

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.

MESSAGE FROM DEREK BIRCHALL: "The recent CAFOD & Mary's Meals sale at St. Mary's Parish Centre raised £750. Many thanks and God bless to all those who supported us." Well done!

COULD YOU BE A DEACON? – Tuesday 29 November 2022 - Information evening for men interested in the diaconate. 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm (Refreshments from 7.00 pm) in the John Vianney Meeting Room at Christ the King, 78 Queens Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool L15 6YQ. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome. For more information, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk

PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR invites you to A Festive Christmas with Music Director Nathan Smith and featuring Freckleton Brass Band and St Pius X Catholic Preparatory School Choir. Saturday 10th December at 7.00pm in St Aidan's church, Station Road, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6QL Advance bookings: Adults £10, under 18s £4, family (2 adults + 2 under 18s) £25 from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/preston-orpheus-choir/t-vvxkzav> (small booking fee will be applied) Admission on the night: Adults £12, under 18s £5, family £30 – card/contactless, cash or even cheques!

SVP INVITATIONS TO CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER: are available at the back of the church.

DONATION LINK FOR ST MARY'S CHORLEY PARISH FUNDS:
<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-mary-chorley>

CAFOD has written to us to confirm receipt of £415.76 for the collection we had. Thank you very much.

FURTHER UPDATE ON ST BERNADETTE'S RELICS TOUR: There was a Zoom meeting last week with most of the Cathedrals and churches who hosted the Relics during the Tour. It is estimated that ¼ of a million people came to venerate the Relics. All financial costs were covered by the collections and a contribution will be made to the Lourdes Shrine. There will be a Legacy Film available on You Tube in December 2022, filmed by Lily and Joe, and you will be able to see St Mary's Chorley in the film. A staggering 300kgs of Petitions were delivered to Lourdes from the Tour. The two drivers Bob and Gerry visited over 50 locations with the Relics. They have done an outstanding job over two-months and are highly commended. Thank you to all who took part at St Mary's. It was a real privilege and honour to host the Relics.

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

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

20th NOVEMBER 2022



The people stayed there before the cross-watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You

got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.' Luke 23:35-43

Sat 19th
17.00

Mass – Hilda Łopaciński / Parishioners

Sun 20th

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING
YOUTH SUNDAY

10.00

Mass – Pious List

Mon 21st
09.00

Presentation of the Blessed Mary Virgin
Mass – Pious List

Tues 22nd
12.00

St Cecilia
Mass – Pious List

Wed 23rd
09.00

St Clement, St Columbanus
Mass – Pious List

Thurs 24th
12.00 St Andrew Dung-Lac and the Vietnamese martyrs
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 25th
12.00 St Catherine of Alexandria
Mass – Pious List

Sat 26th
17.00 **Mass – Joan and Frank (A) Scott / Parishioners**

Sun 27th
10.00 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Mass – Pious List



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. Pope Pius hoped that the establishment of this feast would bring about the following:

1. That this annual celebration would assist the faithful to gain strength in their true King, Jesus Christ;
2. That leaders and nations would recognise that they are bound to submit and give respect to Christ the King;
3. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. In these times when we are challenged in our faith and our ability to worship together, let us remember that Jesus Christ is Our King who reigns forever.
4. That individuals should honour and recognise Jesus as their 'Sovereign King' and emulate his total gift of self, perfectly embodied on the Cross. In imitation of their thorn-crowned King, individuals can help bring love and relief to those who suffer and help to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.



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, Colette Ellis, Desmond Gorman, Julie Gruszka, 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: **Archbishop Mario Conti (88)**, once Parish Priest of Wick and Thurso, Bishop of Aberdeen (1977-2002), Archbishop of Glasgow (2002-2012).

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Scott, Sr Frances Calderbank D.W.

RETIRING COLLECTION this weekend is for Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth Service. The monthly SVP collection takes place next weekend Mass 26/27 Nov.

READERS: **19th Sat 17.00** Gillian Sharples. **20th Sun** Dominic Simpson. **26th Sat 17.00** Eileen McCarrick. **27th Sun** Simon Eccles.

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month at 10.45, (following the 10.00 am Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES ARE IN THE SACRISTY to save costs on heating. Sunday Masses and Funerals will be in the church, and we will put the heating on a few hours before Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Please wrap up warm and stay safe.

UPDATE OF THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: The book is being updated and so is away from the Pietà for a few days. Thank you for your understanding.

UNWANTED TOYS: SVP Chorley Buddies are collecting unwanted toys that are in good condition and could be given to children in Chorley. If you have got such toys, please drop them off at the presbytery. Thank you.

BOOKS AVAILABLE: In the narthex on the right as you face the statue of our Lady, there is a bookshelf with three or four shelves full of books which can be taken free or for a donation to parish funds. Please help yourselves. They are on different subjects like prayer, the saints, some novels and so on.

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/yck745z8> for the latest edition.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: We have been lucky to get a supply of beautiful religious Christmas cards showing the Holy Family, from the Ven. John Bradburne Memorial Society. The cards are available after Mass in the sacristy. If you would like some, please get them early because when they are gone – they are gone!

LISEUX HALL: SUNG VESPERS (Latin) this Sunday at 19.30 in St Thérèse's chapel, and again in St George's, Chorley, on Sat 26th at 19.30.

HAVE YOU LOST SOME KEYS? The parish office has 3 sets of keys waiting for an owner to reclaim them.

"To ask Christ to be your King is to put your trust in His Providence, to commit to fitting your plans into His, so that His Will, will be done on earth-in us- as it is in heaven."- Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

PROCLAMATION OF JESUS CHRIST AS KING

'Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ rules! Hear us O Christ. To the high priest and universal Pope be life! Saviour of the world help him! Holy Mary help him. Saint Peter help him. Saint Paul help him. King of Kings, Christ conquers! Our King, Christ reigns! Our Glory, Christ rules! To Him alone be the kingdom, the glory and the power, through immortal ages for ever Amen. Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ rules!'

SAINTS (MARTYRS) OF THE WEEK:

St Cecilia was an early Roman virgin martyr. The Roman church of Santa Caecilia in Trastevere is believed to be on the site of her home. She was executed about 230 AD, along with her husband Valerian and his brother Tiburtius. She is the patron saint of church music. Her remains were reportedly still incorrupt in 1599.

St Clement I, Pope (88-99), the second or third Pope after St Peter, following Linus and Cletus. He wrote an Epistle to the Corinthians to heal dissension in that community. He was arrested by the Emperor Trajan and deported to slave labour in a stone quarry Khersonesus (Crimea). Because he worked miracles and made numerous converts, he was thrown into the sea with an anchor around his neck.

St Andrew Dung-Lac and Vietnamese martyrs: the Church honours 117 Christians who suffered and died for their faith in Vietnam since the seventeenth century—they stand as representatives for the hundreds of thousands who have suffered for their faith in Vietnam. A rich mix of lay people, priests, and bishops who were mostly native Vietnamese but also include several heroic French and Spanish missionaries.