

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

**Mass of Anointing and Prayers at the Shrine of St Peregrine - Saturday
19th September 12noon**

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, L25 2RW. St Peregrine is the patron saint of those with cancer and serious illnesses. All are welcome to pray for healing and comfort for themselves or loved ones who are ill or received difficult news. There will be Coffee and Cake to follow to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. All welcome!

Marriage Preparation Catechists Training – 1 October, 8 October, 15

October, 22 October, 29 October Would you like to accompany the engaged couples in their journey of marriage preparation? The archdiocese is now recruiting catechists to join the marriage preparation team. The catechist training will be provided at St Joseph's Church, Penketh, Warrington WA5 2BB and consists of five sessions. Upon completion of training, the catechists will be asked to offer marriage preparation course taking place across the archdiocese. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/5c52zbbz> For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

25 YEARS SINCE THE 9/11 ATTACKS IN NEW YORK: Perhaps you remember watching the tragic scenes on TV 25 years ago? Seeing the Twin Towers collapse and the damage to the Pentagon and the 4th plane crashing to the fields? 2,296 people lost their lives. Thousands were injured and long-term health effects have contributed to many deaths. Please remember these people in your prayers. Lest we forget.

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Parish Office: Mon by appointment, Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00–17.00

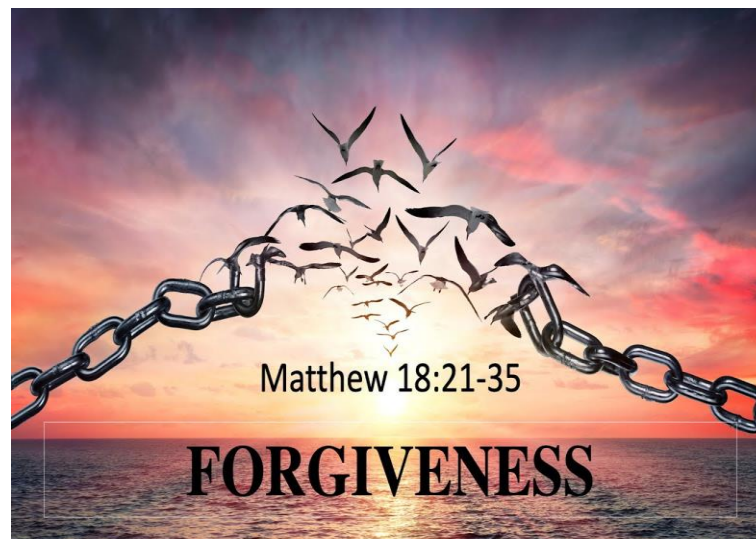
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th SEPTEMBER 2026



At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'

'Therefore, the kingdom of

heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So, the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So, his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he

should pay all his debt. So also, my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

Matthew 18:21-35

Sat 12th 16.15-16.45 17.00	<u>The Most Holy Name of Mary</u> <i>Confessions</i> Mass – Sp Int Dcn NJA
Sun 13th 09.30	<u>SUNDAY XXIV IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Mass – Leon (A), Zosia and Janusz Neisser
Mon 14th 09.00	<u>FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS</u> Mass – Margaret Arrowsmith RIP
Tues 15th 12.00 12.30 -13.00	<u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u> Mass – Mary Joan Smith (LD) <i>Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 16th 09.00	<u>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian – School Mass</u> Mass – Fr Peter Crowther
Thurs 17th 12.00	<u>St Robert Bellarmine and St Hildegard of Bingen</u> <i>Eucharistic Service with Holy Communion</i>
Fri 18th 14.30 12.30 – 13.00	Requiem Mass – Mary Jackson <i>Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i>
Sat 19th 16.15-16.45 17.00	<u>St Januarius and St Theodore of Canterbury</u> <i>Confessions</i> Mass – Sp Int. FIRST MASS COUNT wk.1
Sun 20th 09.30	<u>SUNDAY XXV IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Mass – Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, David Monks, Bishop Thomas Neylon, Molly Redhead, Sheila Southworth, Fr Hubert Strowbridge and parishioners in the Adelphi, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Mary Jackson** (84) who died in Chorley Hospital on 6th September. Requiem Mass will be on Friday 18th September at 14.30 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord...

ANNIVERSARIES: **Ro Anderton, Christine Corcoran, Agnes Riley, George Ormerod, Zygmunt Szandler, May Morris.**

READERS: **12 Sat: 17.00** Chris Thorpe **Sun: 13. 09.30** Richard Gillett
19. Sat: 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 20. 09.30** Charlotte Eccles
26. Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples **Sun: 27. 09.30** Paul Lennon

AUTUMN IS COMING: We have a proposal to form a 'Mary's Group' in the parish

centre on Wednesdays after 09.00 Mass. You could have a cuppa, biscuit and a chat for a couple of hours mid week. (09.30 – 11.30) The group would start mid September and will be advertised in the newsletter and on the notice boards.

DAY OF RENEWAL: Fr John Agulefo (RC Chaplain at Royal Preston Hospital) and parish priest of St Clare's in Sharoe Green Lane, Preston, warmly invites anyone to a Day of Renewal on Saturday 3rd October from 10.00 – 16.00. Fr Stephen Bamber will speak about 'Being lost being Found'. Prior to Ordination, Fr Stephen worked in several roles dealing with people who needed treatment from drugs and alcohol. The day will start with Mass at 10.00.at St Clare's. Please take a packed lunch and tea and coffee will be available.

BACK IN TIME MUSIC: has unfortunately been cancelled.

SCHOOL LEVY COLLECTION: is this weekend. Catholic Education Sunday is an annual collection. There will be a collection for the school levy fund. This annual collection is what we pay, as a parish, to the archdiocese per head of our Mass attendees, for the upkeep of our Catholic Schools in the archdiocese. The Sunday afterwards (20th) is Home Mission Sunday.

NEW NOTICE BOARDS: Please help the parish finances if you can. We still have a long way to go to reach the target. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM STONYHURST: Rediscover the Roman Church's Liturgical Heritage. Join us at Stonyhurst or online for our study weekend on the Traditional Roman Rite, which will examine the elements and history of the Church's ancient liturgy, and also provide a ground for a deeper appreciation of the Ordinary Form. Takes place 11th–13th September. ink: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-traditional-roman-rite-study-weekend/> Can't make it to Stonyhurst? Let me know if you'd be interested in joining online: comms@christianheritagecentre.com

MASS COUNT TIME: Collectors will you please count the number of people attending Mass from **Saturday 19th September** at the 17.00 Mass please. Other collectors please count at the Masses on Sunday. The count is for 4 consecutive weeks. The sheet for recordings is in the sacristy on the Press.

JUST A THOUGHT ABOUT TODAY'S HOLY GOSPEL.

Forgiveness is a delicate matter, which requires courage and faith and perhaps asking yourself – *what would God want me to do?* When someone has been deeply hurt or affected by words or actions from another person – and especially from a friend – which have caused fall outs, pain, tears and harsh responses, which may be regrettable – it takes a strong and brave decision to say the words 'I forgive you'. Forgiveness is not the same as forgetting. Nobody wants to be on the receiving end of actions that are the cause of pain and suffering, however, each one of us has strength inside us that will come to light when we need it. So, if you can – forgive in words and in your heart and let the pain go with the wind. If you can't forgive, then pray to the Lord asking Him who gives us all that we need, to bless you and show you what you should do next.