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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th September 2021

Sunday (Sat)	5.00pm Parishioners
	9.30am William Witter (A)
Monday	8.30am Liam Gibson (A)
Tuesday	8.30am Armstrong Family
Wednesday	8.30am Teresa Parkinson (100B)
Thursday	8.30am Stanley Boocock (A)
Friday	8.30am Joseph Ball (A)
Saturday	9.30am <i>First Holy Communions</i>

Sunday next	5.00pm Thomas Parkinson (A)
	9.30am Gertrude O'Neill (A) (<i>Crowning of Our Lady</i>)



No Confessions on Saturday 25th September: First Holy Communions
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.

☩. Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in Thee.

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

IMPORTANT – Because of the Pandemic, Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers have not been going into the hospital with Holy Communion. Maurice Smith who has coordinated our Eucharistic Ministers for many years has asked could he stepdown temporarily. We are so very grateful to Maurice. Consequently, I have asked Andrew King to coordinate our Eucharistic Ministers with special reference to those who have agreed to continue taking Holy Communion into Chorley Hospital; which is due to resume very soon. 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:** Lucy Shepherd (Funeral Service at Overdale Crematorium, 11am Wednesday 22nd September) and all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: William Witter, Liam Gibson, Stanley Boocock, Joseph Ball, Thomas Parkinson & Gertrude O'Neill.

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: M. Finch & K. Wilkinson

NEXT WEEK: M. Smith, F & B Walmsley

Readers Today: 19th September

Next Sunday: 26th September

5.00pm

Martin Craven

5.00pm

Pauline Daintry

9.30am

Tricia Dugdale

9.30am

Jim Weldon

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

Next Sunday:

5.00pm

Trish Evans

5.00pm

Christine Farnworth

9.30am

Emma Whitney

9.30am

Valerie Christie

Why Must We Care for Creation?

“We are 'cooperative co-creators',” (Pope St John Paul II) and our participation lies at the basis of a healing world, a world aimed towards the fullness of God.”. The yes of the Christian to the body of Christ, is a yes to life in the cosmos, a yes to the earth, planet and stars, to the diversity of creation and all peoples....” writes Ilia Delio in *The Emergent Christ*. We therefore have to take seriously the necessary words of Pope Francis '.... given the insatiable and irresponsible growth produced over many decades, we need to think of containing growth by setting some reasonable limits and even retracing our steps before it is too late. We know how unsustainable is the behaviour of those (of us?) who constantly consume and destroy, while others are not yet able to live in a way worthy of their human dignity. Benedict XVI has said that “technologically advanced societies must be prepared to encourage more sober lifestyles, while reducing their energy consumption and improving its efficiency”. *Laudato Si* 193



UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31st October to 12th 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>

Towards an ever wider “we” is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It’s an appeal to build a universal “we” rather than a national “we”. Instead of repeating mantra’s we’ve heard, such as “our country is full”, or “they come over here and take our jobs”, Pope Francis invites us to look at the reality of why people leave their homes and countries, often risking their lives. He asks us to enter into the experience of these vulnerable people who are running from situations we can barely imagine, and to pray for them as they face so many challenges, including hostility, rejection and closed doors. Pope Francis also asks us to become aware of the opportunity’s migration offers of countries and communities. The Vatican has an extensive website directed personally by Pope Francis which aims to help the Church, and others, to accompany those forced to flee and make sure they are not shut out or left behind: <https://migrants-refugees.va>

World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Next Sunday is the Annual World Day for Migrants and Refugees – a day the Church has kept since 1914. It is appropriate that this day falls during the Season of Creation because, in addition to war and persecution, the climate emergency is a direct cause of migration.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has worked to create a safe environment that is truly inclusive for all. We are so proud to have been recognised as being a place of safety and welcome for all who come through our doors, with the award of Lancashire School of Sanctuary Status. This status recognises the work and ongoing commitment from pupils, staff, parents and governors to engage with and celebrate the positive contribution of refugees and asylum seekers in our school community and beyond.

St Joseph's Parent and Toddler Group reopened last week with great success! It was lovely to see our families and community members socialising together after all this time. The group is open on Wednesday mornings from 9am-11am during term time. We have Craft and Sensory Stations, lots to play with as well as toast and refreshments for everyone! Please come along with your pre-schoolers, it's £2 for an adult & child.

St. Joseph's Guides are celebrating their belated 50th Anniversary celebrations on 19th September in St. Joseph's Parish Hall 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Chorley St. Joseph's Beavers & Cubs now have vacancies, Beavers for children aged 6-8 years and Cubs for children aged 8-10½ years.

We are also looking for Leaders, a Treasurer and Helpers.

We meet on Thursday evening in the school hall.

If your child would be interested, please phone ☎ 01257 268094