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 donations basket can be found in the Pietà chapel. Thank you very much for your generosity.

PARISH CENTRE MEETING WITH APCMC: The regional manager of the parish centres agreed that he would make arrangements for the removal of the rubbish left by workmen and also the broken chairs by the side of the parish centre. Also, an agreement was reached to clear up and control the weeds around the building. The third item of agreement was to tidy up and redecorate the gentlemen's toilets and the disabled toilet. This will be done soon. Please note that the parish centre is available for parties and meetings any time during the week. We have some bookings in the diary but we need a lot more. We have secured the licence and can continue selling alcoholic beverages. Also, reputable spirits are now back on the shelf and we are ready for Christmas and New Year gatherings.

If you don't use it - we may lose it!

POPE ST JOHN PAUL II "I plead with you—never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."
"Jesus does not say 'no' to the authentic demands of the heart, but only a clear, loud 'yes' to life, to love, to freedom, to peace and to hope. With Him no goal is impossible and even a small act of generosity grows and can lead to change."

Priest: Fr. Francis Marsden

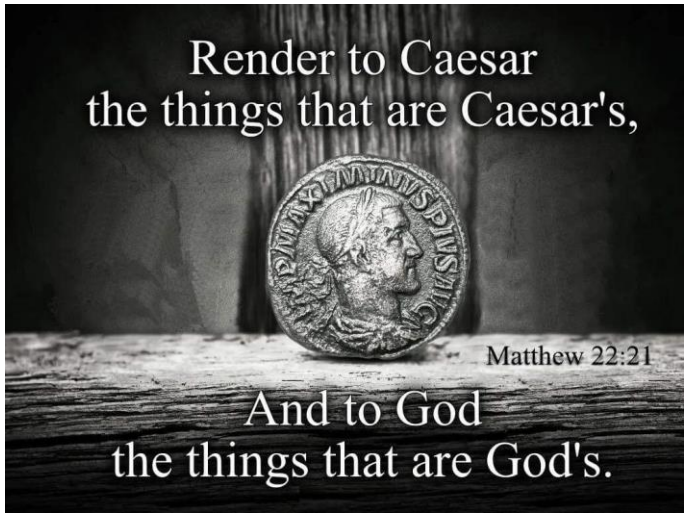
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TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th OCTOBER 2026



At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' **Matthew 22:15-21**

Sat 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch
16.15-16.45	*Confessions*
17.00	**Mass –** Jane Banks (A) and Eileen O' Neil (A)
Sun 18th	**SUNDAY XXIV IN ORDINARY TIME** St Luke
09.30	**Mass –** LISCF
Mon 19th	Ss John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, St Paul of the Cross
09.00	**Mass –** George (A) and Margaret Bury
Tues 20th	
12.00	**Mass –** Marie (A) and Donald McClelland
12.30 -13.00	*Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament*
Wed 21st	
12.00	**Requiem Mass –** Honora Pauline Greenney

Thurs 22nd St John Paul II
12.00 *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

Fri 23rd St John of Capistrano
12.00 **Mass –** Pope Leo XIV – for health and strength

Sat 24th St Anthony Mary Claret
16.15-16.45 *Confessions*
17.00 **Mass** Samuel Round (b'day remembrance)



Sun 25th **SUNDAY XXX IN ORDINARY TIME**
09.30 **Mass –** Parishioners

Please note that the Requiem Mass for Polly Greenney will be at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 21st October.

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

PARISH COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: Basket collection £373.00. Gift Aid envelopes £170.00 Restoration Fund £70.00. Heating Fund £105.00.

ANNIVERSARIES: **George Bury, Marie McClelland, Eileen O. Neil, Jane Banks.**

READERS:

17. Sat:	**17.00**	Kinga Grzeczynska	**Sun: 18.**	**09.30**	Richard Gillett
24. Sat:	**17.00**	Gillian Sharples	**Sun: 25.**	**09.30**	Simon Eccles
31. Sat:	**17.00**	Eileen McCarrick	**Sun: 01.**	**09.30**	Paul Lennon

POPE LEO XIV: The Holy Father has undergone a lung biopsy this week, following a routine health check where a concern was raised about a nodule. Regrettably, following a biopsy, a diagnosis of a form of lung cancer has been announced by the Vatican Press. Please remember The Holy Father in your rosary prayers for this early caught lung cancer to be successfully treated. Holy Mass for The Holy Father will be offered on Friday 23rd October at 12.00 noon. Please join us if you can.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON? The deacon embodies the spirit of service and compassion in the Church, a man who is dedicated and humble, uniquely ordained to help both the spiritual needs and the practical needs of a community. Candidates for the diaconate are typically mature men between the ages of 30 and 65. If they are married, they must be in a stable sacramental marriage. The journey to discern if you have a calling to the diaconate involves asking yourself whether you have a genuine desire to serve God and His Church in this capacity.
We invite you to attend either or both of our enquirers' events to learn more about the role of deacons, their ministry in parish life, and to support your prayerful discernment
Online: Tuesday 20 October, 7pm (Scan the QR code to book)
In Person: Tuesday 24th November, 7pm, St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith Canons' Hall, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

Scan me!

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Deacon Daniel Howarth will be ordained Priest on Saturday 24th October at St Oswald's Padgate Laner, Warrington WA1 3LB. Daniel was briefly here with us on pastoral placement two years ago. Many congratulations from all the parish.

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 Joseph popped in to introduce himself several days ago. He has recently worked in Ormskirk St Anne's for over 12 months. Fr Joseph will come to St Mary's at the end of this month. Would the EOMs of Holy Communion who visit the sick please plan to make arrangements with Fr Joseph to show him where the Homes are and the procedures of each Home. Thank you.

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. We also pray for Pope Leo XIV.

ST CHARBEL HEALING MASS: Last Thursday of every month at 6pm at St Luke the Evangelist Church, Shaw Lane, Whiston

PIOUS LIST ENVELOPES are available at the back of the church. If you can gift aid your donation, please do so. Please complete the list in capitals so we can read the names 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.

MASS IN THE SACRISTY: As temperatures fall, it is time that we think about our annual moving into the sacristy for our weekday Masses. Therefore, from **Tuesday 3rd November**, weekday Mass will take place in a warm sacristy. This will be a great help for our gas and electricity bills. We usually stay there until March when hopefully the Spring sunshine comes out.

COUGHS AND COLDS: Unfortunately, there is an increase in numbers of colds, COVID and bad chests. If you are unwell or have symptoms of the autumn bugs, please do not share them with our parishioners. Stay at home and get better. Thank you.

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL: Please help yourselves to free copies of the Catholic Pictorial. They can be found near the newsletter at the back of the church.

QUARANT'ORE CANDLE OFFERINGS: The adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place 1st and 2nd November. If you would like to sponsor a candle for a loved one, special birthday or anniversary or in thanksgiving for blessings received, please put your donation into an envelope and mark it Candle donation. It will be very gratefully received. Thank you.

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