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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th August 2024

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| Saturday | 5.00pm John Slater (RIP) |
| Sunday | 9.30am Christians in the Holy Land (EOHSJ) |
| Monday | 8.30am Peter Eccles (A) |
| Tuesday | 8.30am Sandra Rennison (WA) |
| Wednesday | 8.30am Winifred (A) & Gilbert Bolton (RIP) |
| Thursday | 8.30am Josef Klaiber (B) |
| Friday | 8.30am Fr. Matthew McGettrick (A) |
| Saturday | 9.00am Alan (A) & Elsie Jenner (RIP) |
| Sunday next | 5.00pm Mary Denise Hicks (RIP) |
| | 9.30am John Bradshaw (RIP) |

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10am – 10.30am

Please Pray for The Following Who Are Sick: Anna Hennessy, Sr. Paschal Rose, Tina Finlayson, Laurence Eccles, June Wrigley, Denis Redshaw, Jim Clarke & Christopher Morrison. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice & our Nursing Homes.

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 – 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:** Brian Thomas Halligan (Requiem 11.15am Wednesday 14th August). We also remember all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Peter Eccles, Winifred Bolton, Fr Matthew McGettrick & Alan Jenner. *We hold in our thoughts & prayers all those involved in the Major Incident this last week in Southport. For those who have been injured, for those who are parents, family, and friends of the injured, and for all involved in the Emergency Services; we pray for God's blessing, God's peace, and God's presence today.*

Keeping in touch: Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email? 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.

Mass Online at St. Joseph's: Mass will be Live-streamed from St. Joseph's: The Link for St. Joseph's is: <https://www.churchservices.tv/chorleystjosephs>

St Joseph's Parent and Toddler Group: The Organisers have enjoyed managing the Parent & Toddler Group over the last academic year, unfortunately the school hall is now needed for the Breakfast and After School Club, so it is no longer possible to host the Toddler Group.

St Joseph's Parish Centre – Members Notice: Available for all types of social events. For bookings, please contact the Parish Centre Manageress: ☎ 275137 or 📠 07932 404447.

E-mail: StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk Website: www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk

The Universe Catholic Weekly have launched their new online newspaper. Order your **Digital** copy by going to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call on 📠 07436617650 and ask for Michelle.

Living Waters Food Bank: Please leave your donated gifts in the basket in the church porch. Thank You for your generosity.

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: J Simmons/T Schofield

NEXT WEEK: C Jenner/H Bailey

Readers today: 4th August

5.00pm Tricia Evans
9.30am Stephen Tierney

Next Sunday: 11th August

5.00pm Martin Craven
9.30am Laura Crowther

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

5.00pm Claire Kinnaird
9.30am Julie Nolan/Anna King (c)

5.00pm Eileen Broadstock
9.30am E Thompson/G Massey (c)

Prayer for Ukraine & the Middle East

Mary, Mother of God,

we ask you to intercede for the people of the Ukraine,
& the Middle East, for their governments,
and all who suffer as a result of war.

Be with them as you stood beside your Son,
suffering on the Cross at Calvary.

Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice.

May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity

that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed,

that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war. Amen.



This Sunday's Readings: First Reading. Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15. In the desert, the Israelites forgot the blessings of escaping from slavery, and instead grumbled that they were hungry. **Second Reading.** Ephesians 4:17. 20-24. We are called to a new life in Christ. **Gospel.** John 6:24-35. The people whom Jesus fed followed him in the search for more bread, not realising that they should have been looking for bread which would last forever.

St Gregory's Weld Bank Annual Beer Festival 16th - 18th August 2024: This year's festival will feature a selection of 16 beers and assorted ciders. Tickets are now on sale £5 each to include a souvenir programme & a free glass of beer. Wine and gin will also be available as well as food from our own Pit Stop café. Tickets are available from the Parish Office or ☎ 01257 262462 or 📱 07944 931469.

Concert in the Garden & Family Fun Day - 18th August: Our ever-popular Concert in the Garden & Family Fun Day will take place on **Sunday 18th August** in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's. The event will begin at 2:00pm and entry to the concert is free (i.e. no ticket required). Entry to the beer tent is free for those attending the beer festival on Fri/Sat, otherwise entry is £5 on the door. Bring along your friends and family and your own chairs and picnic blankets! There will be live music to entertain you, donkey rides and games for the children. Bring along your own picnic or enjoy food from our BBQ and refreshment stand.

CERTIFICATE in Catholic Pastoral Leadership with Liverpool Hope University: Beginning at the end of September 2024:

Are you involved in any ministry in the Church? Are you interested in doing more for the Church? Do you want to expand your skills in pastoral leadership? A new online course in Catholic Pastoral Leadership might be what you are looking for. Liverpool Hope University has partnered with several Catholic dioceses across England and Wales to help people like you gain fresh perspectives on Scripture and Church teaching. You will look at real-world issues in the light of our tradition and consider the best ways of exploring Christian faith and life with others. You will take 4 modules over 2 years: - The Word of God, - The Synodal Church, - Dimensions of Christian Life, - The Church's Mission in the World. The course can be followed online, and you can do most of the work at a time to suit yourself – with occasional synchronous sessions. There are two ways you can take this course. All students will review the material presented online and do some assessed work to complete the course (total cost £1900). Or you can take this course as a postgraduate certificate (60 credits) at extra cost and with additional work (total cost £2400). Funding may be available from Liverpool Archdiocese so that we can bring these acquired skills and knowledge into our ministries and find new ways and opportunities to help others explore and expand on their faith. To find out more about funding from the archdiocese, please email training@rcaol.org.uk There will be a Zoom information session, 7.00-8.30pm on Monday 22nd July which will provide you with more information. Or to contact Liverpool Hope University directly visit: <https://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/postgraduatecourses/catholicpastoralleadershipcertificate>

Thought for the Day: Ancient Egyptian grave robbers knew that great riches were buried with important people and became increasingly ingenious in gaining access to tombs to steal valuable items which could be sold or melted down. They were so good at hiding their tracks that today, when archaeologists begin their excavations, they often unexpectedly discover that the thieves had been there before them. However, in their search for riches, the robbers didn't know that some of the seemingly trivial things they left behind would be priceless archaeological evidence 3000 years later. Yuya and Thuya were buried in Egypt's Valley of the Kings in about 1390 BC, roughly 70 years before their great-grandson, the Pharaoh Tutankhamun. Their tomb, although sealed against raiders, was known to be very richly supplied with goods to accompany the couple into the afterlife. The thieves removed the gold and jewellery but ignored the food storage pots and boxes which had been left for Yuya and Thuya's journey through the underworld. Centuries later, archaeologists discovered that the seventeen carved boxes, carved into the shape of their contents, had contained a leg of veal, a shoulder of antelope, three geese, two ducks, and several small birds. The clay pots contained grain and other staples – and all this happened before refrigeration and our “sell by” and “use by” dates! History and archaeology show us that people have always thought of everlasting life and food that would last into eternity. It was Jesus who turned these human longings into reality.