

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

PENSION CREDIT Up to 850,000 pensioner households may be entitled to Pension Credit, but do not claim it. Some pensioners think because they've got savings or own their home, they would not get any Pension Credit - but this is not the case. The government have asked that community leaders share this information with people. The aim is to encourage the conversation and the claim for pension credit to ensure those eligible will not also get this vital extra income, but access to the winter fuel payment too.

MUSIC AT THE MET 2024 During 2024 Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

- **Advent Sequence**, Sunday 1 December, 17.00

- **Bach and Handel**, Sunday 8 December, 15.00

- **A Celebration of Christmas**, Saturday 14 December, 19.00

- **A Ceremony of Carols**, Sunday 15 December, 15.00

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk or download their brochure: LMC-2024-Concert-Brochure-FINAL.pdf (liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk)

MANCHESTER BAROQUE: Every Christmas, we perform Handel's Messiah with Manchester Cathedral Choir. This year it takes place on Saturday 30th November at 7pm in Manchester Cathedral, with the cathedral choir, to mark the start of Advent. It is a celebration of Christ, told through a series of wonderful arias and choral pieces culminating in the magnificent Hallelujah Chorus.

We're very happy to offer a 25% discount on 'red' seats for our performance of Handel Messiah, until 23rd November, using the code 'hallelujah'. Book through eventbrite using the following link, and entering the code when prompted after adding tickets to the basket <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/949847347987/?discount=Hallelujah>

RED ADMIRAL BRASS BAND CONCERT Following the previous highly successful Brass Band Concert, Red Admiral Music Academy Brass Band are to give an early 'Christmas concert' on Sunday 24th November, at 2pm until 4.30pm in St. Chad's Church, Town Lane PR6 8AJ. Tickets are £10 each for adults, no charge for children, and includes light refreshments. Tickets can be reserved from: Angela Derbyshire 07761 983041 or Ann Billington 07708 992621.

CHRISTMAS CARDS and Advent calendars are available in a basket, in the sacristy. Our cards are from St Rita's Convent in Devon and are very beautiful and very reasonably priced.

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Parish Office: Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00-17.00

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

17th NOVEMBER 2024



'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have

instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.' Daniel 12:1-3

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So, with you when you see these things happening: know that He is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.' Mark 13:24-32

Sat 16th

St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude the Great,

St Edmund of Canterbury

16.15-16.45

Confessions

17.00

Vigil Mass – Pious List

Sun: 17th 09.30	THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.157) Mass – Parishioners
Mon 18th 09.00	Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul Mass - Pious List
Tues 19th 12.00	Mass – Pious List
Wed 20th 11.00	Mass – Pious List
Thurs 21st 12.00	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Fri 22nd 12.00	St Cecilia Mass – Pious List
Sat 23rd <i>16.15-16.45</i> 15.30 17.00	St Clement, Pope and Martyr. St Columbanus, Abbot <i>Confessions</i> <i>Baptism – Ashley and Emelia Berry. Reception of James Berry</i> Mass – Mary (A) and Joseph Baxendale
Sun: 24th 09.30 10.45	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (p.160) Mass – Pious List <i>Baptism – Beck Vincent Miller</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Emily Atkins, Maureen Bolger, Dorothy Burgoyne, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, baby Henry Curtis, Colette Ellis, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Winter Heenan, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Joan Smith, Alan and Marjorie Taylor, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Dunstan Harrington (74), who died suddenly in his presbytery, St William of York, Thornton. **Yuriy Semchenko**, father of Tanya, at home in Kyiv. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Baxendale, Sarah Maher, Herbert Pye, Thomas Rostron, Edward McCrory

READERS: 16. Nov Sat 17.00 Eileen McCarrick 17. Nov 09.30 Richard Gillett
23. Nov Sat 17.00 Gillian Sharples 24. Nov 09.30 Dr Jane Eccles
30. Nov Sat 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska 1st Dec. 09.30 Simon Eccles

ST WILFRID'S PARISH HALL, PRESTON. TALKS ON KEY DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II. Mondays 19.30 – 21.30 Future Talks on Mondays in November
18th Sacrosanctum Concilium with Maria Hall
25th Apostolicam Actuositatem with Metanoia Project

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL: The November edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here: <https://tinyurl.com/523rbhzw>

THE NEW LECTIONARY which contains the Scripture readings for Mass, will be introduced from Sunday 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. The Scripture excerpts are the same, but follow the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition rather than the Jerusalem Bible for the readings, and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles for the

Responsorial Psalms. Probably the Psalm responses are where confusion might occur, since they will not be exactly the same as in our Parish Mass Books.

OUR PARISH CENTRE Fr Marsden had a meeting with the club management a few days ago. We are asking our parishioners to use the parish centre as much as possible for celebrations of baptisms, weddings, special anniversaries and family and friends gathering after a funeral. As one member of the meeting said, 'if you don't use it – you will lose it'. The parish centre needs your support. Thank you. If anyone would like to establish a **YOUTH GROUP**, please let Fr Marsden know. There are many good and interesting groups that can come together in the parish centre. Please have a think about it.

YOUTH SUNDAY – 24 NOVEMBER: CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH: A TIME OF PRAYER: To mark Youth Sunday, we are hosting a time of prayer, reflection and celebration at Lowe House (North Rd, St Helens, WA10 2BE) at 5pm on 24 November. We hope the evening will be an uplifting event at which we can pray for young people and those that work with them, whilst listening to different speakers offer thoughts and reflections on their work with young people. The service will end with a social time. All are welcome. Please come along to pray for our young people and hear what opportunities we offer young people across the diocese.

THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: This weekend there is a message from all the bishops of England and Wales about the dangers of the Ledbetter “Assisted Suicide Bill.” Nobody wants to prolong the dying process when people are in pain, and there comes a time to let our loved ones go peacefully to God. Palliative care and good hospice care are the answers to end of life treatment in difficult cases, not encouraging the patient to kill themselves. Many of us have seen the excellent care provided by St Catherine's Hospice and elsewhere. On the notice board, at the back of the church you will find a poster details on how to contact Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP and ask him to speak out against the introduction of the Kim Leadbeater MP Suicide Bill, which will be voted on in a Second Reading at the House of Commons 29th November 2024. You can scan a QR code from the poster. Please talk to your family, friends and colleagues about this proposed Bill.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols makes three points saying: 'Be careful what you wish for. A right to die can become a duty to die. Forgetting God belittles our humanity'.

One can see that some money-minded persons might well encourage a sick relative to opt for assisted suicide, in order to save nursing home fees and to protect the money they hope to get from an inheritance. Very sick patients are often a bit confused and weak and would be susceptible to this sort of pressure from unscrupulous relatives. As the Cardinal said above, a “right to die” can be twisted into “a duty to die.”

YOUTH 2000 - THE PRESTON RETREAT 2024 Taking place at Corpus Christi High School, Preston on Saturday 7 December, this Youth 2000 retreat offers young adults (aged 16-35 or Year 11+) the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in relationship with God. This jam-packed, one day retreat offers the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. Tickets can be purchased from www.youth2000.org/events/preston2024. If you have any questions, please email events@youth2000.org.