

**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.

**RECENT WORKS IN THE CHURCH:** As you can see the works are now completed and the baptismal area, centenary wall and the Lady Altar and walls are now looking much better, and all the mold areas have been treated and decorated. The cost including the scaffolding was £14,000. The cleaning costs for a deep clean after the completion of the works are £1,200. We would greatly appreciate any donations towards these costs. If you can, please use the Gift Aid envelopes when making donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### **LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024**

Applications are now open for young people to travel to Lourdes as part of the annual Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage. Next year's pilgrimage runs from 18<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and is open to young people aged between 15 (or in Year 10) and 22. Coach 5 covers the Lancashire area of the Archdiocese and takes young people from the schools and colleges of: All Hallows, Penwortham, St. Mary's, Leyland, Holy Cross, Chorley, St. Peter's, Orrell, St. John Rigby Sixth Form, Orrell, Cardinal Newman Sixth Form, Preston Applications are made on line at [www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk](http://www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk). Please contact Ben McMullen, Coach Leader, at [lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

**MOZART REQUIEM - Saturday 21 October 7:30pm** The choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral is joined by the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra to present a programme of music by Beethoven and Mozart. Mozart's sublime Requiem will be preceded by his Overture to the Magic Flute and Beethoven's 1st Symphony. The combined forces will be directed by Maria Barbosa Aristizabal, and special guest conductor Tucker Biddlecombe from Nashville, Tennessee. Tickets (£15/10 concessions) [www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral)

**ARE YOU CURRENTLY IN LOWER SIXTH/YEAR 12/S5?** Are you considering a public-facing career? Do you want to help build a Christian society? The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, interpersonal skills, team building and socials in a tightly knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available as needed. More information and applications via our website [www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com),

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# **St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley**

## **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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



**Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to**

**call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding."**

**But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.**

**When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.' Matthew 22:1-14**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>**  
16.15 -16.45 *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

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**09.00** *St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque*  
**Mass** – Peter Higgins (A)

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00** *St Ignatius of Antioch*  
**Mass** – Jane Banks (A)

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**09.00** **St Luke, Evangelist**  
**Mass** – Kevin Bailey RIP

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**12.00** *St Frideswide of Oxford, St Philip Howard*  
*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.00** **Mass** – George (A) and Margaret Bury  
**12.00** **Wedding Service** – Daniel Lane and Lauren Godfrey

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>**  
16.15 -6.45 *Confessions*  
**17.00** **Vigil Mass** – Marie McClelland (A)

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10.00** **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.143)  
**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:** Fr Eddie O'Toole, Peter Higgins, Jane Banks, George Bury, Marie McClelland

**READERS:** **Sat: 14<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Richard Gillett **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Dr Jane Eccles  
**Sat: 21<sup>st</sup> 17.00** Gillian Sharples **Sun: 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00** John Riley

**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, perhaps a thanksgiving or a special anniversary. **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.

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT:** Please continue to count for this final counting weekend. 14/15 October. The recording sheet is in the sacristy on the vestment press.

**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.**

**ISRAEL AND GAZA:** We pray for peace in this sudden outburst of violence that has fallen upon the land of Israel. We pray for the dead, the kidnapped, the injured and their families. A new war in the sad times that we live in. However, let us not forget what is happening in Ukraine and the invasion of their lands. War and conflict will only lead to the following: death, tears and destruction. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us all.



7/10/2023

Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem

### Statement

The cycle of violence that has killed numerous Palestinians and Israelis in the past months has exploded this morning, Saturday, October 7, 2023.

We witnessed to a sudden explosion of violence that is very concerning due to its extension and intensity. The operation launched from Gaza and the reaction of the Israeli Army are bringing us back to the worst periods of our recent history. The too many casualties and tragedies, which both Palestinians and Israeli families have to deal with, will create more hatred and division, and will destroy more and more any perspective of stability.

We call on the international community, the religious leaders in the region and in the world, to make every effort in helping to de-escalate the situation, restore calm and work to guarantee the fundamental rights of people in the region.

Unilateral declarations surrounding the status of religious sites and places of worship rattle religious sentiment and fuel even more hatred and extremism. It is therefore important to preserve the Status Quo in all the Holy Places in the Holy Land and in Jerusalem in particular.

The continuing bloodshed and declarations of war remind us once again of the urgent need to find a lasting and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian - Israeli conflict in this land, which is called to be a land of justice, peace and reconciliation among peoples.

We ask God to inspire world leaders in their intervention for the implementation of peace and concord so that Jerusalem may be a house of prayer for all peoples.