

St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

24th SEPTEMBER 2023

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.**

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?. ALPHA meets at **19.00** at **St Bede's Parish Centre in Clayton Green** every Thursday for nine more weeks. Please pass on this information to others who 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

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

SCAFFOLDING WILL BE GOING UP around Our Lady's altar and in the north transept for three weeks from Monday 25th September for some repainting work and to combat mould. Access to these areas will be restricted during the work.

WELL DONE to the Junior children who came to Mass on Wednesday and the very good answers they gave to Fr Marsden about God, science and the planets. It was a bit of a rush to get back to school without getting wet! The next school Mass will be on 2nd October at 14.00 in school, for the Harvest Mass. **Parents/grandparents, if you have time to come to a school Mass, you are most welcome. Please support your child on his/her Faith journey. Thank you.**

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Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So, they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same.

Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too."

In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said, "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat."

He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first, last.' Matthew 20:1-16

Sat 23rd
16.15 - 16.45
17.00

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Confessions
Vigil Mass – Christine & Michael Corcoran RIP

Sun 24th
10.00 **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.131)
Mass – Parishioners (*with address from an SVP speaker at both Sunday Masses*)

Mon 25th
09.00 **Mass** – Anna Doherty (A)

Tues 26th
12.00 **Ss Cosmas and Damian**
18.00 **Mass** – Thomas Gunn (A)
Year 4 Parents' Meeting in school for First Holy Communions

Wed 27th
09.00 **St Vincent de Paul**
No Mass -

Thurs 28th
12.00 **St Wenceslas**
Mass – Fr Barry McAllister (sick)

Fri 29th
12.00 **Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
Mass – Mary, Jim, and David Roden RIP

Sat 30th
16.15 -16.45 **St Jerome**
17.00 **Confessions**
Vigil Mass – Catherine McCarrick – birthday remembrance

Sun 1st Oct
10.00 **TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (p.134)
11.00 **Mass** – Michael Carter RIP
Baptism – Tobias Keighley-Richmond

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.

LATELY DECEASED: **Frank Fitzpatrick** (96) who died at home on 21st September. Funeral details to follow. God rest his soul.

ANNIVERSARIES: Dorothy Mary Ridgway, Anna Doherty, Thomas Gunn, Mgr Leo Alston, Bishop Thomas Holland.

READERS: **Sat. 23rd 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun. 24th 10.00** Tracy O'Neill
Sat: 30th 17.00 Richard Gillett **Sun. 1st Oct 10.00** John Riley

CONGRATULATIONS: Oliver James Campbell and Frances Maria Guest who were married here during this Saturday.

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.

ONE YEAR AGO we had the privilege of hosting St Bernadette's relics. Many of you will remember the crowds of people who came to pray for St Bernadette's intercession. Please remember the sick and suffering of our parish and beyond, in your prayers. Morocco and Libya are suffering immensely, and tragedies have struck in many other countries. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. Last Wednesday morning at 06.25

three Russian missiles hit Bishop Hryhoriy's city of Drohobych, destroying a factory and a couple of warehouses. No casualties have been reported.

TREE TRIMMING: Next week, for three days, we have tree surgeon Will and his team trimming the trees on the parish premises. Please do not park your car near the machinery that will be on site. We need to do this to prepare for winter and the possible storms that could affect the safety of all the trees on parish property.

ANNUAL QUARANT'ORE takes place on 1st - 2nd November. After the weekend that follows, 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.

VISIT OF RELICS OF SCOTTISH SAINTS St Andrew, St Margaret and St Columba at St Mary's, Browndge Lane, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6SP. from Friday 22nd – 24th September. Please see the itinerary.

ON HUMAN WORK: Pope St John Paul II, Karol Wojtyła When the Nazis invaded Poland in September 1939, Karol Jozef Wojtyła (aged 19) and his father fled Wadowice, their home town near Kraków, but soon returned, having learnt that the Russians too, allied with the Nazis, had invaded Poland from the east. In Kraków the University was shut down. For the next four years, avoiding arrest and deportation, Karol Wojtyła worked in a stone quarry, then in the Solvay chemical factory. Wojtyła was the first pope to have been a manual labourer since St Pontian died in the salt mines of Sardinia in 235 AD.

After becoming Pope in 1978, he published his Encyclical *Laborem Exercens* (On Human Work) in 1981. He set forth the following basic priorities for discussing work and labour issues:

- Labour takes precedence over capital.
- People are more important than things.
- Human work and rest are a sharing in the activity of God, the Creator.
- Work is following in the footsteps of Jesus, a carpenter, and the Apostle Paul, a tentmaker. Many other examples of various occupations are given in the Old and New Testaments.
- "By enduring the toil of work in union with Christ crucified for us, man in a way collaborates with the Son of God for the redemption of humanity."

John Paul also predicted that the increased use of technology, especially information technology, would bring changes comparable to the industrial revolution of the previous century. Some resources, particularly oil, were becoming scarce. The need to protect the environment was becoming apparent. **Forty years ago!**



National Relic Tour 2023:

The Knights of St Columba are promoting a tour Britain for some relics of three saints with strong Scottish connections: St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret. They will be visiting St Mary's Browndge from Friday 22nd Sept to Sunday 24th Sept.

Programme of events:

Friday 22nd Sept 12 noon: arrival of the relics

Friday 12 - 5.30pm: Opportunity to visit for prayer and veneration of the relics.

Friday 6pm: Holy Mass in thanksgiving for the saints

Saturday 23rd Sept 9.30am: Holy Mass

Saturday 10-12 noon: Opportunity to visit for prayer and veneration of the relics.

Saturday 3.30 - 6.30pm: Opportunity to visit for prayer and veneration of the relics.

Saturday 7pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday 24th Sept 9.30am: Sunday Mass

Sunday 10.30-6pm: Opportunity to visit for prayer and veneration of the relics.

Sunday 6.30pm: Sunday Mass followed by the departure of the relics.