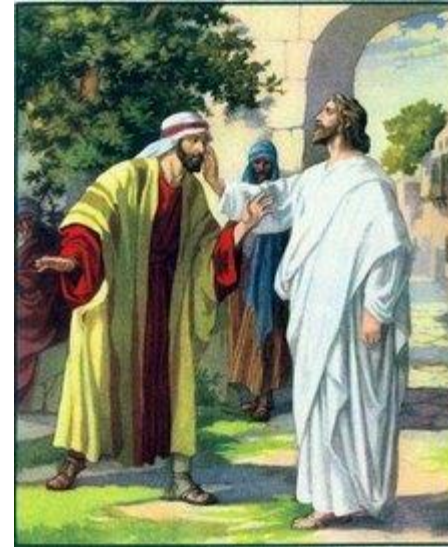


St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8th SEPTEMBER 2024

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened, and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' Mark 7:31-37



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 Tel: 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary Tel: 01942 822324

CHORLEY HELP FOR UKRAINE UNIT has relocated from Market Walk to the old White Hart pub next to the Town Hall. The unit is open Wednesday 2-4pm and Saturdays 10.00 – 12.00. There are a number of items that the unit is appealing for to send to Ukraine:

Soldier appeal; razors, packet soups, wet wipes, socks, soap, heat pads, thermal underwear, sleeping bags, boiled sweets.

Children appeal: colouring books, pens, crayons, sweets, small toys.

Medical appeal: bandages, plasters, paracetamol, Ibuprofen, joint supports, supplement drinks, first aid kits, crutches, spectacles.

Bike parts: any bicycle, or parts and tyre pumps.

Candle appeal; candles and candle wax, and matches.

Please deposit your items in the sacristy. We will take them to the Ukraine Unit the following Wednesday. Thank you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael John Jackson Paddison and his daughter Ella Linda Rose, who were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church on Saturday 7th September.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT will take place for 4 weekends commencing **21st September.** Counters, please record the numbers on the sheet in the sacristy.

COULD YOU BE A DEACON? Diaconate Information Evenings

The Archbishop will be hosting two Diaconate Information Evenings during the next few months: on **Thursday 5th December** at Bishop Eton in Liverpool and on **Thursday 23rd January** at St John's in Wigan. Each evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7.00pm and will end by 9.00pm.

The evenings are open to men who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially if you are wondering if you could be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information email Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk. Or ask Dcn Norman Arrowsmith for his comments about being a Deacon.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL Registered Charity No. 1199714

Sat 7th

16.15-16.45

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Ro Anderton (A)

Sun 8th

10.00

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Mass – Parishioners

Mon 9th

09.00

Mass – Monsignor Michael McKenna (LD)

Tues 10th

12.00

St Ambrose Barlow

Mass – Canon Kevin Mullen (A)

Wed 11th

09.00

School Mass for the new academic year

Mass – Fr John Philip Smith (A)

Thurs 12th

12.00

Holy Name of Mary

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 13th

12.00

St John Chrysostom

Mass – Bishop Vincent Malone RIP

Sat 14th **FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

16.15-16.45

Confessions

17.00

Mass – Hilda Henry (LD)

Sun 15th

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.132)

10.00

Mass – Christine (A) and Michael Corcoran

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Emily Atkins, Maureen Bolger, Dorothy Burgoyne, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, Colette Ellis, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Winter Heenan, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Margaret Rossall, Joan Smith, Alan and Marjorie Taylor, Stella Vigar, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Christine Corcoran (2021), Monsignor Jack Kennedy (2016) Canon Kevin Mullen (2016),

READERS: **07th Sat: 17.00** Andrew Jenner **08th 10.00** Simon Eccles

14th Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples **15th 10.00** John Riley

21st Sat: 17.00 Eleanor Jenner **22nd 10.00** Paul Lennon

STUDENT FOR THE PRIESTHOOD Daniel Howarth completed his placement with us and is now making plans to return to the Beda Seminary in Rome. Please continue to pray for Dan that he makes good progress in his studies and reaches his goal of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood in 2026.

Fr Marsden and Dan went to visit the Juniors in school and Dan spoke about his life as a seminarian and his studies in Rome. The children were very interested and asked good questions. One child asked Dan if he could speak Italian and the reply was 'si'.

LITTLE CHURCH: As the summer holidays end, it will be good to see children attending Little Church again. Parents, please make time for yourselves and your child(ren) in your weekend diary, to come to Mass. The children have a great opportunity to learn and discuss topics in the Readings of the day. This knowledge learned by the children is a good way to develop their understanding about their Faith. The Little Church leaders have put in a lot of hard work in preparing the sessions.

Please support The Little Church, 10am Sunday Masses

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT: In November of this year, we will be having a Safeguarding Audit with applications for DBS checks. Would the Leaders of the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers please give the parish office a list of members by **Monday 16th September**. Every volunteer in these categories will need a new DBS check. The Clergy and the Administrator will also have new DBS checks. Thank you. **Please note that no one can continue in these or any other voluntary capacities in this parish without having a DBS check if so required.**

ROSES FOR OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY will be gratefully received asap. Any colours please. Thank you. We will celebrate Our Lady's birthday with the school children on Wednesday 11th September 09.00. Everyone most welcome.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY is Tuesday 10th September. St Lawrence's are holding an open 'come and talk' session from 10.00 – 14.00. Information on health and well-being will be available.

THE BIG SUNDAY FESTIVAL AT ST GREGORY'S
CHORLEY: this Sunday 8th September

This is a free event with stalls, games, children's crafts, live music, BBQ & refreshments or bring a picnic. Everyone is welcome.

Takes place between 1 & 5 pm. in the church garden at St. Gregory's Weld Bank, Chorley. This year we have included workshops which will take place in the presbytery meeting room. 1.30 - 2.30 pm. Care for Creation: To hope & act with Creation. Join Pablo from the Archdiocese & Justine from Justice and Peace for a taster Creation session.

3.00 – 4.00pm. The glory of God is a person fully alive. The work of the Irenaeus project, the impact on the local community & further afield.

4.15 – 5.00 pm Chorley Lourdes Youth Group. An insight into their recent pilgrimage to Lourdes. Children must be accompanied in the workshops.

POPE FRANCIS (87) VISITS ASIA: Pope Francis arrived in the Indonesian capital Jakarta on 3rd September kicking off the longest and farthest trip of his tenure to the Asia Pacific region.

He is expected to highlight environmental concerns and the importance of interfaith dialogue during the 12-day trip, which will also see him travel to Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Timor-Leste - the only one of the four countries that is predominantly Catholic. Please pray for His Holiness for a successful and safe trip.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE? THE ALPHA COURSE could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. Alpha is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded.

This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 11th September 2024 at 7pm at St. Bede's Parish Centre, Clayton-le-Woods and meet every Wednesday for 10 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact:

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