

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES: Raised a magnificent £993.07. Thank you very much to everyone.

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. The cemetery visit for prayers and grave blessings with Dcn Norman will be on Saturday 2nd November. All Souls Day at 13.00. Please meet at the cemetery gates. Thank you.

WHY DO WE PRAY AND OFFER HOLY MASS for the deceased members of our family, friends or colleagues? "It is a holy and a wholesome thing to pray for the dead, that they may be released from their sins." (2 Maccabees 12:46)

"For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire." (1 Cor 3:11-15)

In these words, Scripture speaks of a purification after death. We live our lives being good or bad or more usually, a mixture of the two. When we die, our personalities, our souls have been formed by the choices we have made and the acts we have done on earth. Death separates the body from the soul, and we cannot after death change the choices we have made,

If we have lived perfectly sinless lives, or made full reparation for any sins, the soul goes immediately to heaven to the presence of God with all the angels and saints. Those who die in unrepented mortal sin, definitively rejecting God, will be in a state of remorse and anger and hatred where God is not, called hell.

If we die imperfect but in a 'state of grace' – repenting of our sins and trusting in Christ – then we need some purification, cleansing our souls to render them fit for the presence of the All-Holy God.

This is why we offer prayers and the Holy Mass, the most powerful of all prayers, for the deceased, to help them through this process of purification. We pray for all souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them, because they cannot do anything for themselves.

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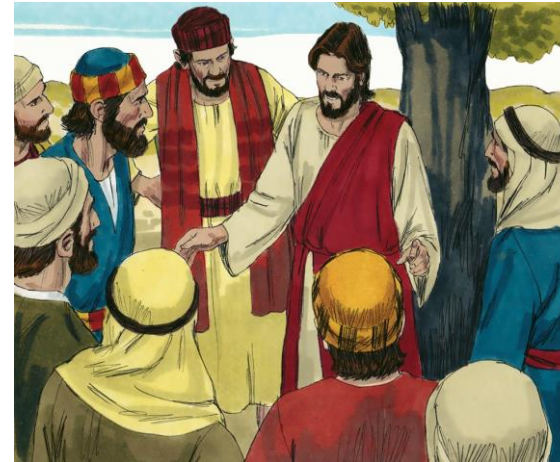
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

20th October 2024



James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be

baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this, they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' Mark 10:35-45

Sat 19th
16.15-16.45
17.00

Ss John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues
Confessions
Mass – Jane Banks (A) and Eileen O'Neil (A)

Sun 20th
10.00

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.146)
Mass – Parishioners

Mon 21st
10.00

Requiem Mass – Stella Vigar

Tues 22nd
12.00

Pope St John Paul II
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wed 23rd
09.00 St John of Capestrano
Mass – Ro Anderton RIP

Thurs 24th
12.00 St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 25th
12.00 Mass – Michael and Joanne Paddison

Sat 26th
 16.15-16.45 St Chad and St Cedd
Confessions
17.00 Mass – Samuel Round (B)

Sun 27th
10.00 **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.149)
 Mass – Elizabeth Jane Firth (A)



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.

Frank Makinson (88) who died on 14th October at Aarondale Care Home in Coppull. Requiem Mass on Thursday 31st October at 13.30 followed by interment at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

Fr Ray Matus CO, of the Manchester Oratory at St Chad's, Cheetham Hill Road, Salford. Funeral Mass on Wednesday 23rd October. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.....

ANNIVERSARIES: Jane Banks, Eileen O'Neil, Elizabeth Jane Firth, Paul Anthony Creaner, Bl. Fr Jerzy Popieluszko (1984), Fred Enderby, Percy Vigar, Audrey Smith (Lamb)

READERS: 19th Oct Sat 17.00 Gillian Sharples 20th 10.00 Paul Lennon
 26th Oct Sat 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska 27th 10.00 Dr Jane Eccles

CAN YOU HELP? Fr Marsden needs **some help** on Sunday mornings with the music and the hymns. Would anyone be willing to help operate the CD system, please?

NEW SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION AND POSTERS: we will be starting the safeguarding audit in our parish next week. Members of the parish subgroups will be approached and asked to do a DBS check. These checks will be done every three years for Altar Servers, Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Little Church Leaders, Catechists, Clergy and the Administrator. If anyone refuses to have a DBS check, you will have to leave your volunteer post immediately.

EOMs, please note that you are strongly advised to visit any person in pairs.

New posters are available on the narthex notice board. The Safeguarding Team at St Mary's Chorley is Kinga Grzeczynska, Alison O'Keeffe, Simon Eccles. 012574 262537.

THANK YOU to all the donations of paracetamol and ibuprofen. They are on the way to Bishop Gregory's seminary pharmacy. It is quite a task to transport so many packets, however, we know which necessary documents to present and forms to complete and when they are delivered, all must be accounted for and signed off. The Ukrainian Hub is open on Wednesday 2-4pm and Saturday 10-12am. Former White Hart Pub near the Town Hall. All donations will be very much appreciated. We take it for granted that we can pop to the shop and buy what we need, whenever we need. War creates pain, suffering and havoc and we need to help those who ask for help. Thank you for your generosity.

QUOTATIONS FROM POPE ST JOHN PAUL II

"Prayer can truly change your life, for it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart towards the Lord".

"The more ready you are to give yourself to God and to others, the more you discover the authentic meaning of life."

"Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."

"Courageously follow the path of personal holiness and diligently nourish yourselves with the word of God and the Eucharist. The holier you are, the more you can contribute to building up the Church and society."

"Today Christ is asking each of you the same question: do you love Me? He is not asking you whether you know how to speak to crowds, whether you can direct an organization or manage an estate. He is asking you to love Him. All the rest will ensue."

"It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the whole world more human and more fraternal."

"Love between man and woman cannot be built without sacrifices and self-denial".

"When a young man or woman recognizes that authentic love is a precious treasure, they are also enabled to live their sexuality in accordance with the divine plan, rejecting the false models which are, unfortunately, all too frequently publicized and very widespread."

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth".

"Every person must be given the opportunity to profess his or her faith and belief, alone or with others, in private and in public".

"The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives."

"The Eucharist educates us to this love in a deeper way; it shows us, in fact, what value each person, our brother or sister, has in God's eyes".

"Dear friends, if you learn to discover Jesus in the Eucharist, you will also know how to discover Him in your brothers and sisters, particularly the very poor."

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

Science can purify religion from error and superstition. Religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes.