

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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY is this weekend. The theme is that **actions speak louder than words**. A reminder for you that the safeguarding personnel at St Mary's are Kinga Grzeczynska and Simon Eccles. 01257 262537. If you have a concern, please contact Kinga or Simon. If you have experienced something in the past and wish to discuss it, please contact Liverpool Archdiocese Safeguarding Office – 0151 522 1103/1043 or email c.newton@rcaol.org.uk

YOUTH SUNDAY: There will be a Mass at St Gregory's Chorley on 23rd November at 18.30 for National Youth Sunday. A day to recognise and celebrate all that young people in the Church offer us. On this day, the **Archdiocese of Liverpool is opening registration for Confirmations in 2026**. It will close in February 2026. Please look out for the details and don't miss the dates. Any Catholic Yr 8 (or above) who is in a non-Catholic High School can also be confirmed. Please ring the Parish Office for further details. Also any adult who has not been confirmed and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

FAMILY OF PARISHES CHRISTMAS CONCERT: St Joseph's Anderton, Sacred Heart and St Mary's Chorley. Advance Notice: the Concert will be at **Sacred Heart Chorley** 15.00-16.30 on Saturday 6th December (St Nicholas' Day) with the Chorley Silver Band. Doors open 14.00. Tickets available in parish office. Please support Sacred Heart. Thank you.

ASSISTED SUICIDE ENGLAND: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will entered Committee Stage in the House of Lords on 14 November. As per previous stages, Catholics are encouraged to write to peers to oppose the Bill. The Bishops' Conference has issued guidance on how to write to peers: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-peers/> Archbishop John Sherrington recorded a video for the Bishops' Conference explaining our objection to the proposed legislation: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> Archbishop John called for Catholics to pray and take action: "We continue to call for prayer and action. I urge you to contact members of the House of Lords and in particular share your personal or professional experience on this important matter." Please see attached a series of social media graphics supporting this messaging, we would encourage parishes to share these on their channels. Additional prayer resources can be accessed here: <https://care.org.uk/cause/assisted-suicide/seven-ways-to-pray-about-assisted-suicide>

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

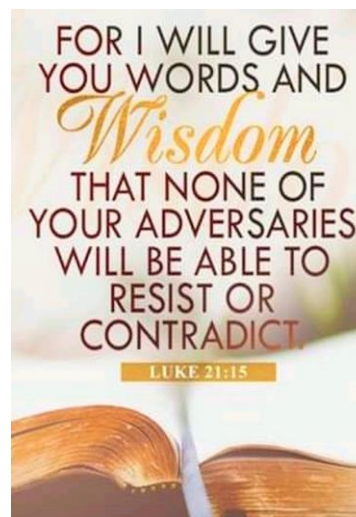
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

THIRTY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

16th NOVEMBER 2025



At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.' Luke 21:5-19

Sat 15th
15.15

16.15-16.45
17.00

St Albert the Great

Baptisms: George and Emily Moore, Emilia and Ella Southern, Maddison Galea

Confessions

Mass – Pious List

Sun 16th
09.30 **THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Mass – Parishioners

Mon 17th
09.00 Mass – Pious List

Tues 18th
12.00 Mass – Pious List
 12.30-13.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed 19th
09.00 Mass – Pious List

Thurs 20th
12.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 21st
12.00 Mass – Pious List
 12.30 – 13.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 22nd
 14.30 -15.30 **Talk on the Council of Nicaea and the Nicene Creed, Refreshments**
 16.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 16.15-16.45 Confessions
17.00 Mass – Pious List

Sun 23rd
09.30 **SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
 Mass – Parishioners



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Margaret Arrowsmith, Kathleen Coyle, Rosemary Hough, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, David Monks, Norah O'Donoghue, Vasil Olijniczuk, 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: Mary Devlin (95) who died on 12th November at Adelphi Care home. Funeral Service to be held on Monday 24th November at 14.30 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Scott, Hilda Lopacinski, Anthony Ryan, Zdzislaw Magdziarek, Peter Nelson.

READERS: Sat: 15th 17.00 Gillian Sharples Sun: 16th 09.30 Simon Eccles
 Sat: 22nd 17.00 Eileen McCarrick Sun: 23rd 09.30 Dr Jane Eccles
 Sat: 29th 17.00 Andrew Jenner Sun: 30th 09.30 Paul Lennon

THE OCTOBER APPEAL FROM THE SPIRITAN FATHERS -a letter has arrived thanking everyone for their generosity. You can find it on the notice board at the back

of the church.

TALK ABOUT THE 1700TH YEAR OF THE COUNCIL OF NICAEEA: Every Sunday we recite the Nicene Creed, a brief compendium of the Catholic Faith. We are very lucky to be able to host this special talk about the Nicene Creed and the Council of Nicaea. Rev Dr Mark Drew, Parish Priest of St Michael's Woolston, Warrington, who has spent years in Greece, will deliver the talk on **Saturday 22nd November** at 14.30 – 15.45. We will then have refreshments and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass at 17.00. This little mini-retreat afternoon is a feature towards the closure of the Jubilee Year 2025 in January 2026.

CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available for sale from 17th November. You will find them in the sacristy. They are the usual ones from St Rita's in Honiton; religious, beautiful and not expensive. ***Please remember that we do have a small stock of different items in the repository. There are many beautiful things to buy your children/grandchildren for Christmas. We also have a small number of religious advent calendars for children.***

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO THE UKRAINIAN HUB: Winter is approaching fast and we have seen a change in the weather, as we remember the long hot summer and dry autumn. The people of Ukraine are facing another bitterly cold, snowy winter. Electricity distribution centres are being targeted and destroyed purposely. Please look in your cupboards for candles, warm socks, gloves and hats (adult and children's), thermal clothing, coats and jumpers you don't need anymore, female hygiene items, plasters, bandages, paracetomols, cough mixtures (adult and children's). It will all be very much appreciated and a good way to help these desperate poor people who are suffering so much. ***Please take your donations to the Ukrainian Hub, which was the White Hart pub near Chorley police station. Wednesday 2-4pm and Sat 10.00-12.00 noon. Thank you.***

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING has started and the number of people walking past the church has increased daily. All we can say is: ***Remember the reason for the coming season. The church is open and you are welcome to come in.***

MARY'S MEALS APPEAL: We have some wonderful news – Double The Love is here! From today, all donations to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.1 million! Because of our low-cost approach, it costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every school day for a year. And this Christmas, your donation of £19.15 will feed two children! ***If you wish to donate to Mary's Meals, please put your donation into a envelope and mark it Christmas 2025 – Mary's Meals. The appeal will close on Tuesday 2nd December. Thank you.***

YEAR 4 PARENTS: There will be a meeting to discuss the sacramental programme preparation in St Mary's Primary School for Yr 4 parents on Monday 17th November at 18.00.