

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

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 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 therefore transferred to Monday 3rd November. **Mass will be at 12.00 on All Souls.**

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD, 14 - 17 November 2025

A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: MENS' RETREAT, 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th OCTOBER 2025



At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." '

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not

God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily.

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Luke 18:1-8

Sat 18th

17.00

Mass – Samuel Round (birthday remembrance)

Sun 19th

09.30

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Mass – George (A) and Margaret Bury

Mon 20th

09.00

Mass – Brendan Murphy (LD)

Tues 21st

12.00

12.30-13.00

Mass – Teresa Halpin (A)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed 22nd

12.00

St John Paul II

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thurs 23rd

12.00

St John of Capistrano

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 24th

St Anthony Mary Claret

12.00 Mass – John Kearns RIP
12.30-13.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 25th
17.00 Mass – Monica Seed (LD) Int. St Mary's Life Group

Sun 26th
09.30 **THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)**
Mass – Michael Corcoran (A)

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

ANNIVERSARIES: George Bury, Michael Corcoran, Teresa Halpin.

READERS: Sat: 18th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska Sun: 19th 09.30 Simon Eccles
Sat: 25th 17.00 Gillian Sharples Sun: 26th 09.30 Richard Gillett
Sat: 01/11 17.00 Eileen McCarrick Sun: 02 09.30 Dr Jane Eccles

MESSAGE FROM DEACON NORMAN

It is with a very heavy heart that I have to inform you all that I shall be retiring from active ministry on my 77th birthday, Friday 17th October 2025. I would like to say thank you to everyone at St Mary's and all the other churches in the deanery that I have been associated with for supporting me in my ministry over the past fifteen years. I would especially like to thank Father Francis for allowing me to exercise my ministry to the full, sadly all deacons are not so fortunate.

Please keep Margaret and myself in your prayers, we have great need of them. We shall miss you all.

With every blessing

Deacon Norman Joseph Arrowsmith

We will arrange a thanksgiving Mass for Deacon Norman in due course, when matters are looking a bit brighter. I am sure that we all feel very sorry that Deacon Norman has retired, however, he must do what is best for Margaret and himself. We are very thankful for all the hard work and commitment that Deacon Norman has given to St Mary's, the Deanery and the Diaconate. God bless them both.

WORLD MISSION APPEAL will take place this weekend, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October. The Religious Group – The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will lead the weekend Masses and make an appeal for their missionary work abroad. Please make Fr Geoffrey Mbindyo welcome. He is coming from their house in Hoole, Chester. Thank you.

The Spiritans were founded in 1703 by Fr Poullart des Places in Paris in response to witnessing child labour and students who could not afford to pay educational fees. Since this time, the Spiritans has grown into a worldwide movement, operating in more than 60 countries and preaching the Gospel of peace and justice. We

stand alongside the powerless in society to work with them for a better world through education, health, development and tolerance. At home we work with people seeking refuge or asylum, people suffering from drug or alcohol abuse, prisoners and those who feel abandoned by society. We remain faithful to the vision of Christ and go beyond national boundaries to reach people of all colour, creed and class.

We Spiritans are a Religious Congregation, comprising clerics and consecrated laymen. Spiritan brothers are consecrated laymen who make vows, but do not choose ordination. They develop professional and technical skills such as medicine, teaching, social sciences and communications which are critical to mission works and projects everywhere in the world.

ADVANCE NOTICE: on Tuesday 4th November we will move back to the sacristy for our weekday Masses in order to try to keep down 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

The Mission of My Life

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.



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.