

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 please ring 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary T. 01942 822324.

MARY'S MEALS: Would you like to feed a child in a country where there are no crops, severe droughts and starvation? £20.00 will feed a child every school day for a whole school year. During September we will collect donations and send the monies to the Mary's Meals Charity based in Glasgow. They will send the monies to buy food in Malawi and Zambia. Please put your donation in an envelope marked Mary's Meals during September, the month of Our Lady's birthday. Thank you.

THE ARROWSMITH WALK took place last Sunday. It was very good, and the weather was kind to us. It follows some of the route taken by St Edmund Arrowsmith when he fled from the Blue Moon Inn (the publican's son had betrayed him to the JP). He went by Gregson Lane and Sandy Lane and onto Brindle Moss, where his horse refused to jump a ditch, and his pursuivants caught up with him. After the walk, Holy Mass followed at St Joseph's Brindle and then afternoon tea. I would encourage you to think about attending next year. If not for the walk (about 5 miles) then for the Mass. I think you will find it very interesting.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE? ALPHA is an eleven week series of interactive sessions that explore the big questions of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed and safe environment. Alpha is for anyone at any age, who is curious to find out more about faith. It's designed for those who are exploring and questioning. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We begin on **14th September 2023 at 19.00** at St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green and meet every Thursday for eleven weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact either Sr. Dorothy or Julie. Phone: Sr Dorothy – 07530 238222 or dorothyhindle234@gmail.com. Julie – 07943 874257 or juliannebrown1971@hotmail.co.uk

BACK TO SCHOOL: Welcome back to Mr Smyth and his staff and all the children and families. We hope you had a good summer holiday and enjoy the start of the new school year. Please remember that we have Little Church at 10.00 Mass each Sunday (but not 10th September!). It would be great to see the little ones and their bigger sisters and brothers. You will be most welcome.

WE CONGRATULATE HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL on their annual Feast day of the Triumph of the Cross, Thursday 14th September. **Ave Crux, Spes Unica — Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope!**

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

3rd SEPTEMBER 2023



Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but

man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.' Matthew 16:21-27

Sat 2nd

14.00

Baptism – Oliver Bamwell

16.15-16.45

Confessions

17.00

Mass – Imelda (A) and Thomas Roscoe

Sun 3rd

10.00

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (p.122)

Mass – Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB (sick)

11.00

Baptism – Jack Arthur Nay

11.45

Baptism – Amaya Lea Price

Deanery Festival Day 13.00 – 17.00, at St Gregory's Weldbank, Chorley

Mon 4th

09.00

St Cuthbert

Mass – Mgr Jack Kennedy (A) Dorothy and Peter Ainsworth

Tues 5th

12.00

St Teresa of Calcutta

Mass – Kathleen and Peter Jackson (A)

Wed 6th

St Bega

12.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thurs 7th

12.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 8th Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12.00 Mass – H.M Elizabeth II (A)

GOSPEL FOR 10TH SEPTEMBER

Jesus said, 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Matthew 18:15-20

Sat 9th St Peter Claver

17.00 Vigil Mass of Sunday – Roland Anderton (A)

Sun 10th **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (p.122)

NO MASS AT ST MARY'S CHORLEY TODAY OTHER THAN THE VIGIL MASS

Holy Mass at the following churches:

08.30 St Mary's Euxton
09.15 St Chad's South Hill
09.30 St Gregory's and St Joseph's Harpers Lane Chorley
10.30 St Mary's Euxton
11.00 Sacred Heart Chorley and St Oswald's Coppull
11.30 St Joseph's Anderton
18.30 St Gregory's

Mon 11th St Ambrose Barlow

12.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Tues 12th The Holy Name of Mary.

12.00 Mass – Canon Kevin Mullen (A)

Wed 13th St John Chrysostom

12.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thurs 14th **FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

12.00 Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Fri 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

12.00 Mass - Mary Logue RIP

Sat 16th Ss Cornelius and Cyprian, St Edith of Witton

16.15 -16.45 Confessions

17.00 Mass – Roland Anderton RIP

Sun 17th **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (p.125)

10.00 Mass – Fr John Smith (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Fr Barry McAllister, Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB, Emily Atkins, Patrick and Maureen Bolger, Dorothy Burgoyne, John Campbell, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, Colette Ellis, Jimmy Henry, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Teresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Margaret McDaid, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Alan Taylor, Mike White, William Willetts and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES: H.M Elizabeth II, Canon Kevin Mullen, Fr John Smith, Mgr Jack Kennedy, Peter Jackson, Roland Anderton, Christine Corcoran. God rest their souls.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gerard Walmsley died 27th August at home in Lark Hill Farm. Requiem Mass on Thurs. 7th September 10.30 at St Mary's Euxton.

READERS: Sat. 2nd 17.00 Andrew Jenner Sun. 3rd 10.00 Dcn Norman

Sat. 9th 17.00 Gillian Sharples -----

Sat. 16th 17.00 Eileen McCarrick Sun. 17th 10.00 Dr Jane Eccles

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOSIA AND OLIVER SZEWCZYK-MASON who were married here last Saturday. God bless you both.

RELIC VISIT TO CATHEDRAL – The Scottish Saints – St Andrew, St Margaret of Scotland and St Columba will visit out Cathedral on 18th-21st September. You will find the Relics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. More information available on the cathedral webpage; <https://www.liverpoolmetro cathedral.org.uk>

FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH SEE the **Catholic** There are plenty of books and pamphlets available on the table and in the bookcase at the back of the Church, Many are free to take or you can leave a donation if you wish.

COULD YOU SPARE 2 HOURS? On Thursday mornings for approx. 2 hours, we have a small team of cleaners who prepare the church for the weekend Masses. We need 3 more people to assist. Please could you considering helping to clean the church? It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. **Please come forward to help out.**

WEDDING BANNs: Oliver James Campell and Frances Maria Guest are to be married here on 23rd September 2023 at 14.00.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S (8-17yrs) GAMBLING? There is more information on the notice board in the narthex, to help parents.

THE PRIESTS LIVE IN CONCERT - LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Thursday 12th October 2023, 19.30 – 21.30 Popular singing trio "The Priests" return to Liverpool to perform a concert celebrating and supporting the centenary of the Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage and the work of the Friends of The Cathedral. Under the musical direction of Stephen Manning, they come together with guest soloist Danielle Thomas to perform this special concert.

Tickets priced at £25 are now on sale at thepriestsliverpool.eventbrite.co.uk

For group bookings call 07860 129589 or email thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com