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

COUNTERS: The count is now completed for this year. Thank you very much.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FROM FR MAYNE'S FAMILY: We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the parish communities at St Mary's and St Oswald's for your prayers and support for our uncle, Fr Laurence Mayne. Thank you to all who joined us in Laurie's Vigil and Funeral Masses last week, especially those who offered their skills in welcoming, playing the organ, singing, reading and serving. Very special thanks to Fr Marsden, Fr Dunne, to all the Celebrants and to Kinga.. Thank you too for your generosity in donating to Mary's Meals in Laurie's memory.

There will be a Memorial Mass for Fr Mayne at St Oswald's Coppull on Thursday 16th October at 18.30. Everyone welcome.

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 12th October. Thank you for your generosity.

<u>PIOUS LISTS:</u> 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 31st October and Saturday 1st November. The first Mass for **All Saints** is on Saturday 17.00 followed by Sunday 09.30. This year, All Saints has been transferred to the Sunday Masses. **All Souls** is also transferred to Monday 3rd November. **Mass will be at 12.00 on All Souls**.

<u>COLDS, COUGHS AND WINTER BUGS:</u> 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.

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th OCTOBER 2025



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices,

saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

Sat 11th St John XXIII 17.00 Mass - Anthony Daykin RIP Sun 12th TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C) 09.30 Mass - Parishioners Mon 13th 09.00 Mass - Anne (A) and Eric (A) Smith Tues 14th 12.00 Mass - Jane Banks (A) and Eileen O'Neil (A) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.30-13.00

14.15 Marley Court Nursing Home – Holy Communion Service

Wed 15th

09.00 Mass – Donald and Marie McClelland (A)

Thurs 16th

12.00 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

18.30 Memorial Mass for Fr Mayne at St Oswald's Coppull

Fri 17th

12.00 Mass – Peter Higgins (A)

12.30-13.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 18th

17.00 Mass – Samuel Round (birthday remembrance)

Sun 19th TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Mass – George (A) and Margaret Bury

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

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>: Ann and Eric Smith, Jane Banks, Eileen O'Neil, Donald and Marie McClelland, Peter Higgins, George Bury.

READERS: Sat: 11th 17.00 Eleanor Jenner Sun: 12th 09.30 Paul Lennon

Sat: 18th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska Sun: 19th 09.30 Simon Eccles Sat: 25th 17.00 Gillian Sharples Sun: 26th 09.30 Richard Gillett

MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND will take place on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Dcn Norman will be celebrating his 77th birthday on Friday 17th October. We wish him and Margaret lots of health and strength and best wishes. A holy Mass for their intentions will be offered soon.

GOSPEL REFLECTION.

'Thank you' are special words and can mean so much from the person saying it to the person receiving the gratitude. When we receive words of thanks we feel appreciated and content that we have done the right thing or said the right words. When we say or show our gratitude we acknowledge and appreciate what we have received. Our Blessed Lord though the sacraments and His Holy Mother, St Joseph and the Saints and Archangels give us many blessings, many chances, many possibilities. Some we

accept and some we don't even see because we want something else and nothing else will do.

It is good to remember the Goodness of the Lord, the Mercy of the Lord and the Love which God has for every one of us. It is also good to say a daily 'thank you' to God for everything that we have. Remember also your Guardian Angel who has spent many years protecting you. He/she deserves a huge thanks when looking back, they have got you through thick and thin!

Thank you, God, for the life you have blessed me with. Thank you for the opportunities that I have been given and for the strength to make the most of them. Thank you for guiding me through difficult times and for giving me the courage to face whatever comes my way. Most of all, thank you for your unconditional love and support, which has seen me through every challenge and kept me going. You are an ever-present source of comfort and hope, and I am deeply grateful for all that you have done for me.

<u>ADVANCE NOTICE:</u> on Tuesday 4th 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.



A PRAYER OF ST JOHN HENRY CARDINAL 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.

It is a great joy that on 1st November this year, Pope Leo XIV will proclaim St John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church, in recognition of the rich teaching he gives us in his letters and writings. You can find his portrait near the confessional door.

<u>DO YOU HAVE</u> a good size statue of Our Lady, The Sacred Heart or St Peter and St Paul? We have had a request for the statue donations to the primary school in Maudsley. Thank you.

<u>OCTOBER – ROSARY MONTH</u>: please would someone lead the rosary after each Mass? Maybe two people together can lead? Thank you.