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.

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 - 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.

CATHEDRAL PUBLIC CONSULATATION EVENTS

All parishioners are invited to public consultation events at the Metropolitan Cathedral to have their say on plans for a new welcome centre. They will take place in the Cathedral's Gibberd Room on: Wed 2 Dec, 4pm-7pm & Sun 6 Dec, 12pm- 3pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to view and comment on proposals for a new welcome centre, which would include a café, retail space, conference facilities and other amenities. The development aims to enhance the experience of the thousands of people who visit the cathedral each year.

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w/c 22nd November

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Loose Plate: £**341.95**
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Sincere thanks for your kind and generous donations.

REFLECTION

Today we begin the great season of Advent, a time of preparation for the birth of Christ and the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. In today's gospel, Jesus tells his followers to be watchful because no one knows when the time will come. This call to vigilance reminds us to live each day with purpose. We don't know when we will meet Christ, so we must be ready at all times. To be watchful means being aware of God's presence in our daily lives. It means paying attention to how we live, how we treat others, and how we spend our time. This alertness helps us stay focused on our faith, avoiding distractions that pull us away from God. Advent calls us to stay awake not out of fear, but out of love and hope. We wait for Jesus because we love him and want to be ready to welcome him, our waiting is active, filled with prayer, good works, and a commitment to follow his teachings. Advent is a season of hope and anticipation, urging us to get ready for Jesus. This preparation is not just about outward actions but about our hearts and souls. We prepare by turning away from sin and seeking God's mercy. Confession, prayer, and acts of kindness help us cleanse our hearts. Just as we clean and decorate our homes for Christmas, we must also prepare our inner selves to receive Christ. We do not know when he will come, but we believe in his promise to return. This hope should inspire us to live each day with purpose and faithfulness. By preparing our hearts, we make room for Christ to enter our lives more fully. Advent reminds us to trust that God is always working, even when we cannot see it. Waiting is not easy, but it is an important part of faith, it teaches us patience and helps us grow in trust. During Advent, we are called to wait with hope, believing that God's plan is good and his promises are true. This season also invites us to surrender our own plans and desires. It is a time to align our will with God's will. By trusting in his timing, we find peace and the strength to face life's challenges with faith. Advent encourages us to slow down and reflect on what truly matters. Are we impatient with God's timing? Are we willing to wait with faith and hope? By trusting in God, we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus with joy and peace. Advent invites us to live each day with purpose, love, and a readiness to meet our Lord.

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, Andrew Cannings, 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

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 13th December 3:00pm at St Gregory's Weld Bank

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2026

1st Mass of Christmas (Thursday 24th December)

7:00pm with carols from 6:30pm (St Oswald's)

8:00pm with carols from 6:30pm (St Gregory's)

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

9:30am (St Gregory's)

11:00am (St Oswald's)

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.

A KENYAN EVENING

If you'd like to hear more about Fr Martin's Kenyan experience in the summer, he will be giving a talk on the subject on Wednesday, 9th December at 7pm in the parish rooms at St Gregory's. Refreshments will be provided.

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**

ADVENT

Today we begin a new year in the church as we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

SCRIPTURE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13

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 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
Mon 30 Nov	10:00am	St Andrew	Alice, Charles, William & James Turner & Ellen & Anthony Moore (F)	
Tues 1 Dec	11:15am	REQUIEM MASS	Gaynor Hilliard	DEVOTIONS 1.00pm-2.00pm
Wed 2 Dec	8:30am		William Dearden (A) Mark Silcock (LD)	EXPOSITION 4.00pm-5.00pm
Thur 3 Dec	9:15am	St Francis Xavier	Tony Brown (A)	DEVOTIONS 1.00pm-2.00pm
Fri 4 Dec	8:30am	St John Damascene	Agnes Price (BR)	
Sat 5 Dec	10:00am	St John Almond	Henry & Mary Agnes Hunter & Margaret & Thomas Hale (F)	
SUN 6 Dec	9:30am 6:30pm	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	John & Elizabeth Wamough Neville Evans (A) Special Intention	ST GREGORY'S
SUN 6 Dec	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish	ST OSWALD'S