

### Taking Another Look: WHY?

Why did the enemies of Jesus want the death penalty for him? Why could he not just have been imprisoned, or banished? They saw that people were following Jesus in increasing numbers, that he had the ability to release them from their fears, to bring joy & health back into their lives. Most worryingly of all, he spoke with authority about the scriptures and the Law: “*You have heard it said . . . but now I say to you . . .*”! His very assurance and certainty unnerved them. They feared for the loss of their own authority and power. He had to go; but on what concrete evidence? They needed more than their own wounded egos with which to charge him.

Jesus neither claimed to be the Messiah nor denied it. He did link himself with The Son of Man, the one who, in the Book of Daniel, lived in the realm of the divine, but none of this was enough to bring to court.

To get the death penalty, the Jews needed the Romans, but they were not interested in religious controversy, only in maintaining peace on the streets and loyalty to Caesar. The day Jesus stormed into the Temple, that most holy of places and scattered the traders with his whip, the Jews knew they had what they needed. Jesus was disturbing the peace and threatening the stability of the city. Moreover it was rumoured that he had spoken of his Kingdom, so he must be challenging Caesar.

They hoped this flimsy evidence might be enough. The 'sin of the world' was pressing in on Jesus and his fear grew. Others had suffered crucifixion and this could well be his sentence.

We know this was indeed his sentence and that in his terror Jesus pleaded with his Father for an alternative way, but trust in his Father prevailed and he fulfilled his mission of love.

When we look at Jesus on the Cross, (his supreme act of love for us), we are also seeing a victory for sin, a temporary victory, for hidden within this mystery is the permanent Victory over Sin itself, the Resurrection, when the once historical Jesus of Nazareth, rose triumphant as the Christ, the Cosmic Christ.

The life of Jesus is not just a holy story from the past. We are called to live this Victory today especially where the same prejudice, egoism and misuse of power are evident, because Evil, though ultimately defeated, is still around. Where today? What actions and risks is Christ asking from us today?



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### HOLY MASS & SERVICES

**Sunday (Sat)**      **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)

**Monday**              **8.30am** Parishioners  
**Tuesday**            **8.30am** Canon Richard Firth (A)  
**Wednesday**       **8.30am** Fr Bob Ellwood (B)  
**Thursday**          **8.30am** Special Intention (McC)  
**Friday**               **8.30am** Mary Neuhaus (RIP)  
**Saturday**           **9.00am** Margaret Rose Fendley & Grandson Darren (RIP)



**Sunday next**      **6.00pm** Parishioners  
                                  **8.30am** Burleigh Jackson (B)  
                                  **10.30am** Imelda Bagot (RIP)  
                                  **4.30pm** Helen Scargill (A)



**NO Confessions on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Requiem Mass for Fr. Michael O'Neill MHM**  
**at St. Bede's, Clayton-le-Woods, 11.00am**

**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.

**Y.** 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 (Requiem Mass at St. Bede’s, Clayton-le-Woods on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11am). Brother Denis Kerins, (Former Brother Superior at Lisieux Hall. Requiem Mass at 1pm, Lisieux Hall, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April). Albert Meakin (Requiem Mass Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am). We also remember those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Pauline Liddle, Martin Ellison, Kathleen & Jack Bretherton, Bishop Anthony Hitchen, Canon Richard Firth & Helen Scargill.

**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:** Meetings take place in the Sacristy of the Church from 7.00pm to 8.15pm every Wednesday. 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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Sacred Heart Church Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April.  
3pm Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Individual confessions (3 priests), Rosary, 3.45pm Holy Mass.

**Readers Today: 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**6.00pm** Martin Craven  
**8.30am** S Francis/W Gildert/M Redshaw  
**10.30am** J O’Leary/AWetzstein/O O’Leary  
**4.30pm** Richard Hunt

**Eucharistic Ministers Today:**

**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

**Next Sunday:**

**6.00pm** Geoff Kenyon  
**8.30am** L Clarkson/P Smith/B Walmsley  
**10.30am** K Hart/G Riley/P Hilton  
A Titterington ©  
**4.30pm** Anne Marie Hegarty

**Counters Today:** M Smith, F & B Walmsley **Next Sunday:** C Farnworth/J Horrocks

**Altar Server this week:** Volunteers please!

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

**“Little Church” TODAY:** Julie L and Sandra

**“Little Church” NEXT week:** Paula & Julie C

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.

**Church Cleaning:** 12<sup>th</sup> April 9am:

A Nolan, M Eccles, C Corthorn, E Turner, S Lamb

**Collection:** The Offertory Collection last week was your Easter Offerings. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.



**Chorley Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage:**

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Coach leaves Chorley early on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Cost £304.50.  
Contact: J Noblett 01257 265498.