

**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.

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS** We will try to have Mass at midday on the First Saturdays of the month at 12.00, along with the Rosary and the Fatima devotions.

**I'M VERY WELL, THANK YOU.**

There's nothing the matter with me.  
I'm as healthy as I can be,  
I have arthritis in both of my knees,  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.  
Arch supports I have for my feet  
Or I just couldn't be out in the street.  
Sleep is denied me night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm alright.  
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.  
How do I know that my youth is all spent?  
Well, my 'get up and go' has got up and went.  
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,  
Of all the grand places my "got up" has bin.

Old age is golden I've heard it said,  
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,  
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
My specs on a table until I get up.  
When I was young my slippers were red,  
I could kick my heels right over my head,  
When I was older my slippers were blue,  
But I could still dance the whole night through.  
Now I am old my slippers are black,  
I walk to the shop and puff my way back.  
I get up each morning and dust off my wits,  
And pick up the paper to read the obits,  
If my name is missing I know I'm not dead;  
And so I have breakfast and go back to bed.

**King David and King Solomon led merry merry lives,  
With many, many lady friends, and many many wives;  
But when old age crept over them — with many, many qualms! —  
King Solomon wrote the Proverbs and King David wrote the Psalms.**

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# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**



**Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the**

**tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next, he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' Matthew 21:33-43**

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup>  
12.00  
16.15 -16.45  
17.00**

**Our Lady of the Rosary (First Saturday)  
Mass Rosary & Fatima Prayers after Mass  
Confessions  
Vigil Mass – Elizabeth Rostron (LD)**

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>  
10.00**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.137)  
Mass – Parishioners**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>  
09.00**

**St Denis and Companions, Martyrs. St John Leonardi  
No Mass**

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>  
12.00**

**St Paulinus of York  
Mass – Kathleen Boland (LD)**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**09.00** St John XXIII, Pope  
**Mass – Ann (A) and Eric (A) Smith**

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00** St Wilfrid, Bishop  
*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00** **St Edward the Confessor, King**  
**Mass – Mgr Leo Alston RIP**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*16.15 -16.45* St Calixtus I, Pope  
*Confessions*  
**17.00** **Vigil Mass – Jean Jones (LD)**

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.00** **TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.140)  
**Mass – Deacon Norman J. Arrowsmith - birthday**

**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:** Ann and Eric Smith,

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our Deacon Norman. It is a special birthday and Holy Mass is offered today for Deacon Norman and his wife Margaret. Ad multos annos.

**PIOUS LISTS** are now available in a box in the sacristy. Please complete the names on the papers provided and put your list and donation into the envelope. Please deliver to the parish office or put in the weekend collections. Please **write clearly** as this will be read out at All Souls' Day Mass. A Mass for all those listed will be offered every day during November. **Dcn Norman** will be making his annual visit to Chorley Cemetery to pray for your loved ones. Meeting time is 13.30 at the cemetery gates on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

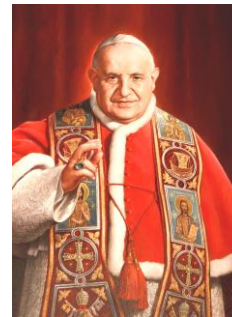
**ANNUAL QUARANT'ORE** takes place on **1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex. You may want to make a donation for a candle or for flowers in memory of a loved one. **There will be a 'Watching List' near the time.** On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 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:** The scaffolding is coming down on Monday morning after Mass. It will be dusty for a while and an outside cleaning team is coming in to deep clean the church. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Thank you to St Joseph for looking after the church while the works were being done. Deo Gratias.

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT:** Please continue to count for the next two weekends: 07/08, 14/15 October. The recording sheet is in the sacristy on the vestment press.

**HARVEST MASS:** Well done to all the Junior children who attended the Harvest Mass in school. Thank you to the grandparents who come to support their grandchildren. You were very much appreciated by the children. The boys and girls answered several questions about the preservation of Plant Earth, farming and having allotments, and their answers were very impressive. The children sang beautifully and read well. The **next school Mass** will be on 1<sup>st</sup> November – Solemnity of All Saints – at 09.00 and the celebrant will be Bishop Thomas Neylon of Liverpool. This is a holy day of obligation and I invite family members to support their children in the school Mass.

**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.**



**ST JOHN XXIII:** "Good Pope John" - original name **Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli**, born November 25, 1881, Sotto il Monte, Bergamo, Italy—died June 3, 1963, Rome. Beatified September 3, 2000 and canonized April 27, 2014; Pope 1958–63, who inaugurated a new era in the history of the Roman Catholic Church by his wish to bring up to date (*aggiornamento*) the presentation of the ancient Faith. He convoked the Second Vatican Council and wrote several important social encyclicals, notably *Pacem in Terris*.

He gradually became a kind of father figure for the world. Many people were won over by his gentleness and smile, his compassion and love for Our Lord. When he died in 1963, it was generally recognized that he had become one of the best-loved men in the world. He once told a non-believing diplomat, "I know you are an atheist, but won't you accept an old man's blessing?" When a poorly dressed woman reached up to touch him as he was being carried through St. Peter's, he stopped to clasp her hand. "There is no reason why you shouldn't get as close as the King of Jordan did."

**ST WILFRID OF YORK AND RIPON:** (c. 633 – 709) Born a Northumbrian noble, he entered religious life as a teenager and studied at Lindisfarne, at Canterbury, in Francia, and at Rome; He returned to Northumbria c.660, as abbot of a newly founded monastery at Ripon. In 664 he acted as spokesman for the Roman position at the Synod of Whitby, advocating that the Roman customs be adopted for calculating the date of Easter, monks' tonsure etc. Appointed Bishop of Northumbria, he chose to be consecrated in Gaul because of the lack of what he considered to be validly consecrated bishops in England at that time. St Theodore of Canterbury later subdivided Wilfrid's vast diocese leaving him only Ripon. Wilfrid also evangelised in West Sussex and in the Midlands.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** As the nights draw in and it becomes darker quickly, let the Lord's Light shine from your heart towards others by word or deed. A little prayer goes a long way and God hears every word – spoken and unspoken. A kind gesture is worth its weight in gold to the recipient.