

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

PETITIONS TO LOURDES: Near to Our Lady's Altar you will find a deanery lantern and petition papers. Please write your petition and put it into the lantern – which will be available until **Saturday 12th July** when it will move on to another church in the deanery and finally to Lourdes.

ST GREGORY'S ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL - 8TH - 10TH AUGUST: This year's festival will feature a selection of beers and ciders. Tickets for this event will be £5 each to include a souvenir programme & a free glass of beer. Wine and gin will also be available as well as food from our own Pit Stop café. If you would like to sponsor this event, the cost is £110 per keg. All sponsor's business/ company names will be included in the festival programme which is issued to all attendees. We can also add a business logo if you have one, all you need to do is email it to us. Sponsors also receive up to 4 complimentary tickets to the event (per keg of beer sponsored). If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please let us know.

CONCERT IN THE GARDEN - SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST: A family event will take place in the Parish Grounds at St Gregory's. The event will begin at 2:00pm and entry to the concert is free (i.e. no ticket required). Entry to the beer tent is free for those attending the beer festival on Fri/Sat but otherwise entry is £5 on the door. Bring along your friends and family and your own chairs and picnic blankets! There will be live music to entertain you, donkey rides and games for the children. Bring along your own picnic or enjoy food from our BBQ and refreshment stand.

PILGRIMAGE MASSES AT THE SHRINE OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI

The Parish of St Anne and Blessed Dominic, Sutton St Helens, invites clergy and parishioners to two special pilgrimage Masses at the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi—designated as one of the Jubilee Churches of our Archdiocese.

- **Blessed Dominic Barberi Pilgrimage Mass** Monday, **25 August** at **12 noon**
Principal Celebrant: **Fr Giuseppe Adobati Carrara**, Superior General of the Passionist Order
- **Venerable Elizabeth Prout Pilgrimage Mass** Saturday, **13 September** at **12 noon**
Principal Celebrant: **Bishop Mark Davies** of Shrewsbury

Both Masses will be held at **St Anne's Church, WA9 1ZD**. Refreshments will be served after the Mass on 25 August. All are warmly invited to attend these significant occasions of prayer and pilgrimage. **Enquiries:** Parish Office – 01744 811935 (Mondays and Fridays, 9am–4pm)

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Deacon Norman Arrowsmith

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Parish website: www.stmarys-chorley.org

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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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

6th JULY 2025



At that time: The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house.

Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.'

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' And he said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Sat 5th
17.00

St Anthony Zaccaria
Mass – Maura Brown (LD)

Sun 6th 09.30	<u>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Mass – Anne Colette Bury RIP
Mon 7th 09.00	Mass – Michael Bolton (A) and deceased family members
Tues 8th 12.00	Mass – Henry Watmough RIP
Wed 9th 12.00	<u>St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions</u> Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thurs 10th 12.00	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Fri 11th 12.00	<u>St Benedict</u> Mass – Riordan Family deceased members
Sat 12th 17.00	Mass – Bridie McCrory (LD)
Sun 13th 09.30	<u>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Mass – Parishioners <i>Please note the time change on Wednesday.</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Margaret Arrowsmith, Kathleen Coyle, Rosemary Hough, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Molly Redhead, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

Please note: We now need written permission to add a name to the above sick list. This can be done by the sick person or by the next of kin, if the sick person cannot give permission themselves. Written permission can be made via email to stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk

RECENTLY DECEASED: Andrew Michael Birchall (58) who died at home on 21st June. Funeral Service will be on Friday 25th July at 10.00 followed by burial in Chorley Cemetery. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord...

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela Simm, Michael Bolton, Lucy Rollins, Bill Durkin.

READERS: **Sat: 05 17.00** Gillian Sharples **Sun: 06 09.30** Richard Gillett
Sat: 12th 17.00 Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 13th 09.30** Dr Jane Eccles
Sat: 19th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 20th 09.30** Simon Eccles

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT will take place on 19th and 20th July. Thank you. Please remember to use your Gift Aid envelopes for special collections. Church Restoration Fund collection this weekend.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? We are running a course during summer for people who wish to become Catholics. If you have not been baptised, then the course is a little different for you. People who have been baptised and if the baptism is valid, can be prepared during the summer to receive the Sacraments and become Catholics. Please see Fr Marsden or email the parish office.

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WELCOME to the Preston Branch of bell ringers next Saturday 12th July. You will hear the magnificent bells of St Mary's ring from 15.30 – 17.00. Mrs Alison O'Keeffe has

retired as Tower Captain after 25 years of service to St Mary's Bells. We sincerely thank Mrs O'Keeffe for all her hard work and dedication. It is very much appreciated. It is a job that is very important in the parish and one which is almost 'behind the scenes'. Our new Tower Captain is Mr Martin Touhey. Thank you to Martin for accepting this important role.

MEMORIAL BOOK: We are hoping to update our Memorial Book in July. If you would like to add a name, please complete one of the forms in the narthex. The forms can be found above the hymn books. Please return to the parish office in an envelope marked Memorial Book.

THANK YOU to the Juniors and Yr 2 who came to Mass on Monday morning to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation for Ss Peter and Paul's solemnity. The children were very well behaved and sang beautifully the new Pilgrim of Hope hymn. Well done everyone!

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025: Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from **Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August**, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025.

FORMATION IN FCJ SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER (ONLINE), Wednesday 9 July, 19.30–20.45 A programme for young adults who already have some experience of FCJ Charism and Spirituality and would like to enter into it more deeply. There will be input, discussion and sharing on key themes. Hosted online on Wednesdays 11, 25 June and 9, 23 July from 19.30 - 20.45 at the FCJ Centre St Hugh's in Liverpool and the FCJ Young Adult Network. Information about the programme or to have a conversation about whether this is for you; info at Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE will be held on the following dates: 29th September, 6th October, 13th October, 20th October (all Mondays Time: 6.30pm–8.30pm at St Helen's Church, Alexandra Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 7TQ. **Please note; if you wish to marry at St Mary's Chorley or St Joseph's Anderton you are asked to complete the Archdiocesan marriage preparation course.** further information available from For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



PALLIUM MASS - Archbishop John Sherrington travelled to Rome to receive the pallium from Pope Leo XIV last Sunday, on the Feast day of Ss Peter and Paul at St Peter's basilica, along with 47 other Archbishops from around the world. The pallium is a woollen liturgical vestment resembling a collar, worn over the chasuble. It is woven from the wool of lambs raised by Trappist monks. It symbolizes the Pope's authority. The Pope can wear the pallium anywhere, as he always wields papal power. The pallium can also be granted to archbishops with regional authority to signify that they hold the Pope's power within their jurisdiction. The temperature in Rome last weekend was 40 C. Here are

some photos of our Archbishop receiving his pallium from Pope Leo XIV:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicism/albums/72177720327240540/>