

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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE: Please wear a mask during this latest period of Omicron in the community. We do ask that you do not come to church if you have symptoms of a cold, a temperature, a runny nose or are feeling off colour. Take a test. Keep it to yourself and get better soon! **The infection rate has gone down in Chorley, however, the number of deaths has remained concerningly high. Please encourage your family members to receive vaccines. It is very important and could save your life.**

PROMISE CONFERENCE: 24th September 10.00 – 21.00 at All Hallows Catholic High School, Preston. PR1 0LN. More information on the notice board in the narthex. A day to discover the promises that God has made for you.

LISIEUX HALL: In St Therese's Chapel there are organised Gregorian Chant Services on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 19.30. This Sunday 18th September

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US? We are looking for some help with cleaning the church. Thursdays mornings for approx 90 minutes.

ALPHA COURSE: The Alpha Programme is running at 19.00 on Thursdays at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Harpers Lane. Please pray for those taking part



VOLUNTEER COOK NEEDED

HELP US, HELP OTHERS

As we head into the colder months, we need help preparing/serving a simple hot lunch. Can you spare some time to help with this?

Hours to suit - weekly/fortnightly/monthly

EMAIL: TASTE@STLAURENCECHORLEY.CO.UK

THURSDAYS QUIZ NIGHT 20.30 in our parish centre.

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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

SUNDAY XXV OF ORDINARY TIME

18th SEPTEMBER 2022



Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?'

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.' Luke 16:10-13

Sat 17th
 16.15-16.45
 17.00

Confessions
Mass – Queen Elizabeth II RIP / Parishioners

Sun 18th
 10.00

XXV SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Mass book p.140)
Mass – Christine (A) and Michael Corcoran

Mon 19th
 09.00

St Theodore of Canterbury, St Januarius
Mass – Dorothy Darbyshire (LD)

Tues 20th
 12.00

St Andrew Kim-Taegon and Korean Martyrs
Mass – George (A) and Mary Ormerod

Wed 21st
 09.00

St Matthew, Apostle
Mass – Margaret Bailey RIP

Thurs 22nd
 12.00

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 23rd
 12.00

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Mass – Hilda Lopacinski RIP

Sat 24th
 16.15-16.45
 17.00

Our Lady of Walsingham
Confessions
Mass – Mary Dorothea Thompson (A)

Sun 25th

XXVI SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Mass book p.143)

10.00 Mass – James, Mary and David Roden (A)

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 Barry McAllister, Fr Laurence Mayne, Emily Atkins, Kevin Bailey, Derek Birchall, Dorothy Burgoyne, John and Margaret Brown, John Campbell, Michael Collins, Hughie Daly, Maire Duffy, Colette Ellis, Desmond Gorman, Julie Gruszka, Jacob Hughes, Rosemary Hough, Debbie MacFarlane, Teresa O'Malia, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Eileen Snape, Terry Tingey, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, Agnes Young and parishioners in *The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, Gillibrand Hall*

ANNIVERSARIES: Christine Corcoran, George Ormerod

READERS: 17th Sat: 17.00 Eleanor Jenner. **18th Sun: 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles. **24TH Sat: 17.00** Gillian Sharples. **25th Sun: 10.00** Simon Eccles.

BAPTISMS: We are now taking names for Baptisms on the **first Sunday** of each month, next date is **Sunday 2nd October**. Please contact the parish office.

THERMAL ITEMS: We need a stock of thermal items to give out to those in need. Could we please have donations of thermal hats, scarves, gloves and socks – adult and children. I think the requests are going to be even higher this winter!

ST BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS: Thank you very much to all the stewards, Head Teachers at schools in Chorley, Shevington, Adlington, Coppull, Standish, Horwich, Leyland, Preston, Longridge, Heather and the parish centre, the bellringers, those who care for the grounds and garden, Chorley Borough Council and the car parking manager and staff, police, doctors, nurses and paramedics for their great help and attendance during the St Bernadette Relics visit. We think we had approximately 1500 – 2000 people visit, from the arrival of the Relics on Thursday evening to the departure on Saturday morning. God bless you all and thank very much. Team effort and could not have done it without you.

Thank you also to Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP and all the priests that came from Chorley, Liverpool, and Salford Diocese; Mgr Des Seddon, Fr Grant Maddock, Fr Paul Grady, Fr Sean Riley, Fr John Poland, Fr Simon Henry, Fr Richard Howard, Fr Colin Battell OSB, Fr Mark Beattie, Fr John Goddard, plus Dcn Norman Arrowsmith and Dcn Simon Gilbertson. Fr Peter Crowther for the midday Mass and anointings, Fr Graeme Dunn for the 15.00 Mass and anointings, Fr Francis Ball for confessions.

MASS ON MONDAY and WEDNESDAY MORNINGS: Please note that we are reverting to the pre-COVID pattern of weekday Mass at 09.00 on Mondays and Wednesdays, 12.00 on Tuesdays and Fridays. Thank you.

CHORLEY CIVIL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II is being held at St Laurence's Parish Church THIS SUNDAY MORNING. 18TH SEPT Dcn Norman Arrowsmith is representing our parish.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHILDREN: We had 120 children from St Mary's for the schools Mass on Friday morning. As you can imagine it is a logistical challenge to coordinate and get back to school safety with so many children. Thank you to Mr Smyth and his staff and parents that helped with the children. They were impeccably behaved and did our school very proud. Well done children!

REFLECTION – “*A servant cannot serve two masters.*” Not that there are two, there is only one Master. For even if there are some people who serve money, it has no inherent right to be a master, they themselves are the ones, who assume the yoke of this slavery. In fact, money has no rightful authority but constitutes an unjust bondage.

That is why Jesus says: “*Make friends for yourselves with deceitful money*” so that by generosity to the poor we will win the favour of angels and saints. The steward is not blamed. By this we learn that we are not masters but rather stewards of other people's wealth. He was praised even though he was in the wrong because, in paying out to others in his master's name he won support for himself. And how rightly Jesus spoke of “*deceitful wealth*” because love of money so tempts our desires with its various seductions that we consent to become its slaves. That is why He said: “*If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?*” Riches are alien to us because they exist outside of our nature, they are not born with us, they do not follow us in death. But Christ, to the contrary, belongs to us because He is life... So don't let us become slaves of exterior goods because Christ is the only one we should acknowledge as our Lord.” ... **Saint Ambrose (340-397) –**

He who serves two masters has to lie to one!

You not only choose between two ways of life but you choose between two masters. Billy Graham

A life is either all spiritual, or not spiritual at all. No man can serve two masters. Your life is shaped by the end you live for. You are made in the image of what you desire. – Thomas Merton.

The New Testament states that man cannot serve two masters. He must choose one - God, and not the other - money. For what man chooses will reveal his heart. Kabir Sehgal

To withdraw ourselves from the law of the strong, we have found ourselves obliged to submit to justice. Justice or might, we must choose between these two masters. Luc de Clapiers

The best marriage in the world is two servants in love. The worst marriage in the world is two masters in love.

Now there are those who are trying to serve the Lord without offending the devil.

No Compromise is what the whole Gospel of Jesus is all about... 'For I tell you...no man can serve two masters...' (Matt. 6:24). In a day when believers seem to be trying to please both the world and the Lord (which is an impossible thing), when people are far more concerned about offending their friends than offending God, there is only one answer...Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him! Keith Green

"You cannot serve God and Mammon," says Jesus in today's Gospel (Lk 16). Why not? First, you'll have a divided heart. Second, greed will run your life, money will come first, and you'll reject anything that is not "profitable." Soon, you will shut out God completely.