

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. In urgent cases or emergency please ask the ward staff to call the duty 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.

LOST PROPERTY After last Sunday's Mass, we found a set of bottom dentures left on a pew. Please reclaim from the sacristy. Thank you. There are also numerous pairs of glasses, some look very expensive!

FAMILY OF PARISHES ROADSHOWS: will be held on 4th, 7th, 8th November. The Pastoral Plan hopes to lead the way forward for the church in our Archdiocese. It says this: 'Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have; we will create families of parishes. In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes'. To explore what this means, there are 3 roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone to attend. The meeting for our area will take place on **Tuesday 7th Nov 7:00pm – 9.00pm** at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk. For further information, please contact: Fr Philip Inch (p.inch@rcaol.org.uk).



At this time of year, we remember all those who lost their lives in providing the freedom that we enjoy. Millions of people have died in wars, conflicts and feuds between different nations. Little is gained and much is lost. The suffering and poor; suffer even more. The sick and dying do not have dignity and peace during their last hours on this earth. Those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom must never be forgotten. We pray for all of them

in whatever job they did and we don't need to know their names. All we need to say is thank you in prayer. **Lest we forget.**

If you would like to join the Chorley people for Remembrance Sunday, please gather at 10.25 am around St Thomas's Road. Ex Service Personnel, muster at 10.15am outside the Police Station. The parade will march to the Cenotaph in Astley Park for the Service of Remembrance, which will start at 10.45 am. Two minutes silence will be at the customary 11.00 am followed by the laying of wreathes and the return march back to the Town Hall (via the town centre streets).

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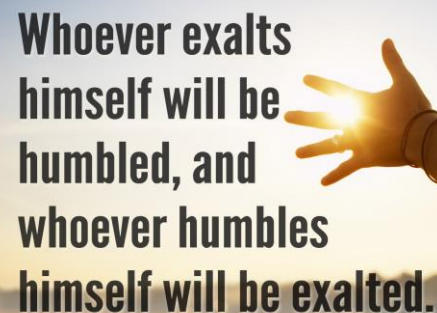
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5TH NOVEMBER 2023



Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise

what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.' Matthew 23:1-12

Sat 4th
12.00
16.15 - 16.45
17.00

St Charles Borromeo (First Saturday)
Mass – Pious List Fatima Prayers and Rosary after Mass
Confessions
Vigil Mass – Leslie Paminter (A)

Sun 5th
10.00

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.149)
Mass – Pious List

Mon 6th
09.00

No Mass -

Tues 7th
12.00

St Willibrord
Mass – Pious List

Wed 8th

09.00 Mass – Pious List

Thurs 9th

12.00 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 10th

12.00 St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor

Mass – Pious List

Sat 11th

12.00 St Martin of Tours

16.15 -16.45 *Confessions*

17.00 Vigil Mass – Pious List

Sun 12th

10.00 **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.152)
Remembrance Sunday

Mass – The Fallen of two World Wars and subsequent conflicts



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB, Emily Atkins, Patrick and Maureen Bolger, Dorothy Burgoyne, John Campbell, Pat Clarke, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, Colette Ellis, Jimmy Henry, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Winter Heenan, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Teresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Margaret McDaid, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Alan Taylor, Jo Wade, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

READERS: **Sat: 4th 17.00** Gillian Sharples. **Sun: 5th 10.00** Simon Eccles
Sat: 11th 17.00 Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 12th 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine McCarrick, Michael James Purtill, Dorothy Ainscough, Mgr Peter Cookson, Fr Bernard Jackson, Mgr Jimmy Commins, Jan Lavrič, Roland Cross.

PIOUS LISTS are still available in a box in the narthex throughout November.

ANNUAL QUARANT'ORE: thank you to the flower ladies and everyone who prepared the church for this special time in our parish. The flowers look beautiful. Thank you to everyone who 'Watched with the Lord'.

SCHOOL MASS: the Juniors came to Mass on All Saints Day and Bishop Thomas Neylon celebrated the Mass. Congratulations to all the children who gave fantastic answers to Bishop Tom's questions about the Saints. Well done for all the singing and the Bidding Prayers.

WEEKDAY MASSES: On Tuesday 7th November we will have our Masses during the week in the sacristy. This will reduce our heating and electricity bills by a huge amount of money over the winter period and into early spring. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. **Please note there is no Mass on Monday 6th November.**

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS who are bringing their children to Holy Mass. It is truly good to see youngsters at Mass. You are giving your child the vital opportunity to form a relationship with God and to understand why Mass is so important in the Catholic Faith. Please continue and well-done boys and girls.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: are now available in the meeting room, next to the parish office. They are lovely and have come from St Rita's Convent, Honiton in Devon. There are also some very nice Advent calendars. Everything is priced.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL - SIXTH UKRAINIAN TRIP delivered essential aid: from the #Liverpool4Ukraine appeal and has arrived back safely. A 12-tonne vehicle transported goods including medical supplies, toiletries, crutches, Zimmer frames, blankets and blow-up mattresses. Read more at <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/archdiocese-of-liverpool-embarks-on-sixth-ukrainian-trip-to-deliver-essential-aid> Donations for the appeal are still welcome at <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/ly8hvxhp>

CARDBOARD BOX APPEAL: "Chorley & District Support for Ukraine" at the Chorley Council owned 'Ukraine Unit', Market Walk, Chorley (PR7 1FD). desperately needs very large cardboard boxes to enable them to pack and ship out the donations received for the winter. Roughly they need boxes 2 ½ ft x 2 X 2ft square. The unit is open Wed. 2-4 pm and Sat mornings 10-12. **All kinds of donations can be dropped off at these times.**

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ST LAURENCE'S: If you know anyone who will be struggling for food or company this Christmas in the Chorley & surrounding areas, St Laurence's Church will be providing a free Christmas Lunch. There will be 2 sittings, at 1pm & 2.30pm. Delivery is also available between 12.30-1.30pm *Booking is essential for this delicious three course festive meal - prepared and served by volunteers. To book lunch please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx...> If you would like to volunteer on the day, please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx...>

QUOTATIONS OF POPE ST LEO THE GREAT a Doctor of the Church. Leo I, was Bishop of Rome from 29 September 440 until his death in 462. He was a Roman aristocrat, the first pope to be called "the Great". He is best known for facing down Attila the Hun in 452 at the gates of Rome, and persuading him to turn back from his invasion of Italy. The "Tome of Leo" was read at the Council of Chalcedon (452) and helped to explain the two natures, divine and human, united in the one person of Christ, "without confusion, without change, , without division, without separation."

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ.

Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife.

Those who are not good to others are bad to themselves.

The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever. Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man's heart has never conceived.

The devil is always discovering something novel against the truth.

He that sees another in error and endeavours not to correct it, testifies himself to be in error.

Teach nothing new, but instill into all men's breasts those things which the Fathers of revered memory have with harmony of statement taught... Preach nothing else than what we received from our forefathers... Accordingly, both in the rule of faith and in the observance of discipline, let the standard of antiquity be maintained throughout.