A CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH CHORLEY SILVER BAND

The Family of Parishes of Sacred Heart, St Joseph's Anderton & St Mary's Chorley present **'A Christmas Concert with Chorley Silver Band** on **Saturday 5th December at Sacred Heart, Brooke Street, Chorley.** Tickets cost £2 and are available from all of the three churches, or pay on the door. Doors open at 1pm with the performance commencing at 2pm. There will also be a tombola, raffle and refreshment stall.

NUGENT LIGHT UP A LIFE

A remembrance service will be held at St Mary's Church Leyland on **Wednesday 25th November** starting at **6pm**, the service offers a moment of reflection, remembrance and hope leading into Advent and the Christmas season. Light refreshments will be available.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Led by Holy Cross Choir on **Tuesday 1st December, 6.00-7.00pm** at St Mary's Chorley. Light refreshments will be available.

CAFOD - ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR

The CAFOD Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection offers an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Sign up to receive daily reflections at https://cafod.ork.uk/pray/advent-calendar

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

There will be a performance of Handel's Messiah at Spendmore Lane Methodist Church, Coppull on Sunday 29th November, Part 1 - 2..30pm, Parts 2&3 6.00pm. A buffet tea will be provided between performances. All are welcome.

CAKE SUNDAY

Cake Sunday is on next Sunday after morning Mass at St Gregory's.

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Matthew 21:22

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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GLORY ANGELS THRONE
SHEPHERD HERITAGE HUNGRY
FOOD STRANGER CURSE
FIRE DEVIL VIRTUOUS





THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Chorley

Sunday 22nd November 2026– Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, P. 437(Blue) P.707 (Red)

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WEEKLY COLLECTION
w/c 15th November

Gift Aid: **£93.20**
Loose Plate: £**294.31**
Standing Orders: **£347.54**

Sincere thanks for your kind and generous donations. **The Special Collection today will be for Animate Youth.**

REFLECTION

This Sunday marks the end of our current liturgical year. Before we begin the Season of Advent and our preparations for Christmas, we are asked to reflect upon Christ our King. When Jesus was asked by Pilate if he was a king, Jesus said that he was a king. But, what sort of a king was Jesus? He was born in a small, poor and unimportant village to parents who were not famous, powerful or wealthy. His first visitors were the poorest of people - humble shepherds. He didn't eat or associate with rich or powerful people; he never led an army into battle and he never wrote a great novel, but he did ask people to take up their cross and follow him. He didn't surround himself with politicians, soldiers or bankers but sat and ate with people who were usually despised, ignored and rejected - he reached out to those who others saw as worthless and as sinners. He didn't live in a castle surrounded by maids or servants but spent his time with the poor, the sick, the broken and those who were in need of love, healing and compassion. He didn't have any riches or wealth that the world thought much of, but he did share his greatest possession with each of us - God's love. The shepherd that is described in the first reading is the king we are not only asked to follow, but whose life and example we are asked to live by. This shepherd looks for the lost, bandages the wounded and makes the weak strong - and just as he looks after and cares for each of us, so we in turn are asked to care for each other. Where do we look for and find Jesus today? Jesus is to be found in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the poor, the rejected and those in prison. Today, we are all called to turn our attention to each other if we are to find Jesus. This gospel and great feast asks us to draw on the presence of Christ who dwells within us so that we can reach out to Christ in others, especially those who are poor or in any kind of need. We know what Jesus expects of us as his disciples. Let us then love all others just as he has taught us to do by his own example. On this Feast of Christ our King, let us reach out to those in need of help and support - remember, whatever we do to and for each other, we do to and for Jesus.

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 Veronica Kendall, Gaynor Hilliard, Frank Griffiths, William 'Billy' Lee, Andrew Cannings, Margaret Porter 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

Today is **National Youth Sunday**, join us for a celebration of Mass for and with the young people from across Chorley at **St Gregory's this evening at 6.30pm.**

LIVE SIMPLY

Today, after the 9.30am Mass, the children's liturgy are inviting children to a bulb (tulip) planting session. Children will be able to take the potted bulbs home and watch them grow over the winter months. The recent jumble sale at St Mary's Parish Centre, Chorley raised £480.54 for CAFOD.

RED BOX APPEAL

Unfortunately, Fr Vincent Oates has had a fall, so is unable to give his appeal this weekend, a new date will be re-arranged. Please keep Fr Oates in your prayers.

ADVENT S.V.P. SOCIAL -TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

Holy Cross would like to invite all senior parishioners to join them for a social afternoon of Music, Bingo and refreshments including a raffle. The school choir will be performing a selection of Christmas Carols. The event starts at 1.30pm. If you would like to attend, there is a sign up sheet in the church porch.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Are you able to help? We are in need of **church cleaners & counters**. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please see Fr Graeme.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Love your neighbour this Christmas. Share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD world gift - from safe water to school meals. A meaningful way to bless loved ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. **Collect a catalogue** from the back of Church or call **0300 777 0030**

DONATE

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

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 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 CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**	Adrian Hart (BR) Ernest Farrimond (BR)	**ST OSWALD'S** **YOUTH SUNDAY**
Mon 23 Nov	10:00am		NO MASS	
Tues 24 Nov	9:15am **1:30pm**	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions **REQUIEM MASS**	Special Intention Frank Griffiths	**DEVOTIONS** **1.00pm-2.00pm**
Wed 25 Nov	**8:30am**	**St Catherine of Alexandria**	In thanksgiving for successful treatment (P&ES)	**EXPOSITION** **4.00pm-5.00pm**
Thur 26 Nov	9:15am		**Private Intention**	**DEVOTIONS** **1.00pm-2.00pm**
Fri 27 Nov	8:30am		**EUCHARISTIC SERVICE**	
Sat 28 Nov	**10:00am**	St Catherine Laboure	In thanksgiving Margaret Porter (LD)	
SUN 29 Nov	**9:30am** **6:30pm**	**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	Denys Gillett Andrew Cannings (LD) People of the Parish Dorothy Fairclough	**ST GREGORY'S**
SUN 29 Nov	**11:00am**	**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	Alan Platt (A)	**ST OSWALD'S**