

CHORLEY HOSPITAL CLERGY: if you or a family member/friend need a Catholic Priest while in **Chorley Hospital** please ask the ward sister to bleep the on-call priest. The duty chaplain for Chorley Hospital is Fr Peter Stanley at St Joseph's Church on Harpers Lane. 01257 262713. If you are in **Royal Preston Hospital**, please ask the ward sister to bleep the duty Catholic Chaplain who lives in St Clare's Church Fulwood

DONATION BASKET for the UKRAINE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL: The SVP are collecting items for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal led by Stuart Clewlow and his team at the Chorley & District Support for Ukraine Centre at the White Hart (beside the Town Hall).

Suggestions for the Soldiers' Boxes are: gloves, hats, socks, razors, soap bars, sweets, cup-a-soups, coffee sachets, plasters, painkillers, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc

The donation basket can be found in The Pieta. Thank you very much for your generosity.

MASS COUNT TIME: This will be the last weekend count for 2026. Thank you to all concerned.

PARISH CENTRE MEETING WITH APCMC: A meeting will take place on Monday 12th October to discuss what we should expect from the changes that occurred over the last weekend. While the parish centre remains the property of St Mary's parish, APCMC (Archdiocesan Parish Centre Management Company Ltd) deals with the running of the parish centre. It is responsible for the staff, training of the staff, statutory duties, purchasing beer, alcohol and all the drinks and setting their prices. I as the parish priest need clarification on how the debt increased to such a high level and what are the proposals for the parish centre long term? The parish centre needs a good spruce up. Old and battered furniture stored at the side needs removing and taking to the tip. The weeds need spraying and we need a general clean up outside – to the back and front. If you would like to volunteer and help out, I would be very grateful to you. Thank you.

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Parish Office: Mon by appointment, Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00-17.00

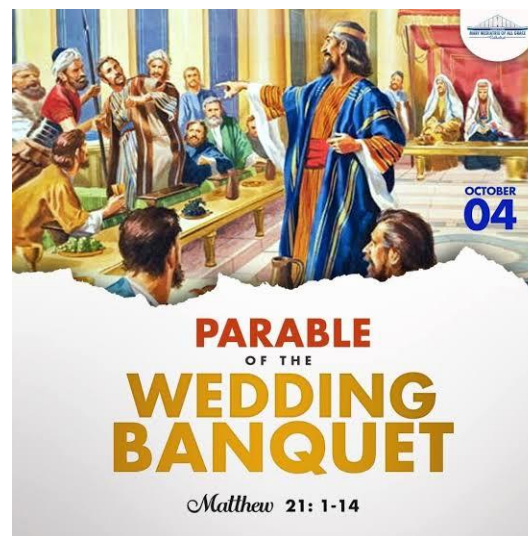
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th OCTOBER 2026



At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come

to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So, the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.' Matthew 22:1-14

Sat 10th

15.00

16.15-16.45

17.00

St Paulinus of York

Baptism – Oliver Paul

Confessions

Mass – Ann (A) and Eric (A) Smith

Sun 11th 09.30	<u>SUNDAY XXVIII IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Mass – Parishioners
Mon 12th 09.00	<u>St Wilfrid of Ripon</u> Mass – Tony Daykin RIP – Harvest School Mass
Tues 13th 12.00 <i>12.30 -13.00</i>	<u>St Edward the Confessor</u> Mass – Dcn Norman – birthday Mass <i>Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 14th 12.00	<u>St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</u> <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy communion</i>
Thurs 15th 09.00	<u>St Teresa of Jesus (of Àvila)</u> Mass – Pauline Fairhurst RIP
Fri 16th 12.00	<u>St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque</u> Mass – Peter Higgins (Private Intention)
Sat 17th <i>16.15-16.45</i> 17.00	<u>St Ignatius of Antioch</u> <i>Confessions</i> Mass – Jane Banks (A) and Eileen O’ Neil (A)
Sun 18th 09.30	<u>SUNDAY XXVIII IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Mass – LISCF

Please note that there is NO MASS at 0900 on Wednesday morning but there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 12.00 noon. Mass will be on Thursday morning at 09.00.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, David Monks, Molly Redhead, Sheila Southworth, Fr Hubert Strowbridge and parishioners in the Adelphi, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Honora Pauline Greenney** (79) died 2nd October at Waverley Grange Care Home Farnham Surrey. Requiem Mass 12.00 on Wednesday 21st October followed by cremation at Charnock Richard. **Tsvetanka Velichkova Tsvetanova** (a grandmother of one of our parishioners) has died in Sofia, Bulgaria. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: Jane Banks, Eileen O’ Neil, Ann and Eric Smith, June Tranter, Joseph Hallatt, Ted Stringfellow

<u>READERS:</u>	10. Sat: 17.00 Chris Thorpe	Sun: 11. 09.30 Charlotte Eccles
	17. Sat: 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska	Sun: 18. 09.30 Richard Gillett
	24. Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples	Sun: 25. 09.30 Simon Eccles

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW CURATE: The Archbishop of Liverpool has asked us to welcome Fr Joseph Jacob of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers who will be staying with us for several months. Fr Jacob is well acquainted with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and has recently worked in Ormskirk St Anne’s for over 12 months. Fr Jacob will come to St Mary’s at the end of this month and I am sure

we look forward to hearing from him as he tells us about his very interesting past and his work in India. We are very fortunate to have a parochial vicar (curate) and he will be able to assist Fr Marsden in the workload of looking after two parishes. Our last assistant priest was Fr Kenny Hyde who left St Mary’s in August 1997. Fr Jacob would like to experience the key aspects of parish administration, visiting the sick in Nursing Homes and private homes and running preparation classes for baptisms. Would the EOMs of Holy Communion who visit the sick please plan to make arrangements with Fr Jacob to show him where the Homes are and the procedures of each Home. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Deacon Norman Arrowsmith who turns 78 on Tuesday. Well done Deacon Norman, you have our full support and prayers.

CAN YOU CONTACT US PLEASE? Mr or Mrs Moir, please contact the parish office about request for Mass Intentions. Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Everyone is invited to St George’s Church on Saturday 17th October at 6.30pm for 7.00 pm start. Light refreshments will be provided. A service of thanksgiving will be held with music, inspiring reports from international leaders and also prayers for the future. There will also be a stall where items from different countries can be purchased. You will be very welcome and tickets are free.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: Please could someone lead the rosary during adoration. Thank you. Let us not forget to pray for peace in Ukraine and other troubled areas in the world.

ELECTRIC BILL FOR AUGUST just for the church during the month of August came to £295.79. We did not have dark evenings in August and we did not use any heating in the church. The cost of electricity has escalated to high levels. We only put the lights on 10 minutes before each Mass but as the evenings get darker, we will have to extend that. Please could the servers make sure most lights are turned off straight after Mass. We don’t want to compete with Blackpool Illuminations!

HALF-TERM; We wish Mr Smyth, his staff and all the children and parents a great half-term. This year the October half-term is for **2 weeks** from Friday 16th October to Monday 2nd November. Enjoy and stay safe.

PIOUS LIST ENVELOPES are available at the back of the church. If you can gift aid your donation, please do. Please complete the list in capitals so we can read the names more clearly. Envelopes can be added to the collection basket, left at the parish office or popped through the letter box at the presbytery. This year, All Saints is on a Sunday and All Souls on Monday. We will hold our annual Quarant’Ore during these two special days. The list for watching will soon be available in the church foyer. Please sign up for the time you can spend with Our Eucharistic Lord. The school children will join the 09.00 Mass on All Souls, 2nd November.