

**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. Please ask the ward staff to call the Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital please ring 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary T. 01942 822324. **Good luck and thank you to Fr Andrew Allman, RPH Chaplain for Catholics, who leaves St Clare's Fulwood for pastures new.**

**SAD RESULTS OF THE ABORTION ACT 1967** – which was sponsored by David Steel MP. It came into effect on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1968. Abortion numbers have recently increased by 4,000. In 2020 **210,860 abortions took place in which 209,917 were for residents in England and Wales.** The North West has the highest abortion rate with the South West the lowest. 81% of abortions were given to single women and 51% to women who stated that they had a partner (not necessarily married). 42% of women had a repeated abortion. 3,370 abortions took place on grounds of disability: 859 babies with Down Syndrome and 40 babies with cleft palate. Please support petitions that are Pro Life. These figures are very high and extremely sad. Joe Bury has a anti-abortion petition in the narthex. You may wish to sign it. Thank you.

**We are making this appeal: If you need help or are distressed about being pregnant, you can contact the parish office and you will be listened to and helped. There are local organisations who will help you**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE:** The number of Omicron (BA4 and BA5) infections has increased at great speed over the last 10 days. Hospital admissions are increasing also. Therefore, during this latest infection spreading phase, it is advisable to wear masks and gel hands in church. If you have an underlying illness, you may wish to ask your family and friends to give you some space and not come too close to you. We do ask that you do not come to church if you have cold symptoms, temperature, runny nose or are feeling off colour. Keep it to yourself and get better soon!

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION – JULY 2022

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Parish Priest: Fr. Francis Marsden  
Deacon Norman Arrowsmith  
Tel: 01257 262537

E-mail: [stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk)  
Parish website: [www.stmarys-chorley.org](http://www.stmarys-chorley.org)

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

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

LIVERPOOL ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESAN TRUSTEES INC. Registered Charity No. 232709

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022



*There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'*

*But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.' Luke 10:25-37*

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>**  
16.15-16.45  
17.00

St Augustine Zhao and Companions  
Confessions  
Mass – Karen Francis RIP

<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00</b>	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> (Mass book p. 108) <b>Mass – Ruby Jubilee of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood</b> <b>Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<b>St Benedict, Patron of Europe</b> <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<b>Mass – Michael (A) and Family Bolton RIP</b>
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<u>St Henry</u> <b>Mass – John and Mary Marsden RIP</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>12.00</i>	<u>St Camillus of Lellis</u> <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12.00</b>	<u>St Bonaventure</u> <b>Mass – Thomas Seed (LD)</b>
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup></b> <i>16.15-16.45</i> <b>17.00</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> <i>Confessions</i> <b>Mass – Janusz Moss - birthday</b>
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00</b>	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> (Mass book p. 111) <b>Mass – Joan (A) and Frank Scott</b>

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tues, Wed, Fri. 12.30 - 13.00*

**Please pray for the sick and the housebound:** Fr Michael O'Dowd, Fr John Poland, Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Laurence Mayne, Emily Atkins, Kevin Bailey, Dorothy Burgoyne, John and Margaret Brown, John Campbell, Michael Collins, Hughie Daly, Colette Ellis, Desmond Gorman, Julie Gruszka, Jacob Hughes, Rosemary Hough, Debbie MacFarlane, Teresa O'Malia, Clifford Pendlebury, Molly Redhead, Caroline Rigby, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Eileen Snape, Terry Tingey, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, Agnes Young and parishioners in *The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, Gillibrand Hall*

**Please check if a name should be removed from the above sick list. Please inform the parish office. Thank you.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Bolton, Joan Scott, William Bleasdale, Peter Deplacido, John Bernard Singleton.

**READERS:** 9<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples. 10<sup>th</sup> Sun: 10.00 Simon Eccles. 16<sup>th</sup> Sat: Eleanor Jenner. 17<sup>th</sup> Sun: Tracy O'Neill.

**PROVISION FOR PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT COLLECTION** will take place next weekend.

**DRIVING ON PARISH GROUNDS:** We have noticed recently that there are many parents with prams and little children on the parish grounds walking through to town. Please be very careful when you drive into the parish grounds and when you leave. West Street car park can be full of young children getting in/out of cars. Make sure that you leave the church grounds slowly. Pedestrians may have just come up the steps and be crossing from the left.

**PARISH SECURITY:** Since we are situated in the town centre, you need to be aware that there have been reports of large groups of teenagers roving around the town and looking for something to do. If you see something that is concerning, please ring

Chorley Police. The Bowling Green seems to be a big attraction for the young people. It would be a great shame if the Green was damaged because of someone being daft. The coping stone which was vandalized has now been put back. We will lock the access gate if there is further trouble.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY** will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> July. What would we do without our Grandparents? Grandma / Nana who makes fantastic cakes and lets the kids stay up 10 minutes longer. Grandad / Grandpa who mends the bicycles and has a secret shed in the garden where he mends different things. They are loved and not forgotten. God bless them All.

### The Parable of the Good Samaritan



We are living through times when the actions of the Good Samaritan are found in many people. To give and not to count the cost, to listen and hear the words spoken. To stop and help when needed and not to pass - by without a care. Most of us have been brought up in loving caring homes, where our parents showed us love and taught us to respect

others and ourselves. If we see a person in need we stop and ask if they need help or we take decisive action to help the needy. Giving is far more rewarding than receiving. This parish is full of loving and caring people. It makes the St Mary's Community special. Looking after a person who needs help by thought, word, or deed is what Our Blessed Lord taught us and what our parents showed us in their actions towards us and others. The monies that you have so generously donated to the Ukrainian Fund have helped thousands of people. The prayers that have been offered have not fallen on deaf ears. The Lord in His Mercy has opened routes for your generosity to take profound effect on the displaced, the injured and the hungry people in many parts of the Ukraine. Bishop Gregory Komar has made sure that help is directed to those who need urgent assistance. You could say that people who donate are the Good Samaritans and our Bishop Gregory is making sure that not one pound is wasted. A pathway of love and Christian truth and good wishes from Chorley, has been channelled through sources that are working diligently behind the scenes. Thank you for your generosity.

**LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE** As you probably know, the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage takes place from 21<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July. This is the first time the pilgrimage has taken place since 2019. This year there will be seven youth coaches taking part. Coach 5, taking young people from Penwortham, Leyland, Chorley, Orrell, Upholland, Skelmersdale and Wigan. The coach covers quite a wide geographical area because some coaches have had to merge due to lower numbers of youth. The pilgrimage is very much 'rebuilding' after the Pandemic. There are 32 young people, aged between 15 and 22, on the coach. The young people are an essential part of the pilgrimage working with the sick and elderly pilgrims, taking them to the Masses and services, leading prayers and offering general support. Please pray for a happy and healthy trip.