

St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

13th October 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

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

HEATING FUND COLLECTION this weekend

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES: Many thanks for all your donations. We will let you know the total next weekend, because there are still gifts coming in, and we will send out the funds to Bishop Hryhoriy this coming week if possible.

REKINDLING THE FIRE: OFFERING THE LIGHT TO A POST-CHRISTIAN NATION'
St George's Church, Chorley, PR7 2AA Sat 19th October 2024

We live in a post-Christian nation. How can Christians survive, how can they thrive, while bearing witness to their Lord? In this year's Northern Light Conference, presented by Pusey House, Oxford and St George's Church, Chorley, we hope to discuss the theological resources for living holy lives and share the faith with a post-Christian nation, by reflecting upon Scripture and Tradition and devotional practices. Three amazing speakers from across the theological spectrum will point the way forward. Talks, worship, and Q&A. Speakers: The Rt Revd Paul Thomas, Bishop of Oswestry; The Revd Vaughan Roberts, Rector of St Ebbe's, Oxford; Sarah Clarkson, Author and Speaker

SACRISTY MASSES will commence on Monday 4th November. We will have 30 chairs available. If the numbers for Mass are greater, then please use the church and come forward for Holy Communion in the sacristy. Thank you.

Please remember not to come to Mass if you are ill or have a cold. It is important not to pass on your 'bugs' to anyone else – who will not appreciate your generosity!

AN EVENING EXPLORING ST THOMAS MORE'S LEGACY AND WITNESS with Dr Marcus Cole one of America's most distinguished academics. His Law School specialises on religious liberty. Friday 18th October 2024. Theodore House, Stonyhurst. Doors open: 18.00 Talk: 18:30 Free Admission. With an introduction by Lord Alton of Liverpool. Anybody wanting a life please see Fr Marsden. Dep.1715.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST: As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, November is the month of prayer for our deceased families, friends and benefactors. Pious List envelopes now available at the back of church.

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Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour

your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Mark 10:17-30

Sat 12th

St Wilfrid, Bishop

16.15-16.45	<i>Confessions</i>
17.00	Mass – Eric (A) and Ann (A) Smith
Sun 13th	<u>TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> (p.143)
10.00	Mass – Parishioners
Mon 14th	<u>St Callixtus I. Pope and Martyr</u>
09.00	Mass – Lucille Porter Sp. Int.
Tues 15th	<u>St Teresa of Avila</u>
12.00	Mass – Peter Higgins (A)
Wed 16th	<u>St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque</u>
09.00	Mass - LICF
Thurs 17th	<u>St Ignatius of Antioch</u>
12.00	<i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Fri 18th	<u>ST LUKE, EVANGELIST</u>
12.00	Mass – Donald and Marie (A) McClelland
Sat 19th	<u>Ss John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues</u>
16.15-16.45	<i>Confessions</i>
17.00	Mass – Jane Banks (A) and Eileen O’Neil (A)
Sun 20th	<u>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> (p.146)
10.00	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, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED Stella Vigar (99) who died in Springfield Care Home Coppull on 6th October. Requiem Mass on Monday 21st October at 10.00am followed by interment at Charnock Richard Crematorium. Stella’s ashes will be buried in the Franciscan Priory in Pantasaph, Holywell.

ANNIVERSARIES: Eric and Ann Smith, Peter Higgins, Marie McClelland, Jane Banks, Eileen O’Neil.

READERS: 13th Oct Sat 17.00 Eileen McCarrick 14th Oct Sun 10.00 Simon Eccles
19th Oct Sat 17.00 Gillian Sharples 20th 10.00 Paul Lennon

MEETING ON THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL SPUC Tuesday 22 October 19.30-21.00. Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel, Portland Street, Manchester M1 4PH. Register on the SPUC website at www.spuc.org.uk/assisted-suicide-lectures. Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant, working in a hospice, will explain the dangers of any law permitting assisted suicide, and give us key arguments to lobby our MPs.

“Last week, Kim Leadbeater MP confirmed that she would introduce a bill giving the terminally ill the right to so-called “assisted dying” – aka “assisted suicide,” helping another person end their life. Over the next weeks, we will no doubt be subjected to a barrage of emotional pressure from the media and from euthanasia campaigners such as Exit International to persuade us to support a change in the law. In plain language I

give you here six reasons why bringing in assisted suicide and euthanasia is gravely immoral and a danger to our society.

1. The option of assisted suicide puts intolerable pressure on the sick and the elderly, tempting them to feel they are a burden – and a financial drain – on their family and others. The right to die would inevitably become the duty to die - and in time the right to make another die.
2. To legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide would undermine palliative care – Britain is a world-leader - and the work of care or nursing-homes. It could spell the end of care/nursing homes as we know them, since it would be cheaper and less trouble to kill someone rather than to care for them. Caring for the dying, looking after them, is true “dignity in dying” - not a lethal injection or a Sarco pod.
3. Assisted suicide places an unacceptable and immoral demand on medical staff, doctors and nurses. It would make them accessories in killing. It would also undermine the trust we would normally have in them.
4. Once the legislation is passed, like a line in the sand, it will keep creeping forward, expanding to cover more and more categories in accordance someone else’s viewpoint. This fact is demonstrated in every other country that has legalised assisted suicide and euthanasia. In Canada, 5% of deaths are now by lethal injection.
5. Suicide is a grave offence against God, against neighbour and against self. - Against God, Who in His love and providence has given us the gift of our life. Life is not ours to dispose of. - Against neighbour because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations.- Against self, because suicide is gravely contrary to the just love of self, contradicting the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his/her life.
6. Suicide is not only a grave sin, but if freely, consciously and deliberately chosen as in an assisted suicide, a mortal sin. Willingly assisting someone to kill themselves in this way is also a mortal sin. How would it be possible to offer the Last Rites? And what justification will the person make when they come before the Lord to give an account of their life - and their death?

[The results of euthanasia laws in Holland, Belgium, Utah, Canada and elsewhere, have led to thousands of involuntary euthanasias – where patients are killed without consent. In every country there has developed this sort of slippery slope, from voluntary to involuntary euthanasia. The answer is not killing, but better palliative care and pain control for all, to enable people to die peacefully, naturally and without agony. FM]

As Catholics, we must mobilise. We believe in assisted living, not assisted dying. Investing in palliative care is a better way to support people suffering at the end of life. Don’t be seduced by the emotional pitches in the media we will be bombarded with. Correct them when they use the double-speak of ‘assisted dying’: call it what it is: ‘assisted suicide.’ Speak out against this sinister proposal. And pray earnestly that our legislators and our society will see common sense. For once this line is crossed, our society will never be the same again.” (From Portsmouth diocesan newsletter).

Please pray that this Government does not allow a pathway to be opened for assisted suicide. It would be very wrong if this were allowed to happen. Once you enable a life to be ended by a group of people or one person, then in time, no person will be protected by the law, and no one will be safe.