

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2023



*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said.*

*Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'* Matthew 21:28-32

**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. **We are continuing to collect your donations for Mary's Meals for a few more weeks. Thank you.**

### 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](http://thepriestsliverpool.eventbrite.co.uk) For group bookings call 07860 129589 or email [thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com](mailto:thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com)

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT:** Please continue to count for the next three weekends: 30/01, 07/08, 14/15 October. The record sheet is in the sacristy on the Press. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** to Ms Ann Marie Morris who was the guest speaker from the Regional Office of the SVP. We hope you enjoyed your brief visit to our parish and met some of the past and present SVP Members and Chorley Buddies.

**GANGS OF YOUTHS:** unfortunately, we seem popular for gangs of youths to come on the parish premises and be a nuisance. We hope that these children are not past St Mary's school children!!! Recently, there was a fight between 2 boys on the bowling green. One boy was very badly beaten. Police are patrolling with extra hours in this area. Please ring the Police if you notice or hear disturbing behaviour. Thank you.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL Registered Charity No. 1199714

### Sat 30<sup>th</sup>

16.15 -16.45

17.00

### Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

10.00

11.00

### Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>

09.00

14.00

### Tues 3<sup>d</sup>

12.00

### Wed 4<sup>th</sup>

09.00

### Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>

12.00

### St Jerome

*Confessions*

**Vigil Mass** – Catherine McCarrick – birthday remembrance

### TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.134)

**Mass** – Michael Carter RIP

*Baptism* – Tobias Keighley-Richmond

The Guardian Angels

**Mass** – Mgr Leo Alston (A)

**Harvest School Mass** – in school. Parents/Grandparents most welcome

**Mass** – Michael Joyce RIP

St Francis of Assisi

**NO MASS TODAY. PRIESTS ON SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN LIVERPOOL**

St Faustina Kowalska – Secretary of The Divine Mercy

*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>**      St Bruno First Friday. Litany of the Sacred Heart  
**12.00**      **Mass** – Frank Fitzpatrick (LD)

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup>**      Our Lady of The Rosary  
**16.15 -16.45**      *Confessions*  
**17.00**      **Vigil Mass** – Elizabeth Rostron (LD)

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>**      **TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.137)  
**10.00**      **Mass** – Parishioners

**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, Winter Heenan, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Teresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Margaret McDaid, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Alan Taylor, Jo Wade, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mgr Austin Hunt, Fr Bernard Growney, Canon John Short,

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Elizabeth Rostron (61) wife of Francis, who died suddenly in an accident in Chorley. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord....

**READERS:**    **Sat: 30<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Eleanor Jenner    **Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 10.00** John Riley  
                   **Sat: 7<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Gillian Sharples    **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Simon Eccles  
                   **Sat: 14<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Richard Gillett    **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles

**WEDDING BANS:** Daniel Lane and Lauren Godfrey are to be married here on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**PARISH DIARY 2024** is available for bookings; weddings, convalidations and baptisms. If you were married in a Civil Ceremony and would like a church convalidation, under the usual conditions that apply to Catholic Church Weddings, please see Fr Marsden or Dcn Norman for more information.

**ANNUAL QUARANT'ORE** takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> November. After the weekend that follows, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November we will have our Masses during the week in the sacristy. This will reduce our heating and electricity bills by a huge amount of money over the winter period and into early spring. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**SCAFFOLDING AND WORKS:** Hopefully you are aware that we have planned to have some major decorating done during the weeks of October. Please be aware that there is a lot of dust created with the scaffolding being erected (which took 3 days). It is best to avoid wearing dark clothes. Please stay away from the scaffolding area and it would be better to sit closer to the Sacred Heart Altar. It is very important that you watch your feet and take extra care when walking on the carpet protection. If you have asthma or a bad chest, you are advised to wear a mask in church.

**TREE WORKS:** You will see the results for yourselves after 3 days of tree and ground maintenance. The splendid and historical Arch is clear to see and is the 'doorway to the town centre'. It seems that we have sleeping visitors near the Arch. Work in The Grotto has revealed used syringes.



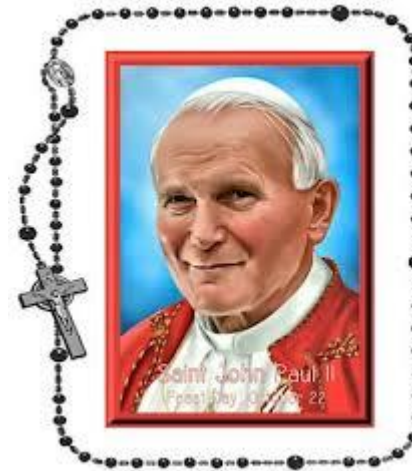
## PRAYER TO GUARDIAN ANGEL

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day (or night) be at my, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

We may sometimes forget to pray to our Guardian Angel, however, those of us at a certain age will know this prayer or one similar and say the prayer every day.

That is how we were taught!

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



**Lk 1:26-38:** This feast was established by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto, 7 Oct 1571, which stopped the Turkish invasion of Europe. The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses," and each prayer in the Rosary is considered a flower presented to Mary. It is called the "Breviary of the Common People" and the "Psalms of the Illiterate," and "a compendium of the Gospel," Pope Pius XII) The prayers we repeat are Biblical and hence "inspired," and the mysteries we meditate upon are taken from the lives of Jesus and Mary. The "Our Father" is a prayer taught by Jesus Himself. The "Hail Mary" is also rooted in the Scriptures. Its first half echoes the words of the Archangel Gabriel and those of Elizabeth, both addressed

to Mary. The rest of our petition, "*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death*" is added by the Church, seeking Mary's intercession for all of us. The third prayer — the "Glory be to the Father...." — ancient in its wording, surely reflects the unceasing prayer of adoration and praise found in the Book of Revelation. The various events in the lives of Jesus and Mary on which we meditate during the Rosary are expressions of the Paschal Mystery, that is, the Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension of Jesus to Heaven and Decent of the Holy Spirit, in which Mary shared.

An additional boost to the Rosary devotion was given in 1917, when our Blessed Mother, in her sixth apparition to the three shepherd children, on the thirteenth of May, asked them to, "*Say the Rosary every day... Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners... I am Our Lady of the Rosary.*" The "**Fatima prayer**" ("*O my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need of Your mercy*"), requested by Mary herself at Fatima (July 13, 1917), was added following the "Glory be..." after the 1930 acceptance by the Bishop of the apparitions as genuine. Pope St. John Paul II enriched the Rosary by adding the "Luminous Mysteries