.30pm** Private Intention (FLT)(A)

There is Watching at the end of Mass concluding with Night Prayer at:

10.00pm Night Prayer

Good Friday

FRIDAY **9.30am** Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil

SATURDAY **7.00pm** Albert Meakin (A)

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY **9.30am** Theresa Thompson (A)



Please Pray for The Following Who Are Sick: Anna Hennessy, Sr. Paschal Rose, Tina Finlayson, Laurence Eccles, June Wrigley, Jim Clarke, John Calderbank & Suzanne Barton. 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. 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:** Mark Rimmer (Funeral at Charnock Richard Crematorium, 9.30am Wednesday 3rd April), Patricia Neal (Funeral Service 12 Noon, Friday 5th April), Marie Bates (Requiem 10am Wednesday 10th April) & Christine Whittle (Funeral Service at Charnock Richard Crematorium, 11.30am, Friday 12th April). We also remember all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Albert Meakin, Theresa Thompson, Patrick John Matthews & Fr. James Rooney.

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.

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.*

Faith Sharing Group: NEXT meeting is on **Wednesday 27th March, 1.30pm** in church. 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 or call on ☎ 07436617650 and ask for Michelle.

Counters: THIS WEEK: C Carter, G Kenyon

NEXT WEEK: Week Off!!

Readers This Sunday: 24th March

5.00pm See separate Rota

9.30am See separate Rota

Next Sunday: 31st March

7.00pm See separate Rota

9.30am See separate Rota

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

5.00pm See separate Rota

9.30am See separate Rota

Next Sunday:

7.00pm See separate Rota

9.30am See Separate Rota

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

Confessions on a Saturday: 10.00am to 10.30am

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.*



The Chrism Mass: On Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm the Archbishop will be celebrating the Mass of Chrism at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool.

British Summer Time begins NEXT weekend.

Clocks go FORWARD One hour!!



Irenaeus Outreach Project: Can you help, please? **Green Wool:** The Irenaeus project Knit & Natter are collecting green wool (Double Knit, Aran or Chunky) for a project they are doing. They are knitting hats for an event to raise awareness about homelessness and also for the Warm Rail for 2025. If you have any spare wool as mentioned above, please give it to Francesca by **12th April 2024**. (we will still be knitting hats until **October** so any donations would be appreciated). In June we will be celebrating the **Feast of St. Irenaeus**. This celebration will begin with Mass followed by a Summer Fayre – if you have any items of Bric-a-Brac or books please give them to Francesca by **14th June 2024**. Also, as part of this celebration we will be holding a raffle and several tombolas, if you have any items which could be used as prizes, e.g. bottles of alcohol, bottle of non-alcoholic drinks, bottle of toiletries, food and household items. Please give them to Francesca by the 14th June 2024. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



A customer in a jewellery shop looked at a crucifix. ***“Other people might reject him,”*** she said, ***“but I wouldn’t. If I’d seen Jesus, I would have followed him.”*** She sounded like Peter, who declared, ***“Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you”*** – and then denied Jesus three times. Yet Peter eventually walked his own Way of the Cross. Was the woman truly Jesus’ unswervingly faithful, lifelong disciple? Only she and God know the answer.

Steve’s daily prayer had become that of the Good Thief: ***“Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”*** Serving out his life sentence, Steve declared, ***“If I’d known God, I wouldn’t have committed my crimes. I’m so sorry for what happened.”*** Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus initially stayed hidden, scared of other people’s reactions. Yet when they recognised the truth of Jesus, they were unafraid and remained faithful to their deaths. Did other Jewish leaders imitate their example?

The crowd who welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday included some people who, several days later, would call for his death, but there were also faithful followers to whom Jesus meant everything and would later prove it by paying the ultimate price. Did those who called “Crucify him!” later bitterly regret their words? When the unnamed woman anointed Jesus, she ignored the wagging tongues. Her heart was his forever, regardless of the consequences. It takes courage to make new beginnings and to move beyond the letter of the law to embrace its God-given spirit. Jesus showed us the possibilities.

Where do I stand?