

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. Please ask the ward staff to call the Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital please ring 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary T. 01942 822324.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR ST MARY'S CHORLEY: UPDATE

UPDATE: St Mary's Chorley will continue the current H&S practices. Masks must be worn (unless exempt) and hands gelled. Please do not come to church if you are not well. Current Chorley infection rate 380/100,000 in 7 days to Sept 18th, rising at 17% per week. COVID has not gone away. Take care.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish Office to book a baptism, which can take place after the 10.00 am Sunday Mass during September and possibly October.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT has started last Saturday for 4 weekends. Stewards, please do the counting on entrance to the church. The sheet to record the numbers is in the sacristy.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: is this Sunday. Please pray for all people who are displaced from their homes or who cannot return home for some reason.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER: Please could you consider leading the rosary after Mass? In the real presence of Our Blessed Lord; What Son would fail to listen to His most beloved mother when she intercedes for us?

MEMORIAL MASS – for the late Christine Corcoran will be held at 10.00am on Sunday 3rd October. Christine died in Wanaka, New Zealand on 8th September.

OBITUARY: Nuala Ann Scarisbrick (1939 – 2021) was the Co-Founder of LIFE, an anti-abortion organisation and which has saved thousands of lives. Originally a teacher, Nuala married Professor Jack Scarisbrick and in 1970 they both founded a very successful pro-life charity. It became the first port of call for a woman with an unintended pregnancy. Please pray for the repose of her soul and may the good Lord reward her greatly for all the work she has done to save babies and mothers.



HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witness of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

SUNDAY XXVI IN ORDINARY TIME

26th SEPTEMBER 2021



John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me.

Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out.

And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Sat 25th

16.15 – 16.45 Confessions in the garden
17.00 Vigil Mass – Andrew Waddington RIP/ Pro populo

Sun 26th

XXVI SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Harvest Thanksgiving Mass
10.00 Mass – Past and Present SVP Members

Mon 27th

12.00 Mass – Mgr Leo Alston (A)

Tues 28th

12.00 Mass – Monica Wilcock (LD)

Wed 29th

12.00 Mass – Bolton Family RIP

Thurs 30th

Private Mass - St Jerome

Fri 1st October St Teresa of the Child Jesus

12.00 Mass – Thomas Gunn (A)

Sat 2nd The Guardian Angels

17.00 Vigil Mass – Mary Dorothea Thompson (A) / Pro populo
Confessions after Mass as required

Sun 3rd **XXVII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** - Rosary Sunday

10.00 Mass – Christine Corcoran – Memorial Mass

11.30 Mass at St Joseph's Anderton

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament 12.30-13.00 Tues, Wed, Fri.

Please pray for the sick and the housebound: Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Laurence Mayne, Emily Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Kevin Bailey, Brigid Cain, Tom Carmichael, Michael Collins, Hughie Daly, Colette Ellis, Yvonne Finlayson, Desmond Gorman, Jacob Hughes, Debbie MacFarlane, Eamonn Neary, Teresa O'Malia, Molly Redhead, Sr Magdalene Roskell, Joan Smith, Eileen Snape, Terry Tingey, Bridget Trimm, Alan Willetts, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, Agnes Young and parishioners in *The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, Gillibrand Hall*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Brendan Rice who died suddenly on 17th September.

Mark Pressler (61) who died suddenly at home on 16th September. **Nuala Scarisbrick** (82) Co – Founder of LIFE who died on 31st August in Leamington – Spa. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Patrick Taaffe, Mgr Leo Alston, Ellen Enderby, Mary Dorothea Thompson, Thomas Gunn.

READERS: Sat 25th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska. Sun: 26th 10.00 Margaret Arrowsmith.

Sat: 2nd Oct 17.00 Andrew Jenner. Sun: 3rd Tracy O'Neill.



O Glorious St. Michael the Archangel, come to the aid of man, whom Almighty God made in His own image and likeness and redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of satan.

O Glorious St. Gabriel, as you announced to Mary, the Mystery of the Incarnation, we beseech you, intercede for us at the Throne of Mercy in our present necessities.

O Glorious St. Raphael, heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pray The HOLY ROSARY Daily / www.facebook.com

NEW THREAT IN HOUSE OF LORDS TO LEGALISE ASSISTED SUICIDE

Chair of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society, now euphemistically renamed "Dignity in Dying," Baroness Molly Meacher, introduced an Assisted Dying Bill into the House of Lords on 26th May last, days after the "Sunday Times" launched a campaign calling for the legalization of "assisted dying".

Alithea Williams of SPUC explained: "Baroness Meacher's bill has to be seen in light of a fresh assault on Westminster by the assisted suicide lobby. They failed to bring it in through the courts, so they are again turning their attention to Parliament. As a private members' bill starting in the Lords, Baroness Meacher's bill is very unlikely to make it into law, but it is all part of a concerted strategy to forward their agenda." The bill will be debated on October 22nd. Scotland is also facing the threat of legalised assisted suicide. The Scottish Parliament is expected to launch a consultation in the coming months, with the prospect of a bill in Holyrood in 2022.

Miss Williams went on: "The threat of assisted suicide, with all its horrific consequences, being legalized within our shores is very real. Whether it comes from Westminster or Holyrood, the effects will be felt throughout Britain. However, there is still time to fight it. "We need to be making the compassionate case that people are never burdens to be disposed of, and that everyone deserves love and care until the very end of life, regardless of age or frailty. We must speak out against the despair that leads people to think that their lives are worthless. We need to share the abundant evidence from countries which have legalized assisted suicide that it cannot be controlled and soon leads to involuntary euthanasia, euthanasia of children and psychiatric patients, and other vulnerable groups. "This bill marks the start of a new battle against the lives of the most vulnerable – we must fight back now."

175 medical professionals signed a letter addressed to the Scottish Health Secretary, Humza Yousaf. **opposing Scotland's assisted suicide bill** [05 July 2021] The letter was launched by Our Duty of Care (ODOC), is a response to the Assisted Dying Bill introduced into the Scottish Parliament..It states: "The shift from preserving life to taking life is enormous and should not be minimized. The prohibition of killing is present in almost all civilized societies due to the immeasurable worth of every human life. "Everyone has a right to life under Article 1 of The Human Rights Act 1998 such that no one should be deprived of that life intentionally."

The letter highlights the exploitation that vulnerable people may face if assisted dying is legalized: "Some patients may never consider assisted suicide unless it was suggested to them. The cruel irony of this path is that legislation introduced with the good intention of enhancing patient choice will diminish the choices of the most vulnerable. As health care professionals, we have a legal duty of care for the safety and wellbeing of our patients.....We the undersigned will not take patients' lives - even if they ask us to. But for the sake of us all, we ask that the law remains unchanged."

An SPUC spokesperson said: "Assisted suicide is not medicine but a turning away from life, towards death, in response to the challenge of care. "But the killing of a patient should never be the answer, as these 175 medical professionals rightly assert"

You can find more about SPUC's campaign against assisted suicide here:
<https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Lives-Worth-Living>

Bishop John Sherrington handles pro-life issues for the Bishops' Conference. He asks us to pray for the defeat of this Bill, to write to members of the House of Lords expressing our concerns, and to use social media to spread word about the dangers of this Bill.