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

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.

SUNDAY ADVENT HOLY HOURS: From the First Sunday in Advent, we will hold a Holy Hour from 15.00 -16.00 with Evening Prayer at 15.40.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR YOUR LOVED ONES: The diary is now open for anyone wishing to book a Christmas Mass/ New Year Mass. Please contact the parish office. The diary will run on a first come and first served basis. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS POINSIETTIAS APPEAL: If you would like to buy a red poinsettia and donate it to the church, it will be gratefully received. If you can, please buy now and keep them at home to acclimatise. We will need them a week before Christmas. Thank you. The appeal is early this year because they get sold out very quickly.

ST LAURENCE'S CHORLEY are looking to appoint a Kitchen Supervisor. More information:
https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=28780e09fa4d0a01&from=appshareandroid

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.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

22nd NOVEMBER 2026



At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do

it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'
Matthew 25:31-46

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.

Mon 23rd St Clement and St Columban
09.00 **Mass** – Pious List

Tues 24th St Andrew Dũng- Laç and Companions
12.00 **Mass –** Pious List
12.30 -13.00 *Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*

Wed 25th St Catherine of Alexandria
09.00 **Mass –** Pious List

Thurs 26th
12.00 **Mass** – Pious List

Fri 27th
12.00 **Mass –** Pious List
12.30 -13.00 *Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament*

Sat 28th
12.00 **Mass –** Christine Corcoran RIP
16.15-16.45 *Confessions*
17.00 **Mass –** Bernard (A) and Alice Joyce

Sun 29th **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
09.30 **Mass –** Pious List
15.00 **Holy Hour, Evening Prayer and Benediction**

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Terence Riding** (79) who died in Wigan Infirmary on 14th November. Funeral Service will be on Thursday 10th December at 13.00 followed by burial in Chorley Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

PARISH COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: Baskets loose £308, Gift Aid envelopes £90.00, Restoration Fund £25.00, Heating Fund £10.00, Funerals £588.00. Card machine £45.00

ANNIVERSARIES: **Sarah Mayer, Thomas Rostron, Edward McCrory, May Culshaw, Joseph Pass, Fr John Hardman, Fr Joseph Lowe, Canon Michael Joyce.**

READERS:	**21. Sat:**	**17.00** Gillian Sharples	**Sun. 22. 09.30** Paul Lennon
	28. Sat:	**17.00** Chris Thorpe	**Sun: 29. 09.30** Charlotte Eccles
	05. Sat:	**17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska	**Sun: 06. 09.30** Simon Eccles

INVITATION FROM THE CATHEDRAL: *All parishioners are invited to public consultation events at the Metropolitan Cathedral to have their say on plans for a new welcome centre.*
They will take place in the Cathedral's Gibberd Room on:
- *Wednesday 2 December, 4pm to 7pm*
- *Sunday 6 December, 12pm to 3pm.*

Visitors will have the opportunity to view and comment on proposals for a new welcome centre, which would include a café, retail space, conference facilities and other amenities. The development aims to enhance the experience of the thousands of people who visit the cathedral each year.
More details can be found here: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/cathedral-welcomes-public-consultation-new-welcome-centre-plans

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.
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.
CAROL CONCERT: 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!

THANK YOU to Richard Gillett for creating a new web page for the parish. It is amazing and very informative! stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk Richard is an IT graduate and expert. He has worked very hard on this project. Please take a look.

THANK YOU to Gillian Sharples for creating our new Facebook page. It is very popular with lots of weekly views. It is a fast way to convey parish messages, weekly Mass times and Christmas/New Year Mass times.

SACRED HEART CHORLEY: are holding the annual Christmas Special Saturday fundraiser. **Saturday 5th December - Chorley Silver Band Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Church, Brooke Street, Chorley.**
Tickets cost £2 and can be bought in advance or on the door on the day.
Doors open 1pm for a 2pm performance. For further details regarding the afternoon, please see the poster displayed in Church. **Tickets are available from our parish office.** Fr Ball will be very happy to receive donations for the Tomobla. Please bring them to the parish office or drop them off at Sacred Heart, Brooke Street. PR6 ONG.