

CHORLEY AND PRESTON HOSPITALS: Please contact St Joseph's Chorley (262713) if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and needs a visit. Please ask the ward staff to call the Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital please ring 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary T. 01942 822324.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR ST MARY'S CHORLEY: UPDATE

UPDATE: St Mary's Chorley will continue the current H&S practices. Masks must be worn (unless exempt) and hands gelled. Please do not come to church if you are not well. Current Chorley infection rate highest ever at 440/100,000 in 7 days to Sept 28th. COVID has not gone away. Take care.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish Office to book a baptism, which can take place after the 10.00 am Sunday Mass during September and possibly October.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: This is the third weekend. Stewards, please do the counting on entrance to the church. The sheet to record the numbers is in the sacristy.

PIOUS LISTS are in the narthex. Please complete the list, put in your offering and return in the envelope provided. **QUARANT'ORE** envelopes are also available for candles in memory of a loved one, or a donation towards the flowers. Thank you.

CONFIRMATIONS: If any adult would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office. Confirmations will take place on 3rd and 4th November 2021 in Chorley. If any child over 12yrs+ who does not attend Holy Cross Catholic High School, is interested in receiving this Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

YEAR 4 CLASS: The preparation for First Confessions and First Holy Communion in summer 2022, begins with a class Mass on Wednesday 6th October at 09.00. School children and staff only please for this Mass. We will explore the church and discuss what happens during the Mass. Parents had a Zoom meeting last night and the Sacramental Programme was explained to the parents. Please pray for the Year 4 children and their families. Thank you.

WOULD YOU LIKE to be baptised into the Catholic Church or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Please ring the parish office for more details.

WINTER IS COMING: Could I have your thoughts about having weekday Mass in the sacristy during the cold winter months? Fuel bills have shot up and it will be very expensive to keep the church heated for weekday Masses.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witness of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel

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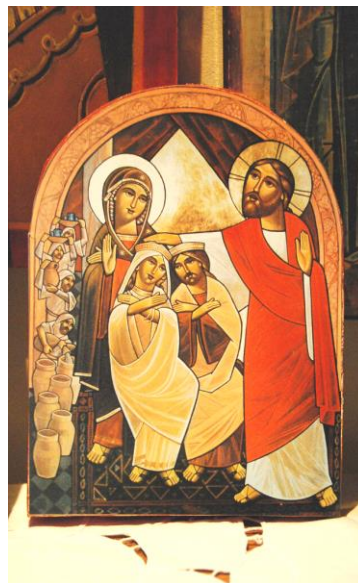
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

SUNDAY XXVII IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd OCTOBER 2021



Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing. Mark 10:2-16

Sat 2nd

16.15-16.45

17.00

The Guardian Angels

Confessions (outside at the garden gate)

Vigil Mass – Mary Dorothea Thompson (A) / Pro populo

Sun 3rd

10.00

11.30

XXVII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - Rosary Sunday

Mass – Christine Corcoran – Memorial Mass

Mass at St Joseph's Anderton

Mon 4th

12.00

St Francis of Assisi

Mass – Imelda (A) and Thomas Roscoe

Tues 5th 12.00	St Faustina Kowalska – Apostle of the Divine Mercy Mass – Persecuted Christians throughout the world
Wed 6th 09.00 12.00	St Bruno Mass – School children only: Yr 4 Sacramental Class Mass – Hilda Scott (A)
Thurs 7th Fri 8th 12.00	Our Lady of the Rosary - Private Mass Funeral Mass – Michael Rawcliffe
Sat 9th 17.00	St John Henry Newman (Feast) Vigil Mass – Eva Baldwin (LD) / Pro populo <i>Confessions after Mass as required</i>
Sun 10th 10.00 11.30	XXVII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass – Monica Wilcock (LD) <i>Mass at St Joseph's Anderton</i>

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament 12.30-13.00 Tues, Wed. Fri.

Please pray for the sick and the housebound: Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Laurence Mayne, Dorothy Ainsworth, Emily Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Kevin Bailey, Brigid Cain, Tom Carmichael, Michael Collins, Hughie Daly, Colette Ellis, Yvonne Finlayson, Desmond Gorman, Jacob Hughes, Debbie MacFarlane, Teresa O'Malia, Molly Redhead, Sr Magdalene Roskell, Joan Smith, Eileen Snape, Terry Tingey, Bridget Trimm, June Tranter, Alan Willetts, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, Agnes Young and parishioners in *The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, Gillibrand Hall*

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Michael Rawcliffe** (76) who died on 26th September at home. Requiem Mass will be on Friday 8th October at 12.00 noon followed by burial in Chorley Cemetery. **Eamon Neary** who died 30th September in Marley Court. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Withnell on Thursday 7th October at 10.30am followed by burial at St Chad's cemetery. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: Mgr. Canon Thomas Crank, Bernard Worden, Leon Lynch, Maureen Sweeney, Margaret Thompson

READERS: **Sat: 2nd Oct 17.00** Andrew Jenner. **Sun: 3rd 10.00** Tracy O'Neill.
Sat: 9th 17.00 Gillian Sharples. **Sun: 10th** Simon Eccles.

ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA (1905 – 1938) APOSTLE AND SECRETARY OF THE DIVINE MERCY: “He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.”

[A person]....ought to perform at least one act of mercy per day; at least one, but there can be many more, for such deeds can easily be carried out by anyone, even the very poorest. For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving, and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray-that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy. And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged from this, and on this basis we shall receive the eternal verdict.”

“Today the Lord said, ‘Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennoble it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there

for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrent of grace inundates humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.”

THE HOLY ROSARY Please offer the rosary daily and ask Our Blessed Lady to defeat the Meacher Bill - Assisted Dying which will have its second Reading and debate in the House of Lords on 15th October. It is so important that this Bill will fail, otherwise no child, woman or man will be safe when becoming ill, infirm or old.

