

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

ANGELS: This week we celebrate both the Archangels, on Michaelmas Day, 29th September, and also our own Guardian Angels on 2nd October. Medieval theologians combed the Bible and classified nine levels of the angelic hierarchy:

1. **Seraphim, the "burning ones", the highest level of angels. They attend the throne of God, have an intimate knowledge of Him and continually praise Him.**
2. **Cherubim**
3. **Thrones are the Angels of pure Humility, Peace and Submission. They reside in the area of the cosmos where material form begins to take shape.**
4. **Dominions are angels of leadership who make known the commands of God to the lower angels.**
5. **Virtues, "the shining ones." the Spirits of Motion. They govern all Nature and control the elements: seasons, stars, moon, sun are subject to their command. They are also in charge of miracles and provide courage, grace, and valour.**
6. **Powers are Warrior Angels against evil, defending the cosmos and humans. They fight against evil spirits who attempt to wreak chaos through human beings.**
7. **Archangels are generally taken to mean "chief or leading angel" (Jude 9; 1 Thes 4:16), they are the most frequently mentioned throughout the Bible. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael may however be of higher rank, as divine messengers.**
8. **Principalities in the New Testament are one type of spiritual (metaphysical) being which are now quite hostile to God and human beings,**
9. **These angels are closest to the material world and human beings. They deliver prayers to God and God's answers and other messages to humans. Angels have the capacity to access all other Angels at any time. They are the most caring and social to assist those who ask for help.**

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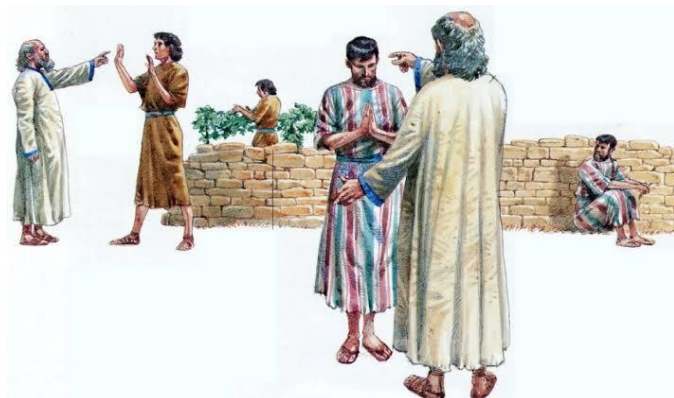
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th SEPTEMBER 2026



At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he

changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.' Matthew 21:28-32

Sat 26th

16.15-16.45

17.00

Sun 27th

09.30

Mon 28th

12.00

Tues 29th

12.00

12.30 -13.00

Wed 30th

12.00

Thurs 1st October St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)

12.00

St Vincent de Paul

Confessions

Mass – Harry Carter (A)

SUNDAY XXVI IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass – Parishioners

St Wenceslaus and St Lawrence of Ruiz and Companions

Eucharistic Service with Holy Communion (with Dcn Norman)

Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Mass – George (A) and Mary Ormerod

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

St Jerome

Eucharistic Service with Holy Communion

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Fri 2nd 12.00	<u>The Holy Guardian Angels</u> Mass – Maura Brown
Sat 3rd 11.30 12.00 12.30–13.00 16.15–16.45 17.00	FIRST SATURDAY Rosary and Fatima Prayers Mass – Peace in Ukraine Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Confessions <i>Confessions</i> Mass – Catherine McCarrick (birthday remembrance)
Sun 4th 09.30	<u>SUNDAY XXVII IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Mass – LISCF

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Terry Cooney who has died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES: George Ormerod, Mgr. Canon Thomas Crank (1946 – former Parish Priest), Hilda Scott.

READERS: **26. Sat: 17.00** Gillian Sharples **Sun: 27. 09.30** Paul Lennon
03. Sat: 17.00 Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 04. 09.30** Dr Jane Eccles
10. Sat: 17.00 Chris Thorpe **Sun: 11. 09.30** Charlotte Eccles

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.

MASS COUNT TIME: Collectors please count the number of people attending Mass this weekend. The sheet for recordings is in the sacristy on the Press. Thank you.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027

Applications are now open for young people in Year 10 and up to the age of 22 to travel to Lourdes to work with our assisted pilgrims. Coach 5 takes young people from the Lancashire areas of Orrell, Chorley, Leyland and Penwortham. Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of service, faith, joy, and learning new skills. There is a £50 reduction for anyone applying before 18th October. There is a further £100 reduction for any young person who achieved the Gold level of the Faith in Action Award at the end of the last school year. Apply at www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk. For more information, please email Ben McMullen, Coach Leader at coach5@rcao.org.uk

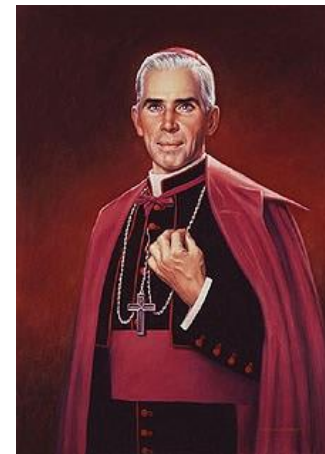
BEATIFICATION OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON JOHN SHEEN

Blessed Fulton J. Sheen was beatified in St Louis Missouri last Thursday 24th September. He was born in El Paso Illinois and died in New York USA in 1979. The path to his beatification was cleared after the Vatican officially recognized a miracle attributed to Blessed Fulton's intercession. The miracle involved the 2010

recovery of James Fulton Engstrom, a newborn baby from the Peoria area who survived with no pulse for 61 minutes after birth. Now a healthy teenager, James and his family attended the ceremony in St. Louis and presented a relic of Archbishop Sheen during the Mass. His canonisation opened in 2002 and he was declared Venerable in 2012.

Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen was known as America's first televangelist. He reached millions of viewers in the 1950s through his Emmy Award-winning television program **Life Is Worth Living with audiences of millions of viewers each week**, and also his radio programmes where he preached the Holy Gospel. He was widely celebrated for his fierce opposition to communism and his dynamic evangelization efforts.

Blessed Fulton Sheen died on the 9th December in New York aged 84 while praying in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament. He was initially buried in St Patrick's Cathedral in New York but was finally interred in the Cathedral of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria, Illinois. **Ora pro nobis.**



YOUNG ADULTS' MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON – Saturday 3 October Archbishop John Sherrington invites young people aged 18-35 to celebrate Mass with him on Saturday 3 October, 5pm at St Philip Neri Church, Liverpool L8 7NL. The meal following Mass is now fully booked, but all are still **very welcome to the Mass.** For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcao.org.uk

OPEN EVENING AT HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Chorley PR7 3LS: The Headteacher, Mr Lindley invites interested parents, carers and young people to an Open Evening at the school on Thursday 8th October 16.30 – 19.00. Latest entry to the 18.30. There is a poster at the back of the church on the notice board.

CHORLEY LIVE 2nd - 3rd October. St Laurence's is selling wristbands which are £6 each. Tues, Thurs, Fri 11.00 -- 13.30 at St Laurence's Shop in the church.

THANK YOU to Fr Ball who will be offering Holy Mass on Tuesday and Friday.

ST CHAD'S PRESENTS LIVE COMEDY: On Friday 2nd October, St Chad's are having a fund raiser for their church funds. It will be held at our parish centre and the club is open from 19.00. Steve Royle and friends will host an evening of comedy entertainment for adults only. Tickets are £15.00 and more information is available on 07904984322 (Sharon). The show starts at 20.00 until 22.30.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED from 25th September until 6th October.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING FOR YEAR 4 PARENTS: The parents of all the children who are going to receive the sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion in May 2027 are cordially invited to St Mary's School PR7 2RJ, on Tuesday 6th October at 18.00 for the sacramental programme information evening. Parents of children who have expressed interest in the Sacramental Programme and whose children attend non-Catholics schools, are very welcome to attend also.