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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th September 2021

Sunday (Sat) **5.00pm** Kathleen Kelly (A)
 9.30am Roland Cross (B)

Monday **8.30am** Annie Jackson (B)

Tuesday **8.30am** Parishioners

Wednesday **8.30am** Johnny Flanagan (A)

10.30am **REQUIEM:** Vincent Fadden (RIP)

Thursday **8.30am** Stephen Morris (Get Well)

Friday **8.30am** Ken Helme (A)

Saturday **9.00am** Private Intention (GT)

Sunday next **5.00pm** Parishioners

9.30am William Witter (A)



Confessions on Saturday: 10.30am – 11.00am

Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick: Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, James Gorman, Doreen Moss, Mark Rimmer, Anna Hennessy, Mary Hanson, Simon Milner & June Wrigley. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice, our Nursing Homes & all those affected by Covid-19.

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 – Because of the Pandemic, Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers will not be going into the hospital with Holy Communion.

The Hospital, via the Ward, will contact St. Joseph's or the On-Call Priest for any visits to patients.

Please include in your Prayers: All those who have **Recently Died:** Vincent Fadden and all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Canon Kevin Mullen, Mgr. Jack Kennedy, Kathleen Kelly, Johnny Flanagan, Mary Morris, Ken Helme & William Witter.

Keeping in touch: Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email during these uncertain times? 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. **PLEASE NOTE THIS EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.**

Your Collection: If you still feel unable to attend church, you can still make your weekly Offering to the Parish when you are out for your daily exercise by putting it through the Letterbox at the Presbytery. Thank you for your continuing & wonderful generosity & support to the parish.

Mass Online at St. Joseph's: Mass will be Live-streamed from St. Joseph's: **5pm Vigil Mass** on Saturday and **9.30am Mass** on Sunday. On Weekdays Mass will be Live-streamed at **8.30am** Monday to Friday, & **9am** on Saturday. The Masses are also recorded.

The Link for St. Joseph's is: <https://www.churchservices.tv/chorleystjosephs>

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

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.*

Counters: THIS WEEK: C. Farnworth & J. Horrocks
NEXT WEEK: M. Finch & K. Wilkinson

Church Cleaning: Thursday 16th September:
C. Farnworth, J. Livesey, S. Hirst, F. Smith



Readers Today: 12th September

5.00pm Ruby Griffiths
9.30am Stephen Tierney

Next Sunday: 19th September

5.00pm Martin Craven
9.30am Tricia Dugdale

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

5.00pm Peter Cahill
9.30am Barbara Walmsley

Next Sunday:

5.00pm Trish Evans
9.30am Emma Whitney

Why Must We Care for Creation?

“The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report 'is a 'CODE RED FOR HUMANITY'. The alarm bells are deafening...greenhouse gas emissions from fossil-fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet” says UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres. Pope Francis warns us 'For too long we have collectively failed to listen to the fruits of scientific analysis....Any discussion of climate change and the energy transition must be rooted in “ the results of the best scientific research available today, letting them touch us deeply.” (Laudato Si 15) Why? 'Our children and grandchildren should not have to pay the costs of our generation's irresponsibility. I beg your pardon, but I would like to emphasise this: they, our children and grandchildren, should not have to pay - it is not right that they should pay - the price of our irresponsibility. Today's young people are saying, “The future is ours”, and they are right! Pope Francis, June 2019

UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021. ‘COP’ means ‘conference of parties’. Leaders from 197 countries, including Pope Francis, who have signed up to the UN’s climate change treaty, will travel to Glasgow to take part in the conference. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil. The focus of the conference will be how to keep temperature rises below 1.5C. If the world warms more than this threshold, millions more people in the most vulnerable communities around the globe will suffer from devastating droughts, storms, floods and other impacts of climate change. Governments will be obliged to set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change under the Paris Agreement (2015). CAFOD invite us to sign a petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26.

You can sign the petition online here:

<https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>

The Catholic University Chaplaincy:

<http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/>

You can use this website to look for the Catholic Chaplain at universities in England, Wales and Scotland. Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome.

Readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

To carry the cross is not to be weak but to be strong.

Second Reading James 2:14-18

Good works come from faith, like heat comes from fire.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

It is only by his Death and Resurrection that Jesus can show who he really is.

The Exaltation of the Cross

Tuesday 14th September

What are these Christians about, exalting an instrument of torture? First, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race. Second, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and spiritual religion. It springs from God's direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross. We may theorize and theologize all we like; but all our theorizings and theologizings are nothing without the history on which they are based. Take away that history – take away the Cross – and Christianity is nonsense.

