

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 14.00-16.00 & Saturdays 10.00-12.00**

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.**

PLEASE TAKE YOUR DONATIONS TO THE HUB AT THE OLD WHITE HART

COUNTING TIME HAS COME: Collectors, please count the numbers attending each Mass. There is a sheet for you to record the numbers in the sacristy. Thank you for your help.

LOURDES TRIP 2026 FOR THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGES

Thank you for the very generous donations. The money has been sent to the coach 5 Leader and he is absolutely thrilled. 2 young people from Chorley will be able to travel to Lourdes in 2026 with this opportunity of a lifetime. If these donations had not been received, then these 2 young people would not get this chance in their present circumstances. Thank you.

PARKING FOR FR MAYNE'S FUNERAL Please do not park in the church grounds from **14.00 Tuesday 30th September until 12.00 on Wednesday**. There are two car parks either side of the church which are free after 18.00.

NB No midday Mass on Tuesday and no 09.00 Mass on Wednesday, because of the Funeral.

Parish Priest: Fr. Francis Marsden

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th SEPTEMBER 2025



At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water

and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, Father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." Luke 16:19-31

Sat 27th 17.00	<u>St Vincent de Paul</u> Mass – Harry Carter (A)
Sun 28th 09.30	<u>TWENTY– SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Mass – Parishioners
Mon 29th 09.00	<u>FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL</u> Mass – 175th birthday of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

Tues 30th 16.00 18.40 19.00	Fr Mayne's body will be brought into St Mary's Church Evening Prayer (Office for the Dead) VIGIL MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF FR LAURENCE JOSEPH MAYNE - CELEBRANT – BISHOP THOMAS WILLIAMS
Wed 1st Oct 12.00	<u>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</u> REQUIEM MASS FOR FR LAURENCE JOSEPH MAYNE AT ST OSWALD'S COPPULL CELEBRANT – HIS GRACE THE MOST REVEREND JOHN SHERRINGTON, ARCHBISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

Thurs 2nd 12.00	<u>The Holy Guardian Angels</u> Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Fri 3rd 12.00 <i>12.30-13.00</i>	<u>First Friday – Litany of the Sacred Heart after Mass</u> Mass – Thanksgiving Mass for Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Sat 4th 17.00	<u>St Francis of Assisi</u> Mass – Catherine McCarrick (birthday remembrance)
Sun 5th 09.30	<u>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Mass – Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Margaret Arrowsmith, Kathleen Coyle, Rosemary Hough, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, Molly Redhead, 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***

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Laurence Mayne (95) died peacefully at 3pm , ***the hour of Divine Mercy*** on 17th September in Marley Court Nursing Home. ***We thank him for his service of nearly 70 years of priestly life dedicated to God's work.*** He was ordained priest on 26th May 1956. He was parish priest in St Oswald's Coppull from 1991 until his retirement at the age of 90 in 2020. He lived here at St Mary's for 3 years until he needed 24-hour care and then went on to Marley Court Nursing Home. **Michael John Pressler** (81) died on 22nd September. Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th October at 12.00 noon followed by burial in Chorley Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: Stella Vigar, Anita Bielecki, Vera Arrowsmith, Mgr. Canon Thomas Crank (1946) Harry Carter,

READERS: **Sat: 27th 17.00** Andrew Jenner **Sun: 28: 09.30** Simon Eccles
Sat: 04th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 05th 09.30** Dr Jane Eccles
Sat: 11th 17.00 Eleanor Jenner **Sun: 12th 09.30** Paul Lennon

An extract of what Fr Mayne wrote about his life

When I was just a little boy, we didn't have a TV, we only had wireless and listened to Children's Hour at 5pm each day after school. The larder was empty on Fridays until Dad came home from work and gave Mum his £10 week's wages, to go out and buy milk, bread, margarine, sugar, rice, apples, potatoes, vegetables, eggs and candles. We knitted scarfs sitting under the stairs during the air raids in the war. We got into trouble climbing trees with 'the Parkie' for climbing trees in Sefton Park.

We never went on holiday until we were evacuated to Wales and learned how to milk cows and try to drink sour buttermilk. We once went to New Brighton on the ferry, across the River Mersey, and it rained all day while we had our picnic. The doctor came when we had measles and sent me to hospital for 6 weeks. When I had scarlet fever, my Dad took me to the market and bought an old bike for 5 shillings, and he put brakes and tyres on it back home. We went to bed carrying candles upstairs. There was no electric light in the bedroom. We all 4 kids slept in the same room. Mum would read a story from a book called 'Jesus for little children' and say prayers with us in front of the fire after our bath.

When I was 7, I made my First Holy Communion and became an altar boy in St Francis Xavier's Church. When we came back from Wales in the War, our house had been bombed in Liverpool. I won the scholarship to De La Salle High School and then went to Upholland in 1943 until 1956. The seminary was very strict and most of the boys left over the years. But the football, cricket, tennis and sports were very enjoyable, and singing in the choir and playing the French horn in the orchestra.

Life in the seminary was tough but it was worth it in the end with Ordination after 13 hard years there. The years passed on in parishes in Liverpool some (not all) under very harsh parish priests until I became a parish priest after 22 years as a curate and after 14 years was moved to St Oswald's Coppull in 1991 and my lovely Mum is still looking after me. Yes, when I was a boy we did not have a lot but we did have the best of God's gifts and lovely Mum and Dad and sister and brothers. All the faces have faded and the smiles have gone with them back to God. And now I am just a lonely orphan boy waiting to join them when the Lord calls. They were all good to me and God has been good to me.

Fr Laurence J. M December 2019