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**Easter Message of the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP,
Archbishop of Liverpool.**

Easter Day has dawned, a day like no other. A day filled with joy so great that we cannot begin to describe it. In these last days as we have remembered the events of the holiest week of the year we have experienced every human emotion: triumph, betrayal, suffering, pain, and desolation. Our remembrance goes back 2,000 years and yet those emotions are very much alive in our world; in our lives today. The joy that the Resurrection of Jesus brought to his followers is also alive for us today. It is a joy that will never end. I was privileged to attend the funeral of Sir Ken Dodd last week in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral: one emotion, one word which shone through his life was happiness. He sang, *'I thank the Lord that I've been blessed with more than my share of happiness'*. Today we feel our own happiness as we celebrate the Resurrection, and yet it is only a shadow of the happiness which is to come, which the Risen Lord wants for us. Ken would wish people *'happiness always'* and that is what we have today. Through the Resurrection of Jesus we know that death has been conquered & that we are assured of an eternal life, a happiness the like of which we have never experienced before, one which will last for ever. The journey which is Holy Week reminds us of the trials of life through which we will rise to life. Through the Cross Jesus has drawn all people to himself and through his Resurrection he has transformed our lives and given us all the gift of eternal happiness. If we let the light of the Risen Christ into our lives and those of our families it will bring an inner peace & happiness as we experience the mercy of God in the ordinary things of life. May the Risen Lord bless us all during this Easter Season.



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Easter Sunday – 1st April 2018

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Sunday (Sat)	8.00pm Parishioners	
	8.30am Robert McPartlin (A)	
	10.30am Elieen & Norbert Snape (WA)	
	4.30pm Josephine Lavin (RIP)	
Monday	10.00am Roland Cross (WA) <i>(Bank Holiday)</i>	
Tuesday	8.30am Michael Bayley (RIP)	
Wednesday	8.30am Philip Iland (B)	
Thursday	8.30am Winifred & Gilbert (A) Bolton	
	12 Noon REQUIEM: Zygmunt Wojciechowski (RIP)	
Friday	8.30am John W Wilson (B) & David A Mallon (A)	
Saturday	9.00am Theresa Thompson (A)	
Sunday next	6.00pm AJC Exam Success	
	8.30am Pauline Liddle (A), Martin Ellison (A) & Grandad	
	10.30am Ruby Wedding (GPM & DM, AS & AMS)	
	4.30pm Kathleen & Jack Bretherton (A's)	

Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am



Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick: Canon Albert Shaw, Bert Smith, Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, Sister Francis, Grace Fernando, James Desmond Gorman, Teresa Todd & Doreen Moss. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice & our Nursing Homes. Eucharistic Ministers visit the Wards every Sunday morning with Holy Communion.

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:** Fr. Michael O’Neill MHM (Formerly the Parish Priest of St. Bede’s, Clayton-le-Woods), Zygmunt Wojciechowski, Bert Meakin & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Robert McPartlin, Gilbert Bolton, David Mallon, Theresa Thompson, Pauline Liddle, Martin Ellison, Kathleen & Jack Bretherton.

Mother & Toddler Group: Meet on a Wednesday morning in the Primary School, Cedar Road from 9.00am until 11.15am.

St Joseph’s Retirement Club: New members welcome over 55 years of age. Every Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Admission 50p including Tea and Biscuits, Bingo, Artists and Outings. All welcome.

Faith Sharing Group: **NO** meeting Wednesday 4th April; recommence on Wednesday 11th April. Meetings take place in the Sacristy of the Church from 7.00pm to 8.15pm. ALL welcome. Tea/coffee provided. This is an ideal opportunity to develop your Faith Journey.

St Joseph’s Parish Centre – Members Notice:

For bookings please contact the Parish Centre Manageress: 01257 275137
E-mail: StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk Website: www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk

St. Joseph’s Parish Bulletin: Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email? If you would, then please send a blank email to: stjosephchorleybulletin@gmail.com. Please, **ONLY** use this email to request the bulletin – the parish general email remains the same.

Children’s Liturgy – “Little Church” every Sunday morning at the 10.30am Mass for children up to First Holy Communion age.

“Little Church” TODAY: Susan and Pauline

“Little Church” NEXT week: Julie and Sandra

If you would like to help as a volunteer with Children’s Liturgy on a Sunday would you make contact with Father Stanley. Thank you.

Readers Today: 1st April

8.00pm See Holy Week Rota
8.30am M Redshaw/J Weldon/E Whitney
10.30am J Maynard/N O’Leary/A Wetzstein
4.30pm Catriona Scallon

Next Sunday: 8th April

6.00pm Francesca Vause
8.30am G King/C Jenner/A Nolan
10.30am A Wetzstein/L Crowther/J Maynard
4.30pm Laura McLoughlin

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

8.00pm See Holy Week Rota
8.30am W Gildert, A Nolan/R Turner
10.30am A Titterington/ A Christie/V Christie
T Schofield/G Riley
4.30pm Michael Anderton

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Irene Love
8.30am J Weldon/E Whitney/M Redshaw
10.30am V Christie/A Titterington/G Riley
E Broadstock
4.30pm Peter Cahill

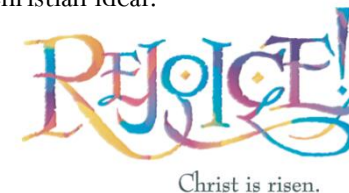
Counters Today: Week Off! Next Sunday: G Massey/ J & A Nolan

Altar Server this week: Volunteers please!

Collection: Gift Aid: £654.42p **Loose Plate:** £508.35p **Total:** £1,162.77p

A Prayer for Easter

Father, the Resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it and the strength to complete it.



*What an amazing Congregation you all are! The numbers attending Exposition and Daily Mass during Lent have been staggering. Some Weekday Masses have been like a Sunday Mass. Bless you for your strong faith and commitment. To everyone who contributed to the solemn and reverent celebration of Holy Week; to all who helped with the preparations for the Easter Ceremonies this year; to the Church Cleaners, Altar Servers, Sacristans and Secretaries; Ministers, Readers, Choir, Musicians & Organists; Flower Arrangers, Little Church Helpers, Collectors & Counters and all those who have assisted in any other way: **THANK YOU!***

Finally, a very joyful and Grace-Filled Easter to you all!

Canon Peter G Stanley