

**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.

**LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS:** Latest events from across the Archdiocese can be found here: [Events – What's on \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

**VIRUSES AND COLDS:** It is the season for them! If you are not feeling well or have a cough or cold – **please stay at home and do not pass on your 'bugs' to anyone else.** It is not fair to come to church and infect others. I am sure you understand that no one wants to be ill. Get better soon. Thank you.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?** Our school is looking for volunteer readers or listeners to children reading. (DBS required). If you can spare an hour to sit down with the children and listen to them reading or read to them, the school would like to hear from you. **01257 262811.** The time that you donate to the reading development of the children, will bring huge benefits to them, and give them a very important platform when they move up to High School. Thank you very much.

**SCHOOL INSPECTION RESULTS:** Mr Smyth and his staff would like to announce that the RE Inspection by The National Framework of Catholic Schools, Colleges and Academies, held several weeks ago, our school was awarded **OUTSTANDING** in the s48 Education Act 2005 Inspection. There were 3 Inspectors who spoke to the staff, children, parents and Governors for two days. The Inspectors were Statutory and also from Liverpool Archdiocese. The Inspectors were very pleased in the formation of Catholic Education and Collective Worship in the school. Well done to Mr Smyth and all the staff, especially to Mr Hodge who is RE Lead in the school. **Congratulations.**

<https://files.schudio.com/st-mary-s-catholic/files/documents/StMarysChorleyCatholicInspectionReport2023.pdf>

Fr Marsden will celebrate a short Service of thanksgiving in the school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 14.30.

**CATHOLIC PICTORIAL: NOVEMBER** the free publication from the Archdiocese of Liverpool is available at the back of the church or: <https://tinyurl.com/yzbet88s> Head teachers, if you would like to promote your children's Faith achievements in your school and would like to add this in the Catholic Pictorial, please contact **0151 733 5492.**

**BOOKS ON PRAYER AND THE FAITH:** In the Narthex, both on the table and in the bookcase near Our Lady's statue there are numerous books and pamphlets which you can have in exchange for a small donation. Please have a look and help yourselves. We want to find good homes for these books!

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Parish Office: Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00-17.00

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# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023



**Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was**

**late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup>**

16.15 -16.45

17.00

Confessions

Vigil Mass – Pious List

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>**

10.00

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>**

09.00

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>**

12.00

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>**

09.00

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

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Mass** – The Fallen of two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

**Mass** – Pious List

**Mass** – Pious List

**St Albert the Great**

**Mass** – Pious List



**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** St Edmund of Canterbury, St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude  
**12.00** *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** St Hilda of Whitby, St Hugh of Lincoln, St Elizabeth of Hungary  
**12.00** **Mass – Pious List**

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul  
*16.15 -16.45 Confessions*  
**17.00** **Vigil Mass – Pious List**

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** **THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.155)  
**10.00** **Mass – Bernard (A) and Alice (A) Joyce**

**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, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

**Please inform the Parish Office if the above sick list needs updating.**

**READERS:** **Sat: 11<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles  
**Sat: 18<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Richard Gillett **Sun: 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Tracy O'Neill

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bernard (A) and Alice (A) Joyce, Michael James Purtill,

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November we started to have our weekday Masses in the sacristy. This reduces 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. We are literally a closer community when gathered together more closely physically, instead of being scattered throughout a large church interior.

**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.

**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: winter clothing, medical supplies, walking aids, toiletris, candles, bedding. Please see their Facebook page.**

**Please continue to keep in your prayers both the Ukrainian soldiers defending their homeland against the aggressor State, and the situation in Israel and Gaza.**

**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...>

**THE LIST OF THE PARISH FALLEN IN THE GREAT WAR AND WW II** can be found near the baptismal font and in the Memorial Chapel. There lie the names of the men who fought for our freedom and our nation. God, King and Country they had in their hearts. Sadly, many did not come back, and their remains are resting in cemeteries in Europe, Africa or the Middle East. *Lest we forget*

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.  
There is a music in the midst of desolation  
And glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted:  
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables at home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the daytime;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;  
As the stars are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end they remain.

Laurence Binyon 1869-1943

*We have several families in the parish who have members of their families in the British Armed Forces and Intelligence Services. We pray for their safe return home. We also have families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty. Thank you for your Service.*

