

**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



### **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.

**FROM TUESDAY, SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER!** Wishing Mr Smyth, his staff and all the children and their families a safe and happy summer holiday. Good luck to the Leavers of Yr 6. Hope you achieve great things. God bless.

### **DAY FOR CATECHISTS: FORMATION & REFLECTION – SATURDAY 27**

**SEPTEMBER:** Are you a catechist looking for spiritual refreshment? No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist. On Saturday 27 September, the Day for Catechists will be organised from 10.00 – 16.00 at Carmelite Monastery L18 3NU. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sister of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. If you're interested, sign up here [Day for Catechists Link](http://m.mui@rcaol.org.uk) For more information, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

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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**

## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025**



***At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her. Luke 10:38-42.'***

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>  
17.00**

**Mass – Ro Anderton RIP**

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>  
09.30  
10.30**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Mass – Parishioners**

**Baptism – Nova Rose Marsden - Halton**

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>  
09.00**

**St Lawrence of Brindisi**

**Mass – Fr Marsden's Ordination Anniversary**

<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b> <b>Mass</b> – Private Int. (JM and family)
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>09.00</b>	<b>St Bridget</b> <b>Mass</b> – Kathleen (A) and Thomas Rostron
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<b>St Sharbel Makhlūf</b> <b>Liturgy</b> of the Word and Holy Communion
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00</b> <b>12.00</b>	<b>St James, Apostle</b> <b>Funeral Service</b> – Andrew Birchall <b>Mass</b> – Pamela Margaret Ball (A)
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>17.00</b>	<b>Ss Joachim and Anne</b> <b>Mass</b> – Herbert Blakemore (A)
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>09.30</b>	<b>SUNDAY XVII OF ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> <i>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</i> <b>Mass</b> – John (A) and Florence Akers



**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](mailto:stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kathleen Rostron, Pamela Ball, Herbert Blakemore, John Akers.

**READERS:** **Sat: 19<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 20<sup>th</sup> 09.30** Simon Eccles  
**Sat: 26<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 27<sup>th</sup> 09.30** Richard Gillett  
**Sat: 04 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 05 09.30** Dr Jane Eccles

**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 **by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**, in an envelope marked Memorial Book.

**MESSAGE FROM LITTLE CHURCH:** There will be **no children's Little Church** during the school holidays. The creche will be available for children under the age of 3 and the Quiet bags containing books, paper, pencils & crayons will be available for older children to use during Mass.

**MESSAGE TO PARENTS:** *Dear Parents, during the school holidays when we know many of you are busy, balancing holidays, work and family life – we ask you not to forget the importance of coming to Sunday Mass. Generations of St Mary's parishioners worked very hard to donate their money and time to building and maintaining this beautiful church. Also, generations of families proudly saw their sons being Ordained into the Sacred Priesthood, so that this parish would have a priest. Please bring your children to church and teach them the Catholic Faith. Let them form a loving relationship with Jesus. Do not let this chance go by. Thank you.*

**SS JOACHIM AND ANNE** were parents of Mary and thus Jesus's grandparents.

**WHICH ONE ARE YOU – MARTHA OR MARY?** Most of us are probably a combination of the characters of Martha and Mary. In the world we live, we must be 'doers' and listeners. Some people may call that multi-tasking but really it is a necessity of everyday life. The most important thing is that we are ready to welcome Jesus into our lives. Coming to Mass and receiving Holy Communion, coming to Confession and cleaning our hearts and souls that is the essence of Martha and Mary and helping others and being 'the Good Samaritan' as we heard last Sunday and welcoming the stranger as we see and meet many people who could do with seeing a smile. **Tuesdays are known as praying to Martha day. St. Martha, I resort to your aid and protection. As proof of my affection and faith, I offer you this light, which I shall burn every Tuesday.**

**St Martha is the patron saint of homemakers, cooks, domestic workers, waiters and waitresses, and hotel employees and everyone who needs to cook or prepare breakfast and make the tea, lay the table and make sure that everyone is fed and happy before going to work. Ora pro nobis.**

### **OUR LADY OF LITMANOVÁ APPARITIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE**



**VATICAN:** **Mount Zvir - Litmanová** is a pilgrimage place in eastern Slovakia. Pope Leo XIV approved the claims regarding the apparitions and granted a Nihil Obstat this month. The **Blessed Virgin Mary** appeared to two girls, 11-year-old Ivetka Korcakova and 12-year-old Katka Ceselkova in a room in a log cabin that still stands in a meadow surrounded by forests. Our Lady was seated on a wooden bench. She introduced herself as the **IMMACULATE PURITY**. She wanted both girls and people to come to the spot to pray. The apparitions continued from 05 August 1990 to 06 August 1995 once a month on the Sunday following the first Friday in the month. At the last apparition, the Mother of God promised to remain present forever. Both during the apparitions and afterwards believers came and continue to come to the spot in large numbers. The largest gatherings are on the Sunday after the first Friday in the month. Besides the first Sundays, pilgrims from Slovakia and abroad come to the pilgrimage site every day where they can find spiritual peace and ask for God's help in their lives, give thanks for God's kindness and assistance and

place their life in the protection of the Mother of God.

**TWO ITEMS OF JEWELLERY** have been found. 1 child's gold coloured and white stones butterfly shaped earring and 1 adult's gold coloured ring set with 6 white stones. Please contact the parish office for further information. 01257 262537

### **ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, CO-PATRON OF EUROPE - Quotations**

- The source of justice is not vengeance but charity. ...
- The world would have peace if only men of politics would follow the Gospels. ...
- To write well and speak well is mere vanity if one does not live well.