

**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

**CHORLEY AND DISTRICT AID FOR UKRAINE - Can you help?**

**As well as the ongoing need for: Clothing, Shoes, Toiletries, Baby Products,** Duvets, Blankets, Towels, Generators, Sanitary Items, Tinned Food (12 month life)...

We are also collecting for:

**"Soldier Appeal"** Razors, Packet Soups, Wet Wipes, Socks, Soap, Heat Pads, Thermal Underwear, Sleeping Bags, Boiled Sweets, Plasters.

**"Children Appeal"** Colouring Books, Pens, Crayons, Sweets, Small Toys.

**"Medical Appeal"** Bandages, Plasters, Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Joint Supports, Supplement Drinks, First Aid Kits, Crutches, Spectacles.

**"On Yer Bike for Ukraine"** Any Bicycle of any condition or parts, including tyre pumps.

**"Candles for Ukraine"** Candles & candle wax (including scraps) and also matches.

You can find us next to the Town Hall at: The 'Ukraine Unit', The White Hart, Mealhouse Lane, Chorley, Lancs, PR7 1DZ. Wednesdays 2-4pm & Saturdays 10am-12

You can also donate to our Bank Account "Chorley Support for Ukraine" (Natwest) Account 29841186 Sort 01-01-94.

We also raise funds to buy MedEvac Vehicles for Ukraine.

Please check our social media channels for regular updates, new appeals, useful information, fundraisers, etc... **Thank you for your continued support.**

**FR MAYNE** – you may be aware that Fr Mayne who is 95 and residing in Marley Court Nursing Home, became ill last weekend after a fall in the Home. He was in A&E at the Royal Preston Hospital and then after spending several days in A&E he got a bed on a ward. And now is hopefully making a recovery. It is clear that A&E staff are very dedicated and have to accept as normal, corridors full of patients on trolleys. We were told that when Fr Mayne came to Royal Preston on Saturday evening, there would be a **70** hour wait for a bed on a ward. There needs to be a change in how LTHTR hospital management carries out their roles and the change needs to come before the winter crisis sets in with many patients become ill with winter illnesses. Lying on a trolley in a corridor in A&E for several days, will not help their recovery! God bless Fr Mayne. He is very much loved by many people.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated roses for Our Lady's birthday Mass. It is very much appreciated.

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**Deacon Norman Arrowsmith**

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

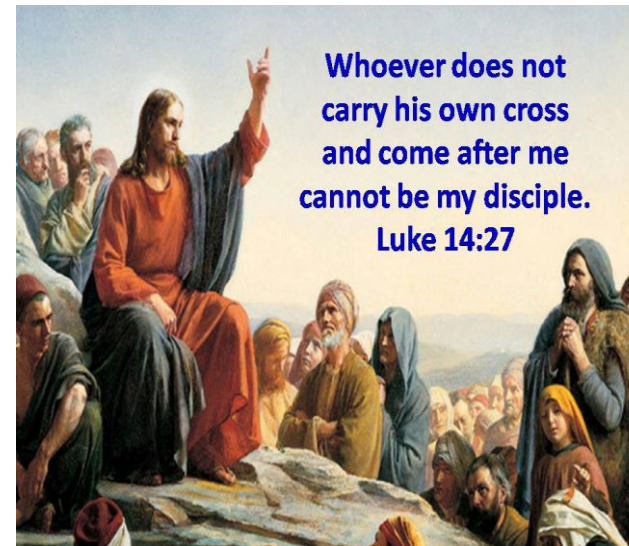
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## TWENTY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025



**Whoever does not  
carry his own cross  
and come after me  
cannot be my disciple.  
Luke 14:27**

*At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to*

*complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'* Luke 14:25-33

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup>**

15.00

17.00

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>**

09.30

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>**

09.00

13.30

14.15

**St Bega**

Baptism – Eden Dorothy Grimshaw

Mass – Angela Kershaw (LD)

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

Mass – Parishioners

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Mass – Fr Mayne (poorly)

Requiem – Pauline Partington

Marley Court Nursing Home – Service and Holy Communion for the Sick

<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b> 12.30-13.00	<u>St Peter Claver</u> <b>Requiem</b> – Maureen Bolger <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>09.00</b>	<u>St Ambrose Barlow</u> <b>Mass</b> – School Mass for the beginning of the year. <b><i>Mass for the care of Creation</i></b>
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b> 12.30-13.00	<u>The Most Holy Name of Mary</u> <b>Mass</b> – Ro Anderton (A) <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>17.00</b>	<u>St John Chrysostom</u> <b>Mass</b> – Fr John P. Smith (A)
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>09.30</b>	<b><u>FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS</u></b> <b>Mass</b> – Christine Corcoran (A)

**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, Monica Seed and parishioners in The Adelphi, 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)***

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peter Bamber – father of Tom and Joseph has recently died. Funeral details to be announced.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr John Smith, Ro Anderton, Christine Corcoran, Teresa Malcharek, Ellen Brown, Ted Richmond, Monica Wilcock, Peter Jackson.

**READERS:** **Sat 06: 17.00** Gillian Sharples **Sun 7: 09.30** Paul Lennon  
**Sat:13: 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun 14: 09.30** Richard Gillett  
**Sat: 20: 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun 21: 09.30** Paul Lennon



### **CANONISATION OF CARLO ACUTIS AND PIERGIORGIO FRASSATI**

The church and the world welcomes these two new saints. Both young men so ordinary and living their everyday lives, just like everyone else. St Carlo is the patron saint of the youth and computer programmers and St Pier – Giorgio is also patron saint of the youth and athletes. Both men were proclaimed

saints by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV this morning in Rome. We recommend that you pray to the new saints for your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**EWTN** will broadcast from Rome the **CANONISATIONS MASS** for Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Piergiorgio Frassati live at 08.00 – 12.00 this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. There is a Canonisation Special preceding the Mass from 07.00-08.00 The Mass broadcast will be repeated at 17.30 – 21.00, which may be more convenient for many of us. You can receive EWTH via their website <https://ewtn.co.uk> and Sky channel 586.

**WELCOME BACK** to Mr Smyth, the staff and all the children. School re opened last Wednesday. There will be a school Mass in church for the beginning of the academic year on Wednesday. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend also. Please - **if you can** - come to Mass with your child. Thank you.



**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS** is next Sunday. It is a most solemn feast day. Holy Cross Catholic High School is under the patronage of this very special feast day. Please remember Mr Lindley (Headteacher) his staff and all the pupils in your prayers. The youth is tomorrow's future and we hope to hear very good results in the coming year from the school. The Cross is our salvation and our hope and eternal life. We should have a Crucifix in our homes hanging on the wall. If anyone would like to have their Crucifix blessed, please bring it to the weekend Masses on 13/14 September.

**CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER:** The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King now has its own newsletter, bringing you all their

events in one place - to sign up, please visit the link here

<https://liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/sign-up/>

### **QUIET DAYS AT THE CENACLE: 10.00 – 16.00**

We all need time to stop, ponder, be still, be find it hard to have the time. Why not come for a few hours, with like-minded people, and just stop and be away from the daily round of life? Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided, suggested offering £10 No need to book, just come along and maybe bring a friend. For further information contact Sr Winnie, Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, L15 6TW; tel 0151 722 2271 **Sisters of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Liverpool**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** ahead of the **Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill** having its second reading in the House of Lords on **Friday 12 September**, Archbishop John Sherrington is calling for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action. Catholics/ Christians can write to a Peer ahead of the reading to make their opposition known. More details about how to contact, how to address them and suggested points to include in your letter can be found in the news section of the Archdiocese of Liverpool website (<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/how-to-make-your-voice-heard-in-opposing-the-assisted-suicide-bill>)

### **THE MARTYR-SAINTS OF THE NORTH-WEST, 12-14 SEPTEMBER 2025** at

Theodore House, Stonyhurst. Join us for this weekend studying some of the Reformation-era martyrs of the North-West region. Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Mgr John Allen of Salford Diocese, who has recently published a history of the diocese with a foreword by Eamon Duffy. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/>

**MARY'S MEALS - MASS OF CELEBRATION:** **Sunday 21 September 15.00** St Teresa's Catholic Church, Church Road, Upholland, Wigan (WN8 0PY). All are invited to this special Mass of Celebration for the work of Mary's Meals, the global charity providing school meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities. Archbishop John Sherrington will preside at the Mass. Light refreshments will be served in the church hall after Mass.