

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.

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 St Mary's Parish Centre commencing 22nd November from 12 until 2 pm. 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.

CHURCH CLEANERS WANTED: please could you spare a couple of hours on Thursday morning and help prepare and clean the church for Advent and Christmas. Thank you.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE – Sunday 17th December 15.00, St Gregory's Weld Bank. PR7 3NW.

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

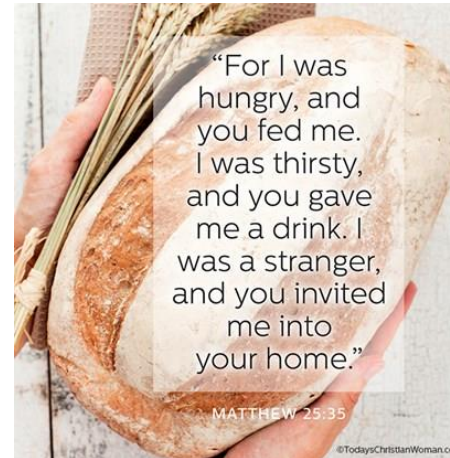
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

26th NOVEMBER 2023



Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you

since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next, he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.' Matthew 25:31-46



Sat 25th 14.00 16.15 -16.45 17.00	<u>St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr</u> <i>Baptism - Harriet McNaboe</i> <i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass – Pious List
Sun 26th 10.00 11.00	<u>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING</u> (p.158) Mass – Zygmunt (A) and Helena Breski <i>Baptism – Olivia Godfrey</i>
Mon 27th 09.00	Mass – Pious List
Tues 28th 12.00	<u>St Catherine Labouré</u> Mass – Pious List
Wed 29th 09.00	Mass – Pious List
Thurs 30th 12.00	<u>ST ANDREW, APOSTLE</u> <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Fri 1st Dec 12.00	<u>St Ralph Sherwin, Edmund Campion and Alexander Briant, priests and Martyrs</u> Mass – Joseph (A) and Claris Southworth
Sat 2nd 16.15 -16.45 17.00	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass – Owen Woods (LD)
Sun 3rd 10.00	<u>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u> Mass – Ronald West RIP



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: 25th 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 26th 10.00** Simon Eccles
Sat: 02 Dec 17.00 Gillian Sharples **Sun: 3rd 10.00** John Riley

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Nick Wilde (72), in the 49th year of his priesthood, died on 10th November. He had retired from St Luke's Kirkby some years ago. Funeral Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Kirkby at 11.00 on Friday 1st December followed by interment in Yew Tree Cemetery.

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.

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.

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/2smjybpk> (no booking fees) or pay on the door – cash, card, contactless or cheque.

ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thine altar. We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united to Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates ourselves today to Thy Most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known Thee; Many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful children, who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children, who have abandoned Thee; Grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbour of truth and unity of faith, so that there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism, and refuse not to draw them into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy towards the children of the race, once Thy chosen people: of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Saviour; may it now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry; praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; To it be glory and honor forever. R. Amen. (written by Pope Pius XI)