

**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

**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.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH:** Fr Marsden would sincerely like to thank everyone who helped prepare the church for the funeral Masses for Fr Laurence Mayne. Thank you for helping, cleaning, altar serving, singing, reading, coming to the Mass, and your prayers. It is very much appreciated. Thank you also for the kind words of condolences and cards.

**MARY'S MEALS DONATIONS:** A basket for donations to Mary's Meals in memory of Fr Mayne, will remain in the back of the church until 12<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for your generosity.

**PIOUS LISTS:** During the month of November, we pray at daily Mass for the names on your Pious Lists. The envelopes and papers for the list of names can be found near the newsletters. Please complete them and include an offering and add them to the collection or through the presbytery door. Thank you.

**QUARANT'ORE 2025** this year will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November (All Saints Day which is a holy day of obligation). There will be a Mass at 12.00 on Saturday to fulfil the obligation for the Holy Day.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November we will move back to the sacristy for our weekday Masses in order to try and control the heating bills. Sunday Masses will be held in the main church as usual. Please wear clothing appropriate to the weather. If you find that the pews are too cold to sit on, then please feel free to bring a cushion or small blanket to sit on. Thank you for your understanding.

**COLDS, COUGHS AND WINTER BUGS:** have come early and there are reports of many cases of COVID in Chorley. Please do not come to church if you are ill or feeling off colour. It is not fair to spread it to someone else who may become very poorly. **If you are ill or looking after someone who is ill,** then you are **exempt** from the obligation of Sunday Mass.

**MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND** will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October. The Religious Group – The Spiritans (Holy Ghosts Fathers) will lead the weekend Masses and make an appeal for their missionary work abroad. Please make Fr Geoffrey welcome. Thank you.

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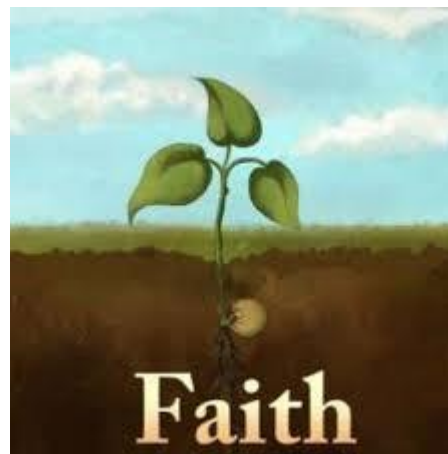
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# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025



*At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.*

*'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and*

*drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty." '* Luke 17:5-10

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**17.00**

St Francis of Assisi – blessing of pets after Mass

**Mass** – Catherine McCarrick (birthday remembrance)

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**09.30**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Mass** – Parishioners

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**09.00**

St Bruno

**Mass** – Stella Vigar (A)

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00**

Our Lady of the Rosary

**Requiem** – Michael John Pressler

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**09.00**

**Mass** – Mgr Canon Thomas Crank (former parish priest 1897 – 1932)

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00**

St John Henry Newman

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00**  
12.30-13.00

St Paulinus of York, St Denis and Companions, St John Leonardi

**Mass** – Jane Gilbertson RIP (70<sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance)

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**17.00**

St John XXIII

**Mass** – Anthony Daykin RIP

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**09.30**

**TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)**  
**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](mailto:stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk)**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph Hallett, Ann Smith, James Walsh, June Tranter.

**READERS:** **Sat: 04<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 05<sup>th</sup> 09.30** Dr Jane Eccles  
**Sat: 11<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Eleanor Jenner **Sun: 12<sup>th</sup> 09.30** Paul Lennon  
**Sat: 18<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 19<sup>th</sup> 09.30** Simon Eccles

**MGR CANON THOMAS STANISLAUS CRANK** was a former parish priest of St Mary's from 1897 to 1932. Canon Crank replaced Canon Gordon and in 1909 Canon Crank declared that the church would be expanding and enlarging. Each parishioner was given a plan of the proposed works and within 2 weeks offers came in for 17 stained glass windows, (ranging from £150.00 each, £50 each, £15 and £10 each. Those were huge amounts of money. Marble altar rails were sponsored at a cost of £200. Also, 14 Stations of the Cross were sponsored at £15 each. The silver sanctuary lamp received an offering of £50 and the statue of our Lady of Lourdes was sponsored for £50. A new porch and window at the west end were built and transepts were increased by 25ft and arches built in. The 4 new confessionals were built where they are now. The organ gallery was lowered by 2 feet which made it look bigger. New benches were fitted, and the lights were redesigned. The two side altars were erected: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Sacred Heart altars, both made from Caen stone from Normandy, France. New communion rails of polished alabaster and marble were installed, and new heating and ventilation was also installed.

What you see today in the church is a result of the great generosity of the parishioners of St Mary's and the huge love and dedication of the formidable Monsignor Canon Crank. We are a Grade II Listed Building and rated very highly in commentaries by historians and architecture specialists.

Chorley Historical Association will donate a plaque in memory of Mgr Canon Crank. It will be put on the St Mary's Archway. We give thanks to God for all the people who gave generous donations, work, time and prayers for this beautiful church which we are so proud of.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY:** In the third century, the early monastics would pray the 150 psalms (today, also known as the Divine Office) found in the scriptures. Those who could not pray the psalms prayed a 150 'Our Fathers,' also known as the poor man's breviary. The laity were given beads to help them count their prayers. In the 11th century, St Alvery began to pray 150 Hail Mary's, other Christians did the same. In the prayer, 'Hail Mary', we are reminded of both the events of the annunciation, the coming of the Messiah, and the incarnation, God becoming man, the fruit of Mary's womb. In the 13th century, St Dominic, the founder of the Dominican Order, had a vision of Mary who told him about the Rosary and showed him a set of

Rosary beads. He popularised the devotion and encouraged Christians to pray it in small groups. In the 14th century, Dominic of Prussia, developed the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries. In 2002, Pope John Paul II, added the 'Luminous' mysteries of the Rosary which focus on Jesus's ministry on earth.



### **PROMISES OF OUR LADY CONNECTED TO THE RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

1. Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of

God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In His justice, God will not chastise them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e., be unprepared for heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.
12. Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

### **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last.