

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

22<sup>nd</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 **this weekend 21<sup>st</sup> September**. Counters, please record the numbers on the sheet in the sacristy.

**OCTOBER ROSARY MONTH:** We will be making a collection for Bishop Gregory Komar's people in the diocese who need wood and coal for heating and food and water. Many Ukrainian refugees are moving away from the battle frontline and moving closer to the Polish borders. The elderly, women and children are being housed in diocesan buildings, churches and meeting halls. Bishop Gregory organises 700 meals per day from the seminary. The winter is harsh in Eastern Europe. Temperatures can fall drastically, down to -20C. Please help Bishop Gregory if you can.

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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 made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered*

*into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.*

*They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So, he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' Mark 9:30-37*

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>**  
16.15-16.45  
**17.00**

**FEAST OF ST MATTHEW, THE APOSTLE**

*Confessions*

**Mass – Mary Dorothea Thompson (A)**

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10.00**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.135)**

**Mass – Parishioners**

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**09.00**

**ST PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA**

**Mass – Anna Doherty (A)**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00**

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

**Mass – Stella Vigar (poorly)**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**09.00**

**Mass - LICF**

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00**

**Ss Cosmos and Damian Martyrs**

*Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00**

**St Vincent de Paul**

**Mass – George (A) and Margaret Bury**

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*16.15-16.45*  
**17.00**

**St Wenceslaus, King and Martyr; St Laurence Ruiz and Companions**

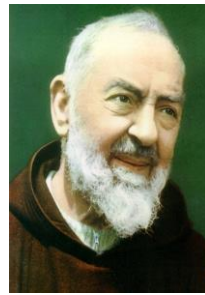
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**Mass – Kathryn Salmon RIP**

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.00**

**TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.138)

**Mass – 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:** **Mgr Leo Alston (2006), Bishop Thomas Holland (1999), Anita Bielecki, Francis Moss, Sarah Prior, Dorothy Mary Ridgway.**

**READERS:** **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  
**05. Oct. Sat 17.00** Richard Gillett **06. 10.00** Simon Eccles

**SAFEGUARDING AUDIT:** All clergy, staff and volunteers who are required to have a DBS check will be contacted in November 2024. **Please note that no one can continue in these capacities in this parish without having a DBS check if so required.**

**OPEN EVENING AT HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:** Further information available on the poster in the narthex.

We welcome the new Headteacher at Holy Cross Catholic High School Chorley, Mr Lindley, who will introduce himself and speak about his school after this weekend Masses. For the first Youth Mass of the academic year, the school is working with the Live Simply Group at St Gregory's to host a Creation Mass, on Sunday 6 October. If anyone is interested in going and/or helping at the Mass, please contact Linda Walmsley at the school. (admin@holycross.lancs.sch.uk / 01257 262093)

**PLEASE PRAY** for Stella Vigar who is 99 yrs old. Stella is now frail, and her health has deteriorated recently, she remains in the care home. Holy Mass will be offered for her on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, Our Lady of Walsingham.

**WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY** Sau Ying Elmina Ho, who was baptised, confirmed and received the Holy Eucharist on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Many congratulations and God bless you.

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The bishops of England and Wales have promoted this day to be a full Feast Day. The story of Walsingham is enchanting. It was in that tiny Norfolk village in the year 1061 that a noble lady called Richeldis had visions of the Blessed Virgin. In prayer, Our Lady showed her the Holy House of Nazareth, the home where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived. She asked Lady Richeldis de Faverches to build a replica of the house in the village, which she duly did, and so Walsingham soon became an international pilgrimage centre, after Rome and Jerusalem, one of the greatest in the mediaeval world. Thousands of pilgrims, from kings to the lowest, flocked there to pray to God, to honour Mary and to seek answers, often miraculous, to their prayers. Although destroyed at the Reformation by King Henry VIII, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the shrine was revived and today flourishes as a place where both Anglicans and Catholics go to pray. Indeed, Walsingham is now England's National Marian Shrine. In the Middle Ages, more than any other land, England was known for its love of the Blessed Virgin: this is why it was called **Mary's Dowry**, and why so many churches were dedicated to St. Mary. Today it's a very different story with so many souls adrift in danger. We can thus do no better than turn to Mary, asking Her help. God did something new in the eleventh century. Let us ask Him to do something new today. Let us pray through Mary for the evangelisation and conversion of England, for the spread of Christian values and for a reawakening and a re-reception in this land of the Catholic faith. We also pray for peace in Ukraine and Gaza and the Middle East. **Ora pro nobis.**



**CMS ROSARY SUNDAY 2024:** This year's Rosary Sunday Celebrations, organised by the Wigan and District Catholic Men's Society, will take place on **Sunday 6th October**. Please gather on St Mary's Car Park, Standishgate, for a decade of the Holy Rosary (which starts at 2pm promptly), before the Procession to St Johns for the Service (which includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction). Afterwards, refreshments will be available in the Campbell Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025:** Details are available on the poster in the narthex. Parishes are being asked to encourage people between ages of 18-30 to volunteer helping the archdiocesan pilgrimage. More information available on [www.liverpool Lourdes](http://www.liverpool Lourdes)