

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 \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](http://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.

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!

MASS BOOKS After the Solemnity of Christ the King, we need to change the Mass books to Year B Volume 1, before the First Sunday of Advent. Please can you bring back any Mass books you may have at home. Thank you.

AN ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN organised by the Wigan and District Catholic Men's Society, will take place at St Patrick's Church, Wigan (WN1 3RZ) on Wednesday 6th December from 7pm. The Evening will include a Talk by CMS Chaplain and Parish Priest, Father Ian O'Shea, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction. Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the Lappin Room. All men are welcome.

SVP BUDDIES MESSAGE: will be hosting monthly lunch socials in the Parish Centre commencing 22nd November from 12 until 2pm. This includes lunch and either entertainment or an activity. Transport is available. The social is free but we accept donations towards the cost of lunch. Places must be booked in advance. Call 01257 542367. If you are feeling lonely and isolated, please get in touch.

THANK YOU NOTICE: The recent jumble sale held in the Parish Centre raised £454 for CAFOD and Mary's Meals. Thank you to all those who supported us.

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Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

19th NOVEMBER 2023



Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five

more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so, I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is, it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has

the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

Matthew 25:14-30

Sat 18th

16.15 -16.45 *Confessions*

17.00 **Vigil Mass** – Pious List

Sun 19th

THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.155)

10.00 **Mass** – Bernard (A) and Alice (A) Joyce

11.00 *Baptism – Hilary Lotanna Amardi*

Mon 20th

St Edmund of East Anglia, King and Martyr

N.B. 08.30 Mass – Pious List

Tues 21st

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00 Deanery Meeting – St Gregory’s Weld Bank.

12.00 **Mass** – Pious List

Wed 22nd

St Cecilia

09.00 **Mass** – Pious List

Thurs 23rd

St Clement, Pope and Martyr, St Columbanus, Abbott

12.00 *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

Fri 24th

St Andrew Dung–Lac and Vietnamese Martyrs

12.00 **Mass** – Pious List

Sat 25th

St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr

14.00 *Baptism - Harriet McNaboe*

16.15 -16.45 *Confessions*

17.00 **Vigil Mass** – Pious List

Sun 26th

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (p.158)

10.00 **Mass** – Zygmunt (A) and Helena Breski

11.00 *Baptism – Olivia Godfrey*

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: 18th 17.00** Richard Gillett **Sun: 19th 10.00** Tracy O’Neill

Sat: 25th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 26th 10.00** Simon Eccles

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Nick Wilde, a retired parish priest who served in Kirkby for many years.

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Thompson, Zygmunt Breski, Sarah Maher, Thomas Rostron, Edward McCrory.

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.**

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...>

WANTED URGENTLY FOR FOOD BANK: pasta and curry sauses, jam, chocolate for children at Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

ARCHDIOCESE NOTICE: The first-ever Archdiocesan Synodal Council for the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be taking place on **Saturday 25 November** from 10.30am. Anyone can watch the ASC online and can submit questions by clicking the link on the Archdiocese of Liverpool's homepage: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

RECENT WORKS COMPLETED: You will notice that we have had the church carpet cleaned. It was a two-day job and the difference is clear to see. There are non -slip runners in the aisles. Please wipe your feet carefully on the cleaning mats and runners. Also, we have had the pathways cleaned from the moss that had spread and was becoming troublesome. **The Bell Tower** will have a new rope along the wall to the bell ringer’s chamber, which will act as a wall rail. This is in the process of being completed. The church and house gutters will be cleaned and made ready for winter,Zygmunt and it is time to have a church roof inspection also to prepare for winter.

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS, the play about the life and martyrdom of St Thomas More, is being performed by the Marco Players 22nd-25th November, at Stepping Stones Nursery in the old Methodist Church on Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 6AH (just up from Morrisons). Tickets are £9.

PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR invites you to A Festive Christmas with Music Director Dan Adams, accompanist Paul Greenhalgh and featuring Freckleton Brass Band and St Pius X Catholic Preparatory School Choir. On Saturday 9th December at 7.00pm in St Michael and All Angels’ church, Egerton Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston, PR2 1AJ. Admission: Adults £13, under 18s £5, family £30 (2 adults and 2 under 18s) Advance tickets available from: <https://tinyurl.com/2smjybpbk> (no booking fees) or pay on the door – cash, card, contactless or cheque.