

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. A total of £9400 (about 11,100 euros) has been sent to Bishop Gregory in the Ukraine, made up of the St Mary's donation, £1400 from St Joseph's Anderton, a similar sum from St Joseph's Withnell, and part of the annual priest's allowance.

WHY DO WE PRAY AND ATTEND HOLY MASS?

Question: Many people often ask why it is necessary to go to Mass each Sunday? They say: 'I have other things to do over the weekend. The children need this and that, my husband/wife needs this or that. The children must go to football or other sports. They need a lift here and there and they go to a friend's party and need picking up. I have to tidy the house, do the washing, ironing and walk the dog. I haven't got time for church or Mass or even praying. Don't you understand how busy we all are?'

Answer: *Yes, I understand how busy you are. I have given you health, joy and happiness in your marriage and I have given you your children. I have given you the ability to be educated and secure a good job with a good income. You have a beautiful home and a roof over your heads, and food in your fridge. You can pay your bills. You have nice holidays and sometimes you have several cars to each family. You rush here and there, trying to fit in everything until you are exhausted and then you can't wait to get back to work for a rest and the children to school. In all the rushing around you have forgotten about me. I am the Lord your God. You have forgotten about My Son Jesus, who gave His life for your eternal salvation. You have forgotten about the Last Supper, Crucifixion and Resurrection of My beloved Son, Jesus. Perhaps you should reflect on this and spare 45 minutes attending Sunday Mass? I will listen to you and your prayers. You can receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and you can sit down, slow down and find some peace in My House; The House of God - you will be welcome.*

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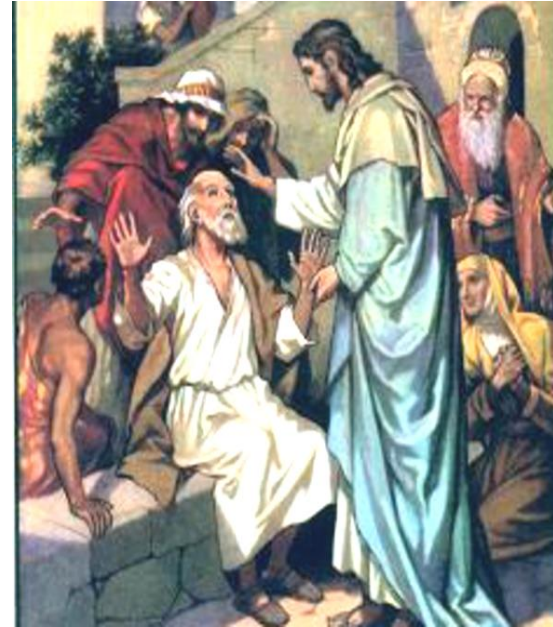
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

27th October 2024



As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus.

Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road. Mark 10:46-52

Sat 26th
16.15-16.45
17.00

St Chad and St Cedd
Confessions
Mass - Samuel Round (B)

Sun 27th
10.00

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.149)
Mass - Elizabeth Jane Firth (A)

Mon 28th
09.00

St Simon and Jude Thaddeus, Apostles
Mass - Joseph George (A)

Tues 29th
12.00

Mass - Paul and Monica Creaner RIP

Wed 30th
09.00

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thurs 31st



13.30 Requiem Mass – Frank Makinson
19.00 Vigil Mass of All Saints – Fr Mayne (birthday 95yrs old)

Fri 1st Nov **ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

12.00 Mass – Pious List

Sat 2nd **ALL SOULS**

12.00 Mass - Pious List

13.00 Grave blessings and prayers for the dead – Chorley cemetery

16.15-16.45 Confessions

17.00 Mass – Pious List

Sun 3rd **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.152)

09.30 Mass – Parishioners

10.30 Baptism – Logan Christopher Price

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Emily Atkins, Maureen Bolger, Maura Brown, 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: Teresa Joyce (91) retired nurse at Chorley hospital, who died on 16th October. Requiem Mass took place on 24th October at St Gregory's Weld Bank.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Eddie O'Toole (2009) Catherine McCarrick, Elizabeth Jane Firth, Helen Lowe, George Clitheroe,

READERS: 26th Oct Sat 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska 27th 10.00 Dr Jane Eccles
31st Oct Thurs 19.30 Gillian Sharples
02 Nov Sat 17.00 Richard Gillett 03 Nov Sun 09.30 Paul Lennon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Fr Laurence Mayne who is 95 yrs old on All Saints Day. Cards can be sent to Marley Court, Bolton Road, Heath Charnock, Chorley.PR7 4AZ

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, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Little Church Leaders, Catechists, Clergy and the Administrator. Completing a DBS check is essential for continuing in any of these roles. EMs, 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.

HALF TERM for Mr Smyth, his staff and the children. Have a good time, be safe and enjoy. See you when you get back to school.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES: as from 3rd November Sunday Mass will be at **09.30**. Mass on the Vigil of All Saints which is a Holy Day of Obligation, is on Thursday at

19.30. An extra Mass also, 12.00 noon Mass on Saturday, for All Souls. As from Monday 4th November, the weekday Masses/services will be held in the sacristy. So far, we have been economical with the heating and the weather has been kind. The winter will set in soon and the church will get colder. The dehumidifier is doing a very good job and extracting 15 - 20 litres of water per day. **Please remember to leave your colds and coughs at home. It will be greatly appreciated.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE *O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may renounce evil and so be healed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*
Please keep praying for peace in Ukraine and Holy Land.

The Catholic Church grants a **PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY** from November 1–8 each year. To obtain it you must: devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed, be detached from all sin, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intentions. You can apply the indulgence to loved ones or souls with no one to pray for them. A partial indulgence can still be obtained even if not all the conditions are satisfied. Alternatively, from 12.00 on 1st Nov and through All Souls' Day, visit a church and recite the Our Father and the Creed, and the prayer Eternal Rest, and other conditions as above. Indulgences do not forgive sins, but they do deal with the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins.

ST MARY'S HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A PILGRIM CHURCH FOR 2025

Pope Francis has announced that next year, 2025, will be a Jubilee Year – an event that happens every 25 years. The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”, hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. Our hope ultimately is in Jesus Christ!

The Jubilee Year runs from the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 to Epiphany 2026. Pope Francis asked that 2024 be ‘A Year of Prayer’ in preparation for the jubilee with a focus on the ‘Our Father’.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year at 11.00 at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 29 Dec 2024.

The Archbishop has asked if St Mary's and parishioners will accept the task of being a pilgrim church. There are four of these around the diocese, besides the Cathedral and the Co-Cathedral in Douglas, Isle of Man. There will be more information on how to obtain indulgences when visiting St Mary's, made available for all parishioners and visitors.

THE KIM LEADBEATER ASSISTED SUICIDE (EUTHANASIA) BILL On 29th November, MPs will vote on the assisted suicide proposals by Kim Leadbeater MP. Let our MP, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, know your thoughts. As Speaker of The House of Commons, he cannot vote but he can hear your views. Please pray that this misguided and immoral Bill will fail. The NHS is broken at the present moment and if this Bill passes, any person over 18 yrs old can request to have their life terminated if they are terminally ill. If they cannot speak for themselves, then doctors will make the request. In time no life will be safe.