

CHORLEY HOSPITAL CLERGY: if you or a family member/friend need a Catholic Priest while in **Chorley Hospital** please ask the ward sister to bleep the on-call priest. The duty chaplain for Chorley Hospital is Fr Peter Stanley at St Joseph's Church on Harpers Lane. 01257 262713. If you are in **Royal Preston Hospital**, please ask the ward sister to bleep the duty Catholic Chaplain who lives in St Clare's Church Fulwood.

LOURDES AT HOME DURING THE ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE



Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL Registered Charity No. 1199714

Tuesday 28th July:
6pm Adoration & Benediction
7pm Mass of Our Lady
followed by
Recitation of the Rosary
Candlelit Procession
Refreshments afterwards
St Teresa's Church,
Queensway, Penwortham PR1 0DS
www.penworthamcatholic.org.uk

WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL– 24 - 27 JULY, ST MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT

WeBelieve festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. Tickets:

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**REMEMBER PRAYERS FOR VENEZUELA,
FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN
UKRAINE**

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY:
For respect for human life

St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th JULY 2026



At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A Sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose, they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 'Hear then the parable of the Sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'
Matt. 13:1-23

Sat 11th 16.15-16.45 17.00	<i>Confessions</i> Mass – Anne Colette Bury RIP
Sun 12th 09.30	<u>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</u> Mass – Parishioners
Mon 13th 09.00 18.00	<i>St Henry</i> Mass – Sp Int –Thanks to St Jude and St Martin de Porres Yr 6 Leavers' Mass in school
Tues 14th 10.00 12.00 12.30 -13.00	<i>St Camillus of Lellis</i> School Mass at St Joseph's Anderton Mass – Sp. Int. <i>Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 15th 09.00	<i>St Bonaventure – St Swithin's Day</i> Mass – Fr Peter Crowther RIP
Thurs 16th 12.00	<u>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</u> <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Fri 17th 12.00 12.30 – 13.00	Mass – Sp. Int (JM birthday) <i>Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i>
Sat 18th 16.15-16.45 17.00	<i>Confessions</i> Mass – Rosemary Hough (LD)
Sun 19th 09.30	<u>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</u> Mass – Parishioners

LATELY DECEASED: **Rosemary Hough** (84) died in Chorley Hospital on 9th July. Requiem Mass on Monday 20th July at 12.00 noon, St Joseph's Anderton followed by burial in the church graveyard. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord...Rosemary is the sister of Michael Cross, one time secretary of St Mary's Chorley. We send our deepest condolences to Michael.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Joseph Forshaw, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, David Monks, Molly Redhead, and parishioners in the Adelphi, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Deplacido, David Lewis, Rose McCrory, James Smith.

PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT COLLECTION will be held next weekend 18/19 July. There are 33 retired priests and 30 retired deacons in our Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

ST GREGORY'S WELDBANK are holding their annual Beer Festival on 21 -23 August. Tickets to the Beer Tent are available from their parish office. Please ask for Alison. Cost is £5.00. The times of the Beer Festival are; Friday 21.00 – 23.00, Saturday 14.00 – 23.00. Hot pies are also available. On Sunday 24th August there will be the annual Family Festival Day. Please bring a picnic and enjoy the wonderful gardens of St Gregory's. This is a Deanery event and everyone is most welcome.

JOSEPH CAMPBELL a seminarian for our Archdiocese, is staying with us on a pastoral placement for three weeks until 19th July. Thank you for making him welcome. He has completed one preparatory year at Valladolid and one year at Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea, London. He will speak about training for the priesthood at Mass this weekend.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026.
Message from Mr Ben McMullen – Leader of Coach 5 (our local coach).

This year 38 young people, aged between 15 and 21, will travel to Lourdes on Coach 5 for a ten-day pilgrimage. This coach takes young people from the Wigan, Chorley and Lancashire areas and whilst in Lourdes they will be assisting our sick, elderly and disabled pilgrims. If you would like us to take prayer petitions to leave at the Grotto of Our Lady, or to light a candle on your behalf, then please send them to Ben McMullen, Coach Leader, St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA.

The cost for each young person to travel to Lourdes this year is £720. We would love to be able to treat our young people throughout the week with ice creams or drinks, or to help with anyone struggling with spending money. Therefore, **any donations would be hugely appreciated.** Cheques can be made payable to 'Lourdes Coach 5' and sent to the above address or direct bank transfer can be made to Lourdes Coach 5, Nat West, Account number: 92703410, Sort: 60.24.02. Thank you for your support and we will keep you in our prayers throughout our time in Lourdes.

SAYINGS OF ST BONAVENTURE: 13th-century Italian Franciscan theologian, philosopher, and Cardinal-Bishop of Albano. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," he led the Franciscan Order as Minister General (1257–1274), uniting its factions and preserving its spirit. His major works include the Journey of the Mind to God and Life of St. Francis.

"A constant fidelity in small things is a great and heroic virtue."

"Chastity without charity is a lamp without oil."

"Any old woman can love God better than a doctor of theology can."

"In beautiful things St. Francis saw Beauty itself, and through His vestiges imprinted on creation he followed his Beloved everywhere, making from all things a ladder by which he could climb up and embrace Him who is utterly desirable."

"Although you feel tepid, approach with confidence, for the greater your infirmity the more you stand in need of a physician."

"Every creature is a divine word because it proclaims God."

"In all your deeds and words you should look upon this Jesus as your model. Do so whether you are walking or keeping silence, or speaking, whether you are alone or with others. He is perfect, and thus you will be not only irreprehensible, but praiseworthy."

Lead me, Lord, through the path of illumination, that I may pass into the fire of divine love.