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 way to the sacristy.

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.

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.

ADVENT HOLY HOURS: From the First Sunday in Advent, we will hold a Holy Hour from 15.00 -16.00 with Evening Prayer at 15.45.

NEW CARD MACHINE: You can find the new donation card machine in the narthex, near to the hymn books. Please use the Gift Aid option if you are able. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

"Study as if you were to live for ever; live as if you were to die tomorrow." - St Edmund of Abingdon

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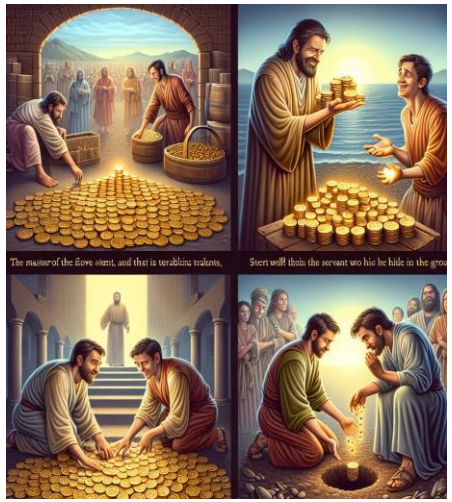
XXXIII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

15th NOVEMBER 2026



At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."

He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the

outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
Matthew 25:14-30

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
Mon 16th	St Edmund of Abingdon, St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude
09.00	**Mass** – Pious List
Tues 17th	St Hugh of Lincoln, St Hilda, St Elizabeth of Hungary
12.00	**Mass –** Pious List
12.30 -13.00	*Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*
Wed 18th	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul
09.00	**Mass –** Pious List
Thurs 19th	
12.00	**Mass** – Pious List
Fri 20th	
12.00	**Mass –** Pious List
12.30 -13.00	*Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*
Sat 21st	
12.00	**Mass –** Fr Tim MacDonald (sick in Jackson, USA)
16.15-16.45	*Confessions*
17.00	**Mass –** Pious List
Sun 22nd	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
09.30	**Mass –** Parishioners
15.00	**Holy Hour , Evening Prayer and Benediction**

There will be a retiring collection for Animate Diocesan Youth Service today.

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.

PARISH COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: Baskets loose £316, Gift Aid envelopes £76, Restoration Fund £10, Heating Fund £117, Card machine £52.00

ANNIVERSARIES: Leslie Paminter, Jan Lavriĉ, Mary Cannon, Margaret Bailey, Hilda Lopacinski, Fr Kevin Ashton.

READERS:

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
28. Sat:	**17.00** Chris Thorpe	**Sun: 29.**	**09.30** Charlotte Eccles

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

My Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's, Chorley and St. Joseph's, Anderton,

My name is Fr. Joseph Jacob SSS, and I am so joyful to be with you. I come from South India, where St. Thomas the Apostle launched his mission around 52 AD and gave his life for Christ in 72 AD. I was born and brought up in that ancient Catholic tradition. I was ordained in the year 2000 with the motto: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). That verse has been my compass all my priestly life.

Before coming to England, I served as an administrator, as a formator in the seminary, as a parish priest in the city of Madras and as a missionary in Vienna, Austria. You may know Madras for Madras Curry, but for me, Madras is the city of St. Thomas. Since coming to this Archdiocese in 2022, I served for two years at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Liverpool, then at Holy Name, Fazakerley and St. Philomena for two months, and then at St. Anne's, Ormskirk and St. Elizabeth's, Scarisbrick for more than two years. With all these pastoral experiences, I come to you now with a grateful heart. I am especially joyful to be in the parish of St. Mary's, because I have a great devotion to Mary, our Mother. As St. John Paul II said so beautifully: "I am all Yours, and all that I have is Yours, O Mary."

I come as your brother and your priest, ready to listen, ready to learn, ready to walk with you, and ready to serve with joy. I only wish and pray that our churches are signs of hope, love, and unity together, and bring more people to God. I promise you my prayers, my time, and my heart. I ask only for your prayers and your friendship as we get to know one another during my stay in Chorley. I look forward to meeting each one of you after Mass, and beginning this new chapter together.

Ave Maria! God bless you all abundantly.

Fr. Joseph Jacob SSS

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. parish priest, but the results are very satisfying. **SVP Christmas gathering;** will take place at Holy Cross High school on Tuesday 15th December starting at 13.30. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you wish to go.
Tuesday 1st December 18.00 - 19.00 Holy Cross School Choir invite you to a special concert of Carols here in the church. The parish centre will be open after the concert and all are warmly invited for mince pies etc. This will be a very special occasion!

CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: A presentation by Edmund Adamus from *Friends of the Holy Land*. Saturday 21st November at 16.00 in St Mary's Social Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. PR7 6JW. Parking available in the Social Centre Car Park or across the road on the Anglican Car Park, opposite Papa Luigi's.
https://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/ An organisation supporting beleaguered Christians in the Middle East. All welcome to come and learn more about our Christian brothers and sisters in the land that Jesus walked.