

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. In urgent cases or emergency please ask the ward staff to call the duty Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital Tel: 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary Tel: 01942 822324

CHORLEY AND DISTRICT AID FOR UKRAINE - Can you help?

As well as the ongoing need for: Clothing, Shoes, Toiletries, Baby Products, Duvets, Blankets, Towels, Generators, Sanitary Items, Tinned Food (12-month life)...

We are also collecting for:

“**Soldier Appeal**” Razors, Packet Soups, Wet Wipes, Socks, Soap, Heat Pads, Thermal Underwear, Sleeping Bags, Boiled Sweets, Plasters.

“**Children Appeal**” Colouring Books, Pens, Crayons, Sweets, Small Toys.

“**Medical Appeal**” Bandages, Plasters, Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Joint Supports, Supplement Drinks, First Aid Kits, Crutches, Spectacles.

“**On Yer Bike for Ukraine**” Any Bicycle of any condition or parts, including tyre pumps.

“**Candles for Ukraine**” Candles & candle wax (including scraps) and also matches.

You can find us next to the Town Hall at: The ‘Ukraine Unit’, The White Hart, Mealhouse Lane, Chorley, Lancs, PR7 1DZ. **Wednesdays 14.00-16.00 & Saturdays 10.00-12.00**

You can also donate to our Bank Account “Chorley Support for Ukraine” (Natwest) Account 29841186 Sort 01-01-94.

We also raise funds to buy MedEvac Vehicles for Ukraine.

Please check our social media channels for regular updates, new appeals, useful information, fundraisers, etc... **Thank you for your continued support.**

PLEASE TAKE YOUR DONATIONS TO THE HUB AT THE OLD WHITE HART PUB

COUNTING TIME HAS COME: Collectors, please count the numbers attending each Mass, for the annual census of attendance. There is a sheet for you to record the numbers in the sacristy. Thank you for your help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: The Harvest School Mass and will be held in school, date to be announced. There will also be one for the parish on 11/12 October.

YEAR 4 PARENTS’ MEETING: There will be a meeting for Year 4 parents in school at 18.00 on **Tuesday 23rd September** to talk about the First Holy Communion preparation for 2026.

THE REPAINTING OF THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL: started last week and will last another few days. We need to do this now before the winter sets in and the job becomes twice as expensive. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Parish Office: Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00-17.00

Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary’s Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st SEPTEMBER 2025



At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.” And the

manager said to himself, “What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He said, “A hundred measures of oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.” Then he said to another, “And how much do you owe?” He said, “A hundred measures of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and write eighty.” The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.’ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

‘One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.’

Luke 16:1-13

Sat 20th

17.00

Sun 21st

09.30

Mon 22nd

11.00

Tues 23rd

12.00

18.00

Wed 24th

09.00

Thurs 25th

12.00

Fri 26th

12.00

12.30-13.00

Sat 27th

17.00

Sun 28th

09.30

Ss Andrew Kim-Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Korean Martyrs

Mass – Maura Brown RIP

TWENTY–FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Mass – Parishioners

Requiem Mass – Monica Seed

St Pius of Pietrelcina – (Padre Pio)

Mass – Anna Doherty (A)

Yr 4 meeting in school for parents. Sacramental programme.

Our Lady of Walsingham

Mass – Tom and Mollie Gillibrand (birthday remembrance)

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Ss Cosmas and Damian

Mass – Joseph Abraham RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Vincent de Paul

Mass – Harry Carter (A)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Mass – Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Margaret Arrowsmith,

Kathleen Coyle, Rosemary Hough, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin,

Molly Redhead, and parishioners in The Adelphi, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall. **Please**

note: We now need written permission to add a name to the above sick list. This

can be done by the sick person or by the next of kin, if the sick person cannot

give permission themselves. Written permission can be made via email to

stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk

RECENTLY DECEASED: **FR LAURENCE JOSEPH MAYNE** (95) in the 70th year of his

priesthood, died peacefully at 15.00 on Wednesday 17th September in Marley Court

Nursing Home. Fr Laurence was ordained to the priesthood in 1956, and served in St

Joseph's Grosvenor St, Liverpool and in St Dominic's Huyton as curate. Then he was

appointed parish priest in St Swithin's Gillmoss. He moved to St Oswald's Coppull as

parish priest in 1991, and he served there until his retirement at the age of 90 in 2020.

He lived here at St Mary's for 3 years until he needed 24 hour care, which he received

at Marley Court Nursing Home. Requiesscat in pace: resurgat in gloria .

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Tuesday 30th September: **St Mary's Chorley:** Vespers at 18.40 and Vigil Mass with Bishop Tom Williams at 19.00. Wednesday 1st October:

The body will be transferred to Coppull before the Requiem Mass which is at 12.00

noon at **St Oswald's Coppull** with Archbishop John Sherrington. The burial will take

place after this Mass in St Oswald's cemetery.

MONICA SEED (92) who died on 8th September at St Catherine's Hospice. Requiem

Mass this Monday 22nd September at 11.00 am followed by burial in St Gregory's Weld

Bank church yard. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: **Anna Doherty, Harry Carter, Mgr Leo Alston, Fr Thomas Carroll**

READERS: **Sat: 20th: 17.00** Eileen McCarrick

Sun 21: 09.30 Paul Lennon

Sat: 27th 17.00 Andrew Jenner

Sun: 28: 09.30 Simon Eccles

Sat: 04th 17.00 Kinga Grzeczynska

Sun: 05th 09.30 Dr Jane Eccles

WELCOME TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST LAWRENCE'S: Towards the middle of

October we will welcome Canon Neil Kelley and his parishioners of St Lawrence's for

their Sunday Worship. Their liturgy will be at 11.00 each Sunday, after our 09.30 Mass.

St Lawrence's will be our guests until early spring 2026 due to the complicated and

extensive works being carried out at St Lawrence's church. This is a practical example

of ecumenical cooperation and Christian charity.

LOURDES TRIP 2026 FOR THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGES

This very special pilgrimage will take place next July 2026. The age is 15-22 yrs old and

the cost is £720.00, which includes accommodation, coach travel and 3 meals per day.

If anyone books before 19th October, you will get a £50.00 reduction.

In view of this being a special pilgrimage, would parishioners like to donate money for

one lucky person to go to Lourdes? If **9 people** donated £67.00, you could change a

young person's life with the Lourdes experience. Please think about it. Thank you.

Memorial of ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, better known as **"PADRE PIO"**, falls this

Tuesday, 23rd September. Born Francesco Forgione into a peasant farming family

near Naples, he became a Capuchin friar in 1903, taking the name Pio. He was

ordained priest in 1910 and the following year experienced invisible stigmata, as well as

the pains of scourging and wearing a crown of thorns. He was

assigned to the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo in Apulia,

southern Italy, where he spent the rest of his life.

In 1918, the stigmata in his hands and feet became

visible, as well as one in his side, and they bled repeatedly. He

was frequently examined by doctors and the photographic

evidence leaves no doubt of the fact of his receiving the

stigmata. The Capuchins did not hide this and large crowds

attended his Masses, although he tried hard but unsuccessfully

to conceal his wounds. For 50 years he carried on his priestly

ministry at San Giovanni Rotondo, saying Mass and hearing

confessions, sometimes for up to 18 hours a day. A hospital

was established and completed in 1947, called a House for the Relief of Suffering.

Later, in 1956, he established prayer groups throughout the world to support its

work and to pray for the sick and needy. His long life as a priest was filled with miracles,

inexplicable to the modern world. He was able to read people's consciences, to bilocate,

to heal the sick and to levitate when in prayer. In 1959, his health deteriorated, but he

continued his regular radio broadcasts at midday and in the evening.

In 1968, he celebrated his 50th anniversary but two days later the stigmata

vanished. He died on 23rd September 1968, his hands, feet and heart as "fresh as

those of the child." Pope John Paul II praised him not for the extraordinary signs, but for

his extraordinary charity and for the long hours he spent in the confessional directing souls.

We do have a beautiful picture of Padre Pio near the confessional door

and there are some Padre Pio medals, if anyone wants one.

