

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

**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.**

**DAY OF RENEWAL** at St Clare's Church in Fulwood Preston PR2 9HH, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 -16.00. Mary Hardiman will be speaking on 'Forgiveness – Following the example of Jesus'. Mass will be at 10.00am. Bring a packed lunch – hot drinks available. Further information: Tel; 07745009694 or 07954429333.

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT** will take place for 4 weekends commencing **21<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December** at Bishop Eton in Liverpool and on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Parish Priest: Fr. Francis Marsden**

**Deacon Norman Arrowsmith**

Tel: 01257 262537

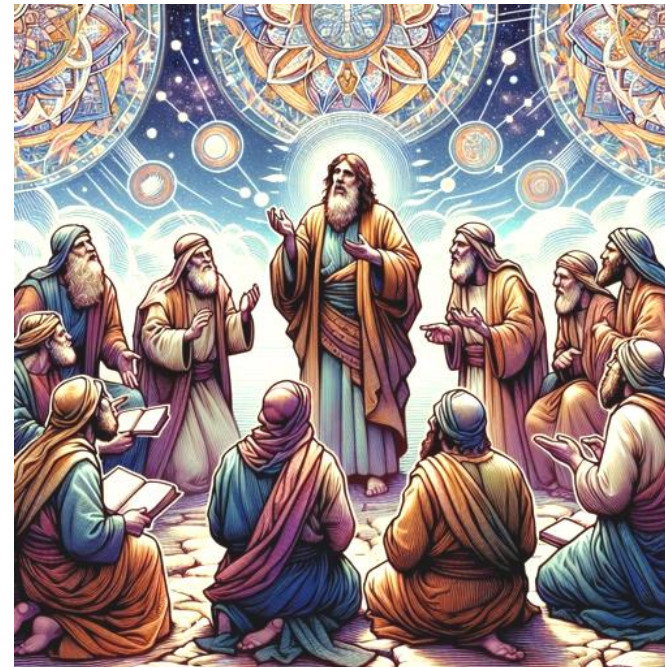
E-mail: stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk

Parish website: [www.stmarys-chorley.org](http://www.stmarys-chorley.org)

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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*Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.*

*And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'*

*He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.' Mark 8:27-35*

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>**  
16.15-16.45  
17.00

### **FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

*Confessions*

**Mass – Hilda Henry (LD)**

<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00</b>	<b><u>TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u></b> (p.132) <b>Mass</b> – Christine (A) and Michael Corcoran
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<u>St Pope Cornelius and St Cyprian, Bishop</u> <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<u>St Robert Bellarmine and St Hildegard</u> <b>Mass</b> – George (A) and Mary Ormerod
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<u>St Theodore of Cantebury, St Januaris, Bishop and Martyr</u> <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<u>Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Martyr and Companions</u> <b>Mass</b> – Sp. Int. (J and M. C.)
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>16.15-16.45</i> <b>17.00</b>	<b><u>FEAST OF ST MATTHEW, THE APOSTLE</u></b> <i>Confessions</i> <b>Mass</b> – Mary Dorothea Thompson (A)
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>10.00</b>	<b><u>TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u></b> (p.135) <b>Mass</b> – Parishioners

**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:** George Ormerod, Mary Dorothea Thompson, Christine Corcoran (2021) Olive Turner, Dulice Taylor, Margaret Harlow, Fr Fred Scragg.

**READERS:** **14<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00** Gillian Sharples **15<sup>th</sup> 10.00** John Riley  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sat: 17.00** Eleanor Jenner **22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00** Paul Lennon  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **29<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**ONLINE MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS WITH OHP ACADEMY**

**The OHP Academy** is a 6-month online workshop school that aims to bring people from all over the world together to learn more about worshipping Jesus and using their musical and creative gifts to bring Him glory and to lead others. Their main aim is to journey with people who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus and their worship leading so that they can sow back into their local parish and diocese and lead others in worship. The Academy has been running over the past 3 years and organisers said they have seen real fruit in Parishes and Dioceses who have been in need of music and worship leadership.

Applications for this year's school close on the 15th September, with the first session being on the 26th of the month. For more information, or to book a space on the course, see their [website](https://www.onehopeproject.co.uk/ohpacademy). <https://www.onehopeproject.co.uk/ohpacademy>

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** will be on 24<sup>th</sup> September. The bishop of England and Wales have promoted this day to be a full Feast Day.

**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 is run in the Catholic tradition. We began on 11th September 2024 at 19.00 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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Email: [dorothyhindle234@gmail.com](mailto:dorothyhindle234@gmail.com) or [julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com](mailto:julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com)

**ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER – ADOREMUS 21st SEPTEMBER**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

We recently celebrated the ordination of four new priests for the archdiocese. It was truly a great occasion when so many people from our parishes, priests, deacons and consecrated women and men, came to the cathedral to pray for the four men on the day of their ordination. Prayer is something that defines us as the Christian people. Prayer is the “sunshine of the soul”, it is as the Catechism describes, “the raising of our mind and heart to God”. Like the air we breathe into our lungs to live, so prayer is the supernatural air that helps us to live in God’s presence and to know that God is present to us, and present for us in our everyday lives.

On 21 September here in Liverpool Archdiocese, I would like us, as the family of the archdiocese to gather for “Adoremus Liverpool” to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the two cathedrals in Liverpool and Douglas, to come on pilgrimage to the cathedral church from our parishes, families of parishes and deaneries to make a localised pilgrimage, a shared pilgrimage for a couple of hours to journey together, to pray, to be together before God, to be still, to be silent and to pray in adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, opportunities throughout the day to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a shared time of prayer during the afternoon for all.

2024 is a time designated by the Holy Father as a “year of prayer” in preparation for the great Jubilee 2025 which reminds us of the Lord’s life and ministry among us. This coming Jubilee year also commemorates the 1700th anniversary of the council of Nicaea in 325 AD which gave us one form of the creed which we pray each Sunday.

We gather every Sunday at the Holy Eucharist, at the Holy Mass, as we are “blessed to be invited to the Supper of the Lamb”. We gather to hear His word and to receive His body and blood and to make communion with Him and each other as the Christian people. I invite each of you reading this pastoral message to come to either of our cathedral churches on 21 September, and to invite someone to come with you, to pray together as the archdiocese, as the family of parishes, as the family of God in Liverpool. Please feel free to contact [adoremus@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:adoremus@rcaol.org.uk) for more information.

Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool