

R. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy holy place.

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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, Vincent Bell, & Victor D’Souza & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Canon Peter Cronin, Norman Nowell, Rita Whittle & Frank Sherlock.

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.

Please Note there will be a *Eucharistic Service* Monday to Saturday this week. Fr. Stanley will offer Mass for the Intention listed for each of the days.

Ordinations to the Priesthood – we have been given 5 tickets for the 3 Ordinations in the Cathedral on Saturday 7th July at 1pm. Please speak to Fr Stanley if you would like to go – you will need your own transport. If more than 5 people express an interest we will have a raffle! Please keep in your prayers Philip Carr, Anthony Kelly and Carl Mugan.

Race for Life – Susan Crompton is running this year – please sponsor her if you can – Form and details in the church porch.

Readers Today: 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

Next Sunday: 6th May

6.00pm Sr. Cecilia
8.30am A Nolan/J Weldon/M Eccles
10.30am T Dugdale/A Wetzstein/R Challoner
4.30pm Richard Hunt

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

6.00pm Francesca Vause
8.30am C Carter/A King/J Weldon
10.30am R Hart/T Schofield/K Hart
E Broadstock
4.30pm Michael Anderton

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Clare Kinnaird
8.30am A Rabbitt/L Clarkson/M Redshaw
10.30am E Broadstock/R Hart/A Christie
G Riley
4.30pm Cath Shepherd

Counters Today: M Finch/K Wilkinson **Next Sunday:** C Carter/G Kenyon

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: Catherine & Christine

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: £617.43p **Loose Plate:** £418.49p **Total:** £1,035.92p
2nd Collection last week for the **Priest Training Fund:**

Gift Aid: £256.03p **Loose Plate:** £392.57p **Total:** £648.60p

Thank you as always for your wonderful generosity.

Church Cleaning: 4th May: C Farnworth, J Livesey, S Hirst, J Atherton, C Carter
Hying Garden Open Afternoon: Sunday 13th May 2018.

Monastery of Our Lady of Hying. 2.00pm – 4.30pm.

2.00pm Talk by a member of the AONB.

2.30pm onwards Tours of the Garden.

2.30pm to 4.30pm Cream Teas available.

£5 Suggested donation. www.hying.org

For more details contact Sr. Mary Bernard.

hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk ☎01524 732684.

Hying Monastery, Warton, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 9SE.



Synod 2020 Co-ordinator – Job Vacancy – see parish website for details.

Grand Cabaret Night in aid of Rosemere Cancer Foundation - Friday May 11th. Doors open at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, Devonshire Road Chorley with music provided by Sean Leonard and Lindsay Marie. There will be an opportunity to dance, singalong or just listen. There is a giant tombola and raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets are £6 and include hot pot supper or butter pie. Call Denis on 07759158744.

Prayer and Action

Prayer is essential. Pope Francis says "I do not believe in holiness without prayer, even though prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotions.

We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. Prayer is most precious for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously to be shown in our concern for others.

It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others."

Jesus' explanation of holiness

Pope Francis is quite clear about the centrality of the Beatitudes in understanding the nature of holiness. He says: "Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the beatitudes – the Christian Identity Card."

Pope Francis expands on "Blessed are the merciful", by turning to the judgement scene in Matthew 25. Here Jesus lists feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger and visiting the imprisoned. This, Pope Francis says: "offers one clear criterion on which we will be judged". Prayer, a personal relationship with the Lord, and meeting the demands of Matthew 25, go together and must co-exist. Social action without mental prayer, love of God and the Gospel, would merely be a type of an N.G.O.

Pope Francis extends the list of the needy given in Matthew 25 to include those we find in our modern world. "The lives of the unborn and those already born are equally sacred; the destitute, the underprivileged, those at risk of covert euthanasia, victims of human trafficking and all new forms of slavery Holiness does not ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their lives in abject poverty."