

**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.

**PAUSE FOR HOPE:** All are welcome to join the annual ecumenical Pause for Hope service for all those affected in any way by cancer led by Bishop Tom Williams. The service is at the Metropolitan Cathedral **today** at 3pm. This service aims to bring hope and consolation to all and will include prayers, hymns, music, and reflections.

**THURSDAYS QUIZ NIGHT:** 20.30 in our parish centre. Everybody welcome.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

Lancashire Deanery Synodal Council Meeting at St Gregory's, Weldbank on **3<sup>rd</sup> October** at 19.00. **Please note the new date.**

Harvest School Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> October in school at 14.00

Harvest Fast Day 7<sup>th</sup> October – envelopes available in the narthex.

Mid October – Pious Lists will be available at the back of the church.

All Saints 1<sup>st</sup> November Mass at 09.00 with school attending and Mass at 12.00.

Quarant'Ore days begin.

All Souls 2<sup>nd</sup> November 12.00 noon Mass. Cemetery Prayers at 13.30

**Please note that we will have a Pious List Mass every day during November. If you would like to book a Christmas Octave Mass, please ask at the Parish Office. Thank you.**

**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!

**BOOK OF CONDOLENCE** Our school children have created a beautiful book of condolence for King Charles III and the Royal Family. If you would like to add your comments, please find the book and the papers by the baptismal font. The Yr 6 children have been invited by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP to visit Westminster Palace later this month. The Book of Condolence will be given to Sir Lindsay for the attention of King Charles III and the Royal Family.

**MILL HILL LEAD:** The current Lead for the Mill Hill collections will retire at the end of the year. We are looking for someone who would like to take this volunteer role on from the parish. Training will be given and then the new Lead can carry on in their own style. We are open to changes in the current system, modifications and BACS payments instead of the red boxes. Please consider this and help us out if you can.

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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 XXVII OF ORDINARY TIME**

**2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2022**



*The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.*

*'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the*

*servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty." Luke 17:5-10*

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> October** St Teresa of Lisieux

16.15-16.45

17.00

*Confessions*

**Mass** – Catherine McCarrick (birthday remembrance)

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10.00

**XXVII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (Mass book p.146)

**Mass** – Brian and Stephen Murphy RIP

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>**

14.00

**School Harvest Mass**

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup>**

12.00

St Francis of Assisi

**Mass** – Private Intention

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>**

09.00

St Faustina Kowalska

**Mass** – Private Intention (JM)

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>**

12.00

St Bruno

*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup>**

12.00

Our Lady of the Rosary

**Mass** – Christine and Michael Corcoran RIP

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup>**

16.15-16.45

*Confessions*

**17.00** Mass – Ian Barker (poorly)

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup>** **XXVIII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (Mass book p.149)

**10.00** Mass – Thomas Seed (RIP)

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

**Please pray for the sick and the housebound:** Emily Atkins, Kevin Bailey, Derek Birchall, John and Margaret Brown, Dorothy Burgoyne, John Campbell, Michael Collins, Hughie Daly, Maire Duffy, Colette Ellis, Desmond Gorman, Julie Gruszka, Ken Guy, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Mary Langton, Fr Laurence Mayne, Fr Barry McAllister, Debbie MacFarlane, Fr Michael O'Dowd, 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*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** **James David Hurley** (74) who died at home on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mgr Canon Thomas Crank, Hilda Scott, Ellen Enderby, Bernard Worden, Margaret Pye, Leon Lynch.

**READERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Oct Sat: 17.00 Eileen McCarrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun: 10.00 Greta Fazakerley.  
8<sup>th</sup> Oct Sat 17.00 Richard Gillett, 9<sup>th</sup> Sun: Dominic Simpson

**BAPTISMS:** We are now taking names for Baptisms on the **first Sunday** of each month, next dates are **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Please contact the parish office.

**MASS COUNT:** Please can someone count the Mass attendance for each weekend Mass (Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning until and including the 9<sup>th</sup> October). Please write the numbers and leave them on the Sacristy Press or pop them through the front door. Thank you.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** There are a good number of photographs of the visit of the Relics of St Bernadette on the Archdiocesan Flicker page at St Mary's Album. Please take a look: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/liverpoolcatholic/albums/with/72177720302155329>

**ST ANNE'S GUILD:** Could the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of St Anne's Guild please contact the Parish Office? Thank you.

**THANK YOU** for the cards and kind comments from the schools that came during the relic visit. It was great to see so much interest from the young people.

**HOLY ROSARY IN OCTOBER:** Please can someone lead the rosary after Mass? We are returning to the public recitation of the holy rosary after Mass Thanks.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** For the month of August, the electricity bill for the church was £594.59. Therefore, we are now implementing plans which will hopefully reduce the monthly electric bill. The church lights will only go on 10 minutes before Mass commences. Lights need to be turned off immediately at the end of Mass. The weather is cooling down. Please make sure you are well wrapped up when you come to church. The front door of the church will not be opened wide but will remain off the hook. We need to keep the warmth in the building, and we need to keep the leaves out. The same will apply during the week when you can enter the church, but you will need to open the big door yourself. Can I have your comments about Mass in the sacristy during the winter mornings? We can heat the sacristy for the weekday Masses.

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** If you wish to continue wearing a mask, then please do so. If you have an underlying illness or are susceptible to bad chests during the winter, it would be very wise to continue wearing a mask in church or in the supermarkets. Gelling of hands is optional but again it is good practice when you think of how many things you have touched before you receive the Holy Eucharist. We make the sign of peace during Mass by bowing or waving. Please remember the one-way system to receive Holy Communion. It does make sense not to bump into each other. The Eucharist is to be received into your hands and not on your tongue. Thank you very much.

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – World Food Crisis Appeal**

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith, we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

### **WHY DO WE HAVE PIOUS LISTS/ NOVEMBER LISTS?**



**NOVEMBER**  
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Traditionally November is a month for remembering our loved ones who have left this earthly life and gone to meet Jesus Christ. We commemorate All Saints on 1<sup>st</sup> November followed next day by All Souls. November is a special month of prayer for the deceased.

Some people die as perfect saints, but many do not. They need to make reparation to Jesus for their sins, and to be purified, because nothing blemished can enter heaven. We can

help them through this process by offering up our prayers and penances. The pains of sickness and death itself can be a part of our purgation.

In many countries around the world, families ask for Holy Mass to be offered for the repose of the souls of their loved ones. We offer Mass each day in November for all those on the November Pious List. You can add your loved ones to this list by using the envelopes provided in a basket at the back of the church.

We also ask you to include a donation for the Masses. On All Souls' Day, Dcn Norman leads the procession in Chorley Cemetery where we pray for the names on your family and friends' gravestones. If your loved ones are already in heaven, God will use your prayers for somebody else in need, perhaps those who had no relatives or friends, the lost ones, and the forgotten ones. Please remember to pray for all the priests that have served this parish, altar servers, housekeepers, cleaners, secretaries, gardeners and teachers in our school. Also, for the brave men and women who served in the Armed Forces for our freedom. Thank you.

*“The grain of mustard seed is the Lord, who by faith is sown spiritually in the hearts of those who accept Him. Whoever diligently cultivates the seed, by practising the virtues, moves the mountain of earthbound pride and, through the power thus gained, expels the obdurate habit of sin. In this way, the activity of the principles and qualities, or divine powers, present in the commandments, is revived as though they were birds. ... Those who seek the Lord should not look for Him outside themselves. On the contrary, they must seek Him, within themselves, through faith made manifest in action.”*