

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.

APPEAL LAUNCH: This year we want to plaster in part and paint the sacristy. It has been a long time since the sacristy was decorated and it needs to be done. The cost will be £4,200 and we are asking for your help. If you can donate towards this appeal, please put your donation into an envelope marked Sacristy Decoration Appeal. It is a lot of money but everything is expensive and I hope you can help with the cost. We will keep the appeal open until the end of Lent. Thank you. (Fr Marsden).

EUCARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS: The Irenaeus Centre (Waterloo, Crosby) will be leading a Eucharistic ministry training day on 14 March 2026. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Fr Marsden. For more information and Zoom links, parishes are invited to book by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: **Ash Wednesday** 18th February – mandatory fasting for 18-59 year olds. No meat to be eaten on this day for anyone 14 or over, except for medical reasons. **Why do Christians fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and not eat meat?** It is a spiritual practice of repentance and self-denial. **What if I am a vegetarian or vegan?** We ask you to consider denying yourself a particular food which you like on this day. Please plan your diary to come to Mass and receive blessed ashes on your forehead as a sign of willingness to accept the disciplines of Lent, an outward sign of turning back to God, accompanied by the words: "Remember man that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel" Mass times are 12.00 and 19.00 on Ash Wednesday.

LENTEN RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG ADULTS (aged 18 to 35) organised by the Archdiocese on Saturday 7 March 2026 at Carmelite Monastery, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU. The Day will start at 10.00 and aim to finish at 16.00. Fr Peter McGrail will be with us and talk about baptismal priesthood. This Retreat Day is free of charge, but please bring your own packed lunch. If you're interested, please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/B8jbFyeYzV?origin=lprLink>. For further information please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

LAST CHANCE: THE ARCHDIOCESE' REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATIONS IN 2026 CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 13th.. Any Catholic Yr 8 (or above) who is in a non-Catholic High School can also be confirmed.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Parish Priest: Fr. Francis Marsden

Tel: 01257 262537 E-mail: stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk

Parish website: www.stmarys-chorley.org

Parish Office: Mon by appointment, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

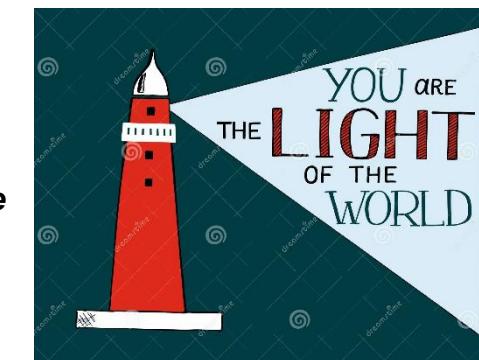
8th FEBRUARY 2026



At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and

trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'
Matthew 5:13-16



Sat 7th

16.15-16.45

Confessions

17.00

Mass – George and Mary (A) Ormerod

Sun 8th

09.30

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – Parishioners

Mon 9th

09.00

Mass – Doris (A) and Gerrard Shaw RIP

Tues 10th

12.00

St Scholastica

Mass – Joseph Abraham RIP

Wed 11th

12.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thurs 12th

12.00

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 13th

12.00

Mass – Norah O'Donoghue
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 14th

12.30-13.00

Ss Cyril and Methodius, Co-Patrons of Europe

Confessions

16.15-16.45

Mass – Maura Brown RIP

17.00

Sun 15th

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09.30

Mass – Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Fr Peter Crowther, Rosemary Hough, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, David Monks, 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**

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Ormerod, Doris Shaw,

READERS: Sat: 07 17.00 Eileen McCarrick Sun: 08 09.30 Simon Eccles
Sat: 14 17.00 Chris Thorpe Sun: 15 09.30 Richard Gillett
Sat: 21 17.00 Gillian Sharples Sun: 22 09.30 Dr Jane Eccles

FR PETER CROWTHER: Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for Fr Peter who is very poorly..

VOCATIONS TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD: Are you considering the Sacred Priesthood in the Liverpool Archdiocese? Further information is available from our Vocations Director; Fr. Ron Johnson. Please give Fr Johnson a ring and he will be happy to hear from you. r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk 0151 727 2493. St. Charles Borromeo Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 9PG.

CARLO ACUTIS: FIRST CLASS RELIC AND EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC

MIRACLES: St Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Using his knowledge of computers, he created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles, thereby bringing the truth of the mystery of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist to the forefront of people's understanding. **Our Lady and All Saints Church, Parbold** are privileged to be able to host a First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis for nine days in February. **The Relic will be sited in the Church (Lancaster Lane, WN8 7HS).**

At the same time, they will be holding an exhibition of 30 (of the 160) Eucharistic miracles he curated. Each miracle will be displayed as a poster panel and each accompanied by historical details and scientific analysis. The Exhibition will be located in the adjacent **Our Lady and All Saints school** (Brandreth Drive, Parbold WN8 7HB) – a short walk from the church. **Both events** will run from **Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd February** and opening times are Saturdays and Sundays: 11:30 – 15.00 Monday to Friday: 11:30 – 15.00 and 17.00 – 19.00

There is parking and accessibility at both locations and Exhibition notes, prayer cards and children's activities will be available at the exhibition. (All children must be accompanied by an adult). Contact details are 01257 463248, email: parbold@hotmail.com, or via the parish website: www.ourladysparbold.org.uk

MESSAGE FROM DEACON NORMAN: I would just like to thank Fr Francis for the beautiful Requiem Mass for Margaret on Tuesday and to everyone who had a part in making the day so very special, your kindness is very much appreciated, and for the many cards, emails and texts I have received.

Please keep Margaret and myself in your prayers. May God bless each and everyone of you. Deacon Norman.

HOLY WATER FROM ST WINEFRIDE'S WELL: If you would like some Holy Water from the miraculous well, please bring a suitable small container and ask in the sacristy. The holy well at St Winefride's has been a place of pilgrimage since at least 1115. It is said to spring from the spot where 7th-century Welsh abbot St Beuno brought his niece Winefride back to life, though it's possible that this story may actually have much older, pagan origins. The chapel itself dates from the late 14th century. Set into the hillside, it's a striking and unusual building, richly decorated and exceptionally well-built. It is well worth the visit when the weather improves as Spring draws near. On the bottom floor, the spring water bubbles up into a star-shaped basin beneath an elaborately vaulted ceiling before flowing out into a more recent outdoor pool, where pilgrims still visit to bathe in its waters with their claimed healing properties. Reputedly the oldest continually visited pilgrim site in Britain, it's on the route of the North Wales Pilgrim's Way that travels along the Llŷn Peninsula to Bardsey Island, the legendary 'Isle of 20,000 Saints'.

CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT AT CASTLERIGG MANOR // March 27-29th // £160-230 per family- For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> events

MAY HALF TERM B&B STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR - In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic retreat centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us

MARRIAGE WEEK is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. It is celebrated from 7-14 February.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS Archbishop John Sherrington celebrates the Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King this Sunday 8 February 2026 at 11:00. It includes the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room.

LAST CALL FOR ONLINE MARRIAGE PROGRAMME. Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983