

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

1. Masks **must** be worn in the church (unless you are medically exempt).
2. Hands **must** be sanitized with gel coming into the church and upon exit.
3. 2 metre distancing **must** be maintained. Only every third pew is in use. The Church capacity number is 120 until further notice for any Mass.
4. Mass books can now be used, but only once per day per book. Please do not crowd around to put the books back on the shelf.
5. You can also follow the Mass by the app. Universalis Mass Readings on your mobile phone or tablet. It gives you the Readings of the Day.
6. At the moment the COVID numbers are still concerning. Please do take care.

OPPOSING THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: Please pray that the Bill will be defeated in the October Hearing in Parliament. It is imperative that we pray and write in opposition, to make sure the Bill does not proceed. We need to urge decision makers to provide more funding for care not ending care. Make your voice heard through our Member of Parliament, Rt Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of The House of Commons. The Catholic Church opposes any form of assisted suicide.

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.

THE BIG SUNDAY FESTIVAL - 12TH SEPTEMBER 13.00-17.00 The Chorley Catholic Network of Catholic Laity are hosting 'The Big Sunday Festival' in St Gregory's gardens Weld Bank this Sunday afternoon. This is a great opportunity to share your faith and to see what the faith communities are doing in Chorley. Bring your own picnic or why not enjoy delicious refreshments from the St Gregory's stand. There will be live music and something for the children, young and older. Please do come along and support this event.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT will start at Vigil Mass, Saturday 18th September for 4 weekends. Stewards, please do the counting on entrance to the church.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray that we will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed .

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Parish Office: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10.30-13, 14-17

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

SUNDAY XXIV-XXV IN ORDINARY TIME

12th & 19th SEPTEMBER 2021



Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to

rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. Mark 8:27-35

Sat 11th

16.15-16.45

Confessions in garden

17.00

Vigil Mass – Michael Carter RIP Memorial Mass and thanksgiving

Sun 12th

10.00

XXIV SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass – Pro Populo

11.30

Mass at St Joseph's Anderton

Mon 13th

12.00

St John Chrysostom

Mass – Maire Duffy – Sp Int

Tues 14th

12.00

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Mass – Bishop Vincent Malone RIP

Wed 15th

12.00

Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass – Kathleen Durkin RIP

Thurs 16th St Cornelius, St Cyprian, St Edith of Wilton - Private Mass

Fri 17th
12.00 St Robert Bellarmine
Mass – Kathleen Jackson (Thanksgiving)

Sat 18th
17.00 **Vigil Mass** – Kathleen Joyce RIP
Confessions after Mass as required

Sun 19th
10.00 **XXV SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** - Home Mission Sunday
11.30 **Mass** – Pro populo
Mass at St Joseph's Anderton

Mon 20th
12.00 Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions, Korean martyrs
Mass – Anna Doherty (A)

Tues 21st
12.00 **ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**
Mass – Leo, Janet, Michael and Rosie Bolton RIP

Wed 22nd
12.00 **Funeral Mass – Roland Anderton**

Thurs 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) - Private Mass

Fri 24th
12.00 **OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
Mass – Kath Angland RIP

Sat 25th
16.15 – 16.45 *Confessions in the garden*
17.00 **Vigil Mass** – Andrew Waddington RIP

Sun 26th
10.00 **XXVI SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
Harvest Thanksgiving Mass
Mass – Past and Present SVP Members/ Pro populo

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

HOME MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION will be a retiring collection on 17th and 18th September. The baskets will be marked Home Mission. Thank you.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Monica Wilcock** (88) who died on 3rd September at home. Requiem Mass at St Gregory's on Friday 17th September at 10.00am. **Sr Anne-Marie Newsham SCMM** who died on 8th September. **Roland Anderton** (87) who died on 8th September in Chorley hospital. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 22nd September at 12.00 noon, followed by burial at St Gregory's Graveyard. **Christine Corcoran** (81) who died on 8th September in Wanaka, New Zealand. We will have a Memorial Mass for Christine in a couple of weeks' time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Doherty, Fr Fred Scragg, Ernest Bailey, Jane Goulding.

READERS: **Sat: 11th 17.00** Eileen McCarrick. **Sun: 10.00** Tracy O'Neill. **Sat: 18th**

17.00 Richard Gillett. **Sun 19th 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles. **Sat 25th 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska. **Sun: 26th 10.00** Margaret Arrowsmith.

CALENDARS FOR 2022: We have exceptionally beautiful calendars with Chorley scenes, at £7.50 each. Lovely present for someone who appreciates beauty, perhaps a nice birthday present or for Christmas.. More information available from the parish office.

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY MASS and Harvest thanksgiving Mass was held on Wednesday. It was also a good opportunity to have the beginning of the school year Mass. The children and staff (Yrs 3,4,5 and 6) enjoyed their visit and took part in the Readings and Bidding Prayers. Great to see the children in church. See you soon. **Thank you** to everyone who donated the beautiful roses. The Lady Altar looks beautiful.

MRS KATHLEEN JACKSON would like to thank everyone who phoned, sent cards and messages during her recent sudden illness, which took place away from home. A Thanksgiving Mass is being offered for everyone on Friday 17th September. You are all very much appreciated.

SVP NEED YOU: Please would you consider being a volunteer for St Mary's SVP? The SVP group needs to expand, and new volunteers greatly appreciated. More information available from Terry Porter or Monica Ormerod. Contact information available from the parish office.

PRAYER DURING THIS PANDEMIC

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon. [Ps 91:5-6] Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbours be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

"Everything is a reminder of the Cross. We ourselves are made in the shape of a cross." - St John Vianney

"In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent Heart of Jesus stretched on the Cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting." – St. Faustina

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

"This is the "folly" of the cross: a folly capable of changing our sufferings into a declaration of love for God and mercy for our neighbour." – Pope Benedict XVI

"Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." St Rose of Lima