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

DONATION BASKET for the UKRAINE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL: The SVP are collecting items for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal led by Stuart Clewlow and his team at the Chorley & District Support for Ukraine Centre at the White Hart (beside the Town Hall). Suggestions for the Soldiers' Boxes are: gloves, hats, socks, razors, soap bars, sweets, cup-a-soups, coffee sachets, plasters, painkillers, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc

MASS IN THE SACRISTY: We have moved into the sacristy for weekday Masses. It is cosy and warm for the winter. If you see anyone looking lost and wondering where Mass is, please show them the sacristy route.

Lest we forget



"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few"
Winston Churchill 1940. The Battle of Britain Campaign. WWII

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
The Great War 1914 Laurence Binyon



Bravest of the brave, most generous of the generous, never had country more faithful friends than you.
Sir Ralph Lilley Turner WWI

OUR PARISH CENTRE IS OPEN AFTER THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

PARISH CENTRE QUIZ - every Thursday night start 20.30 (plus Bonus Ball in aid of charity), new teams very welcome. Please join Derek Birchall and support our parish centre.

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XXXII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8th NOVEMBER 2026



At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Matthew 25:1-13

Sat 7th	**FIRST SATURDAY**
11.30	**Rosary and Fatima prayers, confessions available after Mass.**
12.00	**Mass –** Parishioners, the sick and housebound
16.15-16.45	*Confessions*
17.00	**Mass –** Pious List
Sun 8th	**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
	Remembrance Sunday
09.30	**Mass –** The Fallen from The Great War, WWII and other conflicts
10.30	*Procession to cenotaph in Astley Park for Civic Service*
Mon 9th	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
09.00	**Mass – November Pious List**
12.30-18.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues 10th	St Leo the Great
12.00	**Mass –** Pious List
12.30 -13.00	*Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament*
Wed 11th	St Martin of Tours
09.00	**Mass –** Pious List

Thurs 12th St Josephat
12.00 **Mass** – Pious List

Fri 13th
12.00 **Requiem Mass –** Judith Daniels

Sat 14th St Albert the Great
12.00 **Mass –** Deceased Priests of the Liverpool Archdiocese
16.15-16.45 *Confessions*
17.00 **Mass –** Pious List

Sun 15th **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
09.30 **Mass – Parishioners**

There will be a special collection for Animate Youth next weekend.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Judith Daniels (76)** who died at home in Walgarth Drive on 26th October. Requiem Mass on Friday 13th November at 12.00 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium.
Fr Brian Newns (90), retired parish priest of St Oswald's and St Edmund Arrowsmith's, Ashton in Makerfield, died on Sunday 17th October. As a liturgist and historian he wrote for many years in the Catholic Pictorial. **Funeral Mass Tues 10th at 10.30 at St Oswalds and St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton-in-Makerfield.**
Fr Frank Ferns (83) died peacefully, fortified by the Sacraments of the Church, on the evening of Thursday 22nd October at Nazareth House, Crosby. **Funeral Mass St Peter and Paul's Crosby on Friday 13th Nov at 12 noon.**
Fr Tom Gagie died on 3rd November in the Royal Liverpool Hospital. He had been Parish Priest at St Gabriels, Higher Folds Leigh, and at St Thomas of Canterbury, Windle, St Helens.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: Baskets loose £322, Gift Aid envelopes £233, Restoration Fund £137, Heating Fund £40, Quarant'Ore candles £175.

ANNIVERSARIES: **Amy Billington, James Martin, Ronald West, Fr John Fox.**

READERS:	**07. Sat**	**17.00** Chris Thorpe	**Sun: 08.**	**09.30**	Charlotte Eccles
	14. Sat	**17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska	**Sun. 15.**	**09.30**	Dr Jane Eccles
	21. Sat	**17.00** Gillian Sharples	**Sun. 22.**	**09.30**	Richard Gillett

PIOUS LIST ENVELOPES: You can still complete you Pious Envelopes and hand them in on the collection plate or through the presbytery front door.

QUARANT'ORE CANDLE OFFERINGS: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the candles. Also, thank you to the **Flower Ladies** who did their magic again and made the altar look very beautiful.
APPEAL FROM CHORLEY AND PRESTON HOSPITALS: The bereavement team are asking for knitted blankets and hearts for the families they are looking after. If you can help – and I know many of you have knitted hundreds of hearts in the past, please bring your knitted items to the parish office and we will give them to a senior member of the team. Thank you very much.

YOUTH SUNDAY: Special Mass at St Gregory's Weld Bank 18.30 on Sunday 22nd.
Also the Youth Team led by Sarah the Youth Ministry Co Ordinator, are hosting a Youth Sunday at the Central Archdiocesan Offices, Croxteth Dive, Liverpool. L17 1AA on 22nd November – 10.00 – 17.00. Young people from school years 7 – 13 are warmly invited. More information available at **s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk** Please bring your own lunch.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MEMORIAL: This year Fr Marsden will be able to attend the Memorial Service at Astley Park today. If you wish to go, please meet at Astley Park Gates no later than 10.30 if you would like to join in the Service of Remembrance. Due to the ongoing exterior work at the Town Hall, please walk down to Astley Park and meet there.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 2027 – online Zoom open information evening Monday 9 November 18.30. https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/fatimainfoevening
Do you want to celebrate 110 years since Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta? 11-14 September 2027 we will be making a pilgrimage to Fatima as an archdiocese, open to everybody, regardless of age or parish. The pilgrimage package includes return flights, airport and local transfers, a guided visit, and the services of a McCabe tour manager. The cost is £1,090 per person based on two people sharing a twin room, with a single room supplement of £200. For further information and booking details, visit tinyurl.com/bdhc833n.

ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS - Saturday 28 November 10.00 – 16.00
Led by Fr Derek Lloyd, we will organize the Advent Retreat for Young Adults on Saturday 28th November at St Basil's Church, Widnes, WA8 4SZ. The event is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. For further information please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL are looking for two Foundation Governors to join their Governing Body. If you would like more information on becoming a school Governor, please contact Mrs Palmer at Holy Cross on 01257 262093. A governing role within a school is a very rewarding position. There is a commitment of time and attending Governing Body meetings and you will need a Faith Reference from your parish priest, but the results are very satisfying.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:

Pray for the homeless and those living in poverty, that they may find shelter, support, and a path to a better life.

SAYINGS OF POPE LEO THE GREAT (391-461)

"Peace is the first thing the angels sang. Peace is the mark of the children of God. Peace is the nurse of love. Peace is the mother of unity. Peace is the rest of the blessed souls. Peace is the dwelling place of eternity."

"Those who are not good to others are bad to themselves."

"The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever."