

**EXTRACTS FROM THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2018 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to *listen, discern* and *live* this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness. These three aspects – *listening, discerning and living* – were also present at beginning of Jesus’ own mission, when, after his time of prayer and struggle in the desert, he visited his synagogue of Nazareth. There, he listened to the word, discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the Father, and proclaimed that he came to accomplish it “today” (Lk 4:16-21).

Listening: Nowadays listening is becoming more and more difficult, immersed as we are in a society full of noise, overstimulated and bombarded by information. The outer noise that sometimes prevails in our cities and our neighbourhoods is often accompanied by our interior dispersion and confusion. This prevents us from pausing and enjoying the taste of contemplation, reflecting serenely on the events of our lives, going about our work with confidence in God’s loving plan, and making a fruitful discernment. Yet, as we know, the kingdom of God comes quietly and unobtrusively (cf. Lk 17:21), and we can only gather its seeds when, like the prophet Elijah, we enter into the depths of our soul and are open to the imperceptible whisper of the divine breeze (cf. 1 Kg 19:11-13).

Discerning: Today too, we have great need of discernment and of prophecy. We have to resist the temptations of ideology and negativity, and to discover, in our relationship with the Lord, the places, the means and situations through which he calls us. Every Christian ought to grow in the ability to “read within” his or her life, and to understand *where* and *to what* he or she is being called by the Lord, in order to carry on his mission.

Living: The joy of the Gospel, which makes us open to encountering God and our brothers and sisters, does not abide our slowness and our sloth. It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration – in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now. Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us. May Mary Most Holy, who as a young woman living in obscurity heard, accepted & experienced the Word of God made flesh, protect us & accompany us always on our journey.

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4th Sunday of Easter – 22nd April 2018
“Vocations Sunday”

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Sunday (Sat)
6.00pm Annette Castelli Pachecki (A)
8.30am Margaret Brindle (RIP)
10.30am Johnny Flanagan (WA)
4.30pm Parishioners

Monday
8.30am Special Intention (KT)
Tuesday
8.30am Joan Fishwick (Get Well)
1.35pm LISCF (*Mass in Holy Cross HS*)

Wednesday
8.30am Maria Major (B)
Thursday
8.30am Diamond Wedding (J & I)
Friday
8.30am Peter Smith (A)
Saturday
9.00am Sean McConville (RIP)

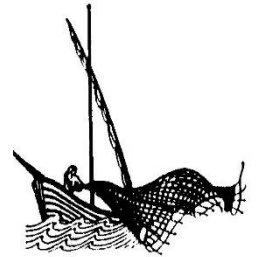
Sunday next
6.00pm Martin & Dyke Families (RIP)
8.30am Parishioners
10.30am Margaret Rose Fendley & Grandson Darren (RIP)
4.30pm James & Irene Glynn (Diamond Wedding)

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.

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:** Mary Kellett (Requiem: Thursday 3rd May at 10am) and all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Annette Castelli Pachecki and Peter Smith.

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.

This weekend we welcome **Hugh Dunleavy** a student from Oscott Seminary, studying for the Priesthood. Hugh will be speaking at all the Masses. We pray for all those with a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life: Loving Father, we give you thanks, because you call us all, to participate in your divine plan for the world; that all people may find their joy and peace in you. Bless us with a heart open to you, and enable us to listen to your Holy Spirit. Enlighten our minds; that we may discern the path that we should follow. Give us courage to live out the life you invite us to; following more closely the example of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Readers Today: 22nd April

6.00pm Paul Southworth
8.30am M Eccles/E Whitney/C Jenner
10.30am L Crowther/C Clarkson/J Maynard
4.30pm Catriona Scallon

Next Sunday: 29th April

6.00pm Gerard Riley
8.30am M Redshaw/G King/W Gildert
10.30am S Tierney/R Challoner/T Dugdale
4.30pm Laura McLoughlin

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

6.00pm Eileen Vause
8.30am R Turner/P Smith/A Rabbitt
10.30am T Schofield/A Christie/V Christie
A Titterington
4.30pm Anita Tunstall

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Francesca Vause
8.30am C Carter/A King/J Weldon
10.30am R Hart/T Schofield/K Hart
P Hilton
4.30pm Cath Shepherd

Counters Today: G Massey/ J & A Nolan **Next Sunday:** M Finch/K Wilkinson

Altar Server this week: Oliver

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

“Little Church” TODAY: Anne-Marie & Danielle

“Little Church” NEXT week: Susan and Pauline

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.



Collections: Gift Aid: £721.26p **Loose Plate:** £444.85p **Total:** £1,166.11p
Second Collection **THIS** weekend is for the: **“Priest Training Fund.”**

Chorley Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage – 18 – 22 June. Coach leaves Chorley early on 18 June – cost £304.50. Contact J Noblett 01257 265498.

Urgent Maintenance Work in Church: You may have noticed the new Fire Alarm System & Emergency Lighting being installed around the Church. This is now a Health & Safety requirement and every Church in the Archdiocese is undergoing this work. Unfortunately, whilst completing the work, Dry Rot has been discovered in one of the timbers in the roof of the church, hence the scaffolding. This is being treated as a matter of urgency to try and prevent any spread. Thank you for your understanding and being so patient whilst the scaffolding is up and the work continues.