MARY'S MEALS – CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS

Our Lady Help of Christians, St Helens, are hosting a festive wreath-making workshop in their church hall on Saturday **28th November**, to help raise money for Mary's Meals, bringing hope and daily meals to children around the world. There are two sessions available on the day: **10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm**. The session, which includes tutor, all necessary material, and refreshments, costs £35 per person. Please bring your own scissors, secateurs, and/or apron if you wish. Tickets can be purchased by calling 0800 698 1212.

PIOUS LISTS

The traditional celebration of Masses for the deceased throughout the month of November will take place in both churches when there are no requiems. If you wish to have loved ones remembered during these Masses, please fill in and return your pious list as soon as possible. Lists and envelopes are available at the back of church.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Holy Cross have two vacant posts for foundation governors, if you are interested in the role or if you would like further information, please contact: Mrs Beth Palmer, PA to Headteacher, Holy Cross Catholic High School, Myles Standish Way, Chorley PR7 3LS Tel: 01257 262093

CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND.

A presentation by Edmund Adamus from Friends of the Holy Land on Saturday 21st November at 4pm in St Mary's Social Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. PR7 6JW. Parking available at the Social Centre Car Park or across the road on the Anglican Car Park, opposite Papa Luigi's. An organisation supporting beleaguered Christians in the Middle East. All welcome to come and learn more about our Christian brothers and sisters in the land that Jesus walked.

https://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/

CHILDREN'S CORNER





THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Chorley

Sunday 15th November 2026– 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year A, P.433 (Blue) P.703 (Red)

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w/c 8th Nov

Gift Aid: **£73.90**
Loose Plate: £**294.99**
Standing Orders: **£347.54**

Sincere thanks for your kind and generous donations.

REFLECTION

Today's readings remind us to be responsible, use our gifts, stay prepared, and live a life with purpose. The first reading is not just about marriage, it speaks of the importance of living with purpose and responsibility. Real value comes from actions and character. Being hardworking, generous, and faithful is more important than wealth or status. Strength, kindness, and faithfulness make a lasting impact. Whether married or not, everyone can learn from this example. It encourages people to be responsible, care for others, and live with integrity. Today's Gospel tells the story of three servants who receive different amounts of money from their master. Two of them invest and increase what they were given. The third hides his money out of fear and does nothing with it. When the master returns, he rewards the first two and punishes the one who was afraid to act. This parable is about using the gifts and opportunities that God gives. Some people may have more than others, but what matters is how they use what they have. The two servants take risks, work hard, and grow their gifts. The third one lets fear stop him, and in the end, he loses everything. Fear can keep people from moving forward, it can make them afraid to try new things or take on responsibilities, but playing it safe and doing nothing is not the answer. The master in the parable does not expect his servants to be perfect, he expects them to try. Life is not about hiding talents or avoiding responsibility, it is about using what is given to make a difference. God calls everyone to be active, to grow, and to give back. The servant who buried his money was not ready when the master returned. In the same way, people who do not use their time and talents well may find themselves unprepared when it matters most. We are encouraged to stay awake and alert. This means living with purpose, making good choices, and being faithful in daily life. No one knows what the future holds, but being ready means always trying to do what is right. The Gospel challenges us to reflect on our choices. Are we using our talents well? Are we preparing our hearts for God? These reflections encourage a deeper look at responsibility, trust, and faith. Living wisely and faithfully brings lasting rewards.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Susan Yates - John Roscoe - Sharon Hamill - Gladys Goulding - Theresa Abernethy
Irene Griffiths—Brian Taylor - Jackie Catterall - Marion McFarlane - Bernard Foley

Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially Con Doherty, Rita Howells, Gaynor Hilliard, Frank Griffiths, William 'Billy' Lee and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday 22nd November for a celebration of Mass for and with the young people from across Chorley at St Gregory's at 6.30pm

LIVE SIMPLY

Children's liturgy are inviting children to a bulb (tulip) planting session, on Sunday November 22nd, after the 9.30am Mass. Children will be able to take the potted bulbs home and watch them grow over the winter months.

RED BOX APPEAL

Next weekend we will welcome Fr Vincent Oats to give a Red Box Appeal. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give a Direct Debit. Thankyou.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a Treasure Hunt after morning Mass today for the children who have registered for First Holy Communion.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome in Baptism at St Oswald's
Albie Matt Tommy Glover
Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they start out on their faith journey.

DONATE

As well as the card reader, you can donate one-off donations by using the QR code on the front of the newsletter

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

" Because I live, you also will live."

John 14:19

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

All of the Masses in November will also be offered for the intentions of those on the Pious List.

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
SUN 15 Nov	9:30am 6:30pm	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Gerald Thompson (A) Cora Bernadette Holt (A) Martha & Edwin Grundy & the Kershaw Family (F)	ST GREGORY'S World Day of the Poor
SUN 15 Nov	11:00am	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S World Day of the Poor
Mon 16 Nov	10:00am	St Edmund of Abingdon	Dorothy Fairclough Con Doherty	
Tues 17 Nov	9:15am	St Hilda St Hugh of Lincoln St Elizabeth of Hungary	Nicholas Eastham (BR)	DEVOTIONS 1.00pm-2.00pm
Wed 18 Nov	6:30pm	The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul	ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE	EXPOSITION 4.00pm-5.00pm
Thur 19 Nov	6:30pm		ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE	DEVOTIONS 1.00pm-2.00pm
Fri 20 Nov	8.30am 9.30am	REQUIEM MASS	EUCHARISTIC SERVICE RITA HOWELLS	
Sat 21 Nov	10:00am	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Margaret Berry (BR) Special Intention	
SUN 22 Nov	9:30am 6:30pm	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Harold Slater (A) Eileen Gallagher Youth of the Parish Emily Moss (A)	ST GREGORY'S YOUTH SUNDAY Youth Mass
SUN 22 Nov	11:00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHIRST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Adrian Hart (BR) Ernest Farrimond (BR)	ST OSWALD'S YOUTH SUNDAY