

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 18th - 27th 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. Please contact Ben McMullen, Coach Leader, at lourdescoach5@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

CHORLEY WRITERS present An Evening of Chorley Charm and Whimsical Words at St Mary's Parish Centre at 7.30 on Friday November 3rd. Former Chorley GP Dr Clive Barker headlines the evening alongside Chorley author, Linda Sherlock who will present extracts from her best seller book as well as many other favourites. Tickets £5 from the venue, on the night or by emailing Mail@ChorleyWriters.org.uk. Proceeds in aid of Derian House and The Alzheimer's Society.

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,

JUMBLE SALE NOTICE: from Mary Jakulis. We are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 28th October at 2 pm in St Mary's Parish Centre, in aid of Mary's Meals and CAFOD. As well as a Jumble there will be books and homemade refreshments.

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Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

22nd OCTOBER 2023

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.' *Matthew 22:15-21*



Sat 21st

16.15 -6.45

17.00

Sun 22nd

10.00

Mon 23rd

09.00

Tues 24th

12.00

Wed 25th

09.00

Thurs 26th

12.00

Fri 27th

12.00

Sat 28th

16.15 -16.45

17.00

Confessions

Vigil Mass – Marie McClelland (A)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.143)

Mass – Parishioners

St John of Capistrano St Ethelfleda (Æthelflæd) of Romsey (960)

No Mass

St Antony Mary Claret

Mass – Christine and Michael Corcoran RIP

Mass – Jenny Cree (Sp. Int)

St Chad and St Cedd

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Funeral Mass – Elizabeth Pennington

Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

Confessions

Vigil Mass – Elizabeth Jane Firth (A)



Sun 29th
10.00

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p.146)
Mass – Samuel Round (birthday remembrance)

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, Pat Clarke, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Elizabeth Pennington** (87) who died on 18th October in Royal Preston Hospital. Requiem Mass on Friday 27th October followed by burial at St Gregory's Church Yard, Chorley. **John Harlow (75)** who died at home on 18th October. Funeral Service will be on Friday 3rd November at 13.30 followed by burial in Chorley Cemetery. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord....

READERS: **Sat: 21st 17.00 Sun: 22nd 10.00** John Riley
Sat: 28th 17.00 Andrew Jenner. **Sun: 29th 10.00** Tracy O'Neill

ANNIVERSARIES: Audrey (Lamb) Smith, Ellen Langton, Winifred Hanley, Miles Smith

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel Joseph Lane and Lauren Emily Godfrey who were married here on Friday 20th October. God bless you both.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: The Solemnity of All Saints is on Wednesday 1st November. There will be a Vigil Mass on Tuesday evening at 19.30. The school will be attending at 09.00 on Wednesday and the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas Neylon. Parents/Grandparents and families are warmly invited to attend the school Mass with their children.

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 2nd November.

ANNUAL QUARANT'ORE takes place on **1st-2nd 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 6th 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.

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

HALF TERM: the children and staff are looking forward to a good break for half term. We wish Mr Smyth, his staff, children and families a very happy half term.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: When we receive Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please will you consume immediately, before moving away from the Priest or Minister. The correct way to receive in the hand is by making a throne for Jesus, with your left hand **flat** over your right (if you are right-handed, otherwise vice versa). Putting two hands side by side is confusing for the minister, because s/he won't know in which hand to place the Sacred Host, plus there is a worry of the Lord falling through the gap between your two hands. Thank you.

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS who are bringing their children to Holy Mass. It is truly good to see youngsters at Mass. You are giving your child the vital opportunity to form a relationship with God and to understand why Mass is so important in the Catholic Faith.

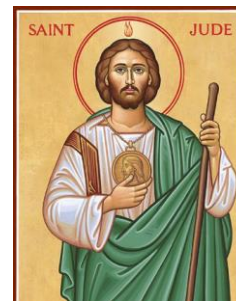
TRAGIC TIMES IN THE HOLY LAND: Please keep praying for peace in the Holy land, asking for God's Mercy for everyone. The conflict that we are seeing is very dangerous for the whole world. We need God to calm things down and restore some kind of tolerance between the nations. Lord have mercy....

CHRISTMAS CARDS: are now available in the meeting room, next to the parish office. They are lovely and have come from St Rita's Convent, Honiton in Devon. There are also some very nice Advent calendars.

"RENDER UNTO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S AND UNTO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD" is a well-known quotation from Matthew 22:21 and is part of Jesus' response to a joint attempt by the Herodians and Pharisees to make him stumble publicly.

Caesar minted coins, as he had a right to do, and he demanded some coins in return, taxes, as was his right. After all, his image was stamped on what he had made. God has "minted" the human soul, and He has stamped His image on every one of us (Genesis 1:27). The lesson is then to give Caesar his due—the temporary taxes and civic duties—but make sure to give God His due: "Offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness" (Romans 6:13).

Christianity sees the Church and the State as two separate authorities, the Church spiritual, and the rulers of this world, temporal. The State has its own sphere of influence and control, organizing life towards the common good, but must respect the spiritual sphere and fundamental human rights. No political leader has the right to claim absolute, unconditional allegiance from the people, because they are ultimately God's creatures, not his. Terrible evils have arisen where totalitarian leaders take over a country. Certain religions try to build a theocracy, where the clerics rule every detail of everyday life as well, as we see in Iran and Saudi-Arabia.



MOST HOLY APOSTLE, SAINT JUDE THADDEUS, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Help me know that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me: consolation in my sorrow, courage in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Ask our loving Lord to fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in God's healing powers. Thank you, Saint Jude Thaddeus, for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe and inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has been given to me.
Saint Jude, *Apostle of Hope*. Pray for us!