

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024



*John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us, we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'*

*'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'*

*'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'* Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

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

St Wenceslaus, King and Martyr; St Laurence Ruiz and Companions  
Confessions  
Mass – Harry Carter (A)

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

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Mass – Kathryn Salmon RIP

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>**  
09.00

St Jerome, Priest and Doctor  
Mass – Catherine McCarrick (birthday remembrance)

**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.**

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME:** Yr 4 children have started preparing to receive First Confession and First Holy Communion in May 2025. Lessons will be held in school. Parents attended a cheese and wine evening last Tuesday in school, and the preparation programme and family catechesis was discussed. Each parent and child have received a Mass attendance card and we ask parents to attend a weekend Mass with their child(ren) as part of the preparation programme.

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT.** This will be the second weekend. Counters, please record the numbers on the sheet in the sacristy. Thank you.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT:** We will be making a collection for Bishop Gregory Komar's people in the diocese of Drohobych this weekend and next. For the winter, people need fuel for electricity generators and wood and coal for heating. Many Ukrainians have been driven from the eastern towns and cities by the Russian bombs, missile strikes and artillery. Refugees have moved westwards away from the battle frontline and closer to the Polish border. Many who are ill or frail stay in that area, rather than crossing abroad. The elderly, women and children are being housed in diocesan buildings, churches and meeting halls. The diocese organises 700 meals three times per day from the seminary. The winter is harsh in Eastern Europe. Temperatures are usually +5 = =5 but can fall down to -20C. Please help Bishop Gregory if you can.

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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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**14.00 Harvest Mass in school**

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 12.00** St Teresa of the Child Jesus  
**Mass – Elizabeth Rostron (A)**

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 09.00** The Guardian Angels  
**Mass – Stella Vigar (poorly)**

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 12.00** *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 12.00** St Francis of Assisi  
**Mass –**

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup>** St Maria Faustina Kowalska, Apostle of the Divine Mercy  
**Harvest Mass Weekend**  
 16.15-16.45 *Confessions*  
**17.00** **Mass – Patrick Bolger RIP**

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00** **TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.140)  
**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:** Elizabeth Rostron, Harry Carter, Mgr Canon Thomas Crank (1946), Bernard Worden, James West, Leon Lynch, Vera Arrowsmith.

**READERS:** 28th Sept. Sat: 17.00 Eileen McCarrick; 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Dr Jane Eccles  
 5th Oct. Sat 17.00 Richard Gillett; 6th 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:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 16.30 – 19.00. All welcome. Further information available on the poster in the narthex. Group at St Gregory's to host a Creation Mass, on Sunday 6 October at 18.30. 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)

**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.

**HARVEST MASS WEEKEND:** Please bring your offerings, tinned food, chocolates and breakfast cereal, UHT milk to the parish office. Thank you.

**CHORLEY LIVE WRISTBANDS** 4th and 5th October are available from St Laurence's church gift shop at £5.00 each. Cash only please. Thank you.

**ARCHANGELS GABRIEL, MICHAEL, RAPHAEL** are celebrated today, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The Guardian Angels are celebrated on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Each one of us has been allocated a guardian angel. He/she has a full-time job sometimes looking after us and guiding us. We should be grateful that we have this angel to protect us. Many of us will remember the daily prayer:



**Angel sent by God to guide me,  
 be my light and walk beside me;  
 be my guardian and protect me;  
 on the paths of life direct me. Amen.**

**Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
 to whom God's love commits me here,  
 Ever this day (or night) be at my side,  
 to light, to guard, to rule and guide.  
 Amen.**

**POSSIBLE CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIME:** I would like your opinion about changing the Sunday Mass time to 09.30 from 3rd November 2024. The reason I would like to do this is that I would like to bring both parishes' Sunday Masses forward by 30 minutes, here at St Mary's and also at St Joseph's Anderton. This would allow more time for baptisms and visiting the sick. 11.30 is rather late for the Anderton Mass and it could move forward to 11.00. What do you think? The Saturday Vigil Mass will remain at 17.00.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS** is soon to be canonised by Pope Francis in 2025. This web page created by Anna Johnstone (who was governess to Bl Carlos siblings) www.ukmiracles.com was first launched in 2017 as an information point designed to help you bring the Exhibition of Eucharistic miracles, and accompanying resources, to any Catholic Parish or School in the UK. [www.miracolieucaristici.org](http://www.miracolieucaristici.org) is Bl. Carlo's original web site, which he created.

**RETREAT AT STONYHURST: PRAYING WITH ST DOMINIC 1st – 3rd November 2024.** This retreat explores the life and faith of St Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), whose objective was to continue safeguarding the Catholic faith. His Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer will be a special focus of this retreat preached by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. For more information and to register, click here

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-dominic/>

**JUST SO YOU KNOW:** We have received the invoice for the repairs to the dry rot problems. Also, the two mandatory inspections for asbestos and lightning conductors. The amount is £ 40,212.00. The Church Restoration Fund is now empty, but thank you to all who contribute. It helps in part to meet these maintenance and repair expenses which can be very heavy. We are awaiting the plastering and painting estimate of the ceiling and walls after the dry rot repair. It will cost a lot of money. Everything is so expensive these days!