

Prayer for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and Synod 2020

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

As we are fed by you, so now send us out to share what we have received with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church that you are calling us to be:

a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage

and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts

be a source of healing, of new life

and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

As we gather today, let us listen to the invitation from Pope Francis to enter into a closer relationship with Christ. "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord".

Evangelii Gaudium 3

Let us reflect on this challenge from Archbishop Malcolm: Focusing our gaze firmly on Christ is an excellent place to begin our own journey towards Synod 2020. Can we glimpse something of what it might be like to hear and respond to the call of the Lord to look outwards, beyond our own concerns and needs. We need to regain our missionary spirit so that the call to holiness we heard in our baptism is expressed by a change of direction. Baptism has changed us so that as Christians we live no longer for ourselves but for others.

Perhaps we can also begin to see the opportunity that Synod 2020, our 3-year journey of prayer, reflection and action, might bring us to hear and respond to the call of the Lord with open-hearted generosity and creative commitment. It is in this spirit that we can face the future with hope and confidence in Christ who is always close to those who seek to do his will.



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Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time – 9th September 2018

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Sunday (Sat)	6.00pm	Helen Scargill (B)
	8.30am	Parishioners
Int: Mary Neuhaus	10.30am	Bernadine Warren (RIP)
	4.30pm	Paul Barnes (RIP)



Monday	8.30am	Eucharistic Service. Int: Graham Paul Tunstall (RIP)
Tuesday	8.30am	Eucharistic Service. Int: LISCF
Wednesday	8.30am	Eucharistic Service. Int: Roland Cross (B)
Thursday	8.30am	Eucharistic Service. Int: Annie Jackson (B)
Friday	8.30am	Eucharistic Service. Int: Francis & Gertrude Cavanagh
Saturday	9.00am	Eucharistic Service. Int: Bertran & Mary Eliz Kennedy

Sunday next	6.00pm	Parishioners
	8.30am	Kathleen Kelly
Int: Gorman family	10.30am	William Witter (A)
	4.30pm	Johnny Flanagan (A)

NB: No Confessions during September

Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick: Canon Albert Shaw, Bert Smith, Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, Sister Francis, James Desmond Gorman, Teresa Todd, Doreen Moss, Gillian Bolton, Mark Rimmer, Anne Hennessy & Margaret Gaskell. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice & our Nursing Homes. Eucharistic Ministers visit the Wards every Sunday morning with Holy Communion.

Y. Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in Thee.

R. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy holy place.

IMPORTANT – Please contact St Joseph’s Presbytery, if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit.

In an emergency the hospital switchboard will contact the on-call Catholic Priest. Please request this from any member of Staff on the Ward. Residents living at Buckshaw Retirement Village, who require Holy Communion at home please contact Euxton St Mary’s on: ☎ 262655, or email: mail@stmarys-euxton.com

Please include in your Prayers: Those who have **recently died**, Roy Clayton and all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Canon Kevin Mullen, Monsignor Jack Kennedy, William Witter, Johnny Flanagan.

Faith Sharing Group: Meetings take place in the Sacristy of the Church from 7.00pm to 8.15pm every Wednesday. ALL welcome. Tea/coffee provided. This is an ideal opportunity to develop your Faith Journey.

St Joseph’s Parish Centre – Members Notice: For bookings please contact the Parish Centre Manageress: ☎ 275137 or 📠 07932 404447.

E-mail: StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk Website: www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk

Counters Today: J Simmons/T Schofield **Next Sunday:** S & M Craven/C Jenner

Collections: Gift Aid: £712.26 **Loose Plate:** £466.32 **Total:** £1,178.58

2nd Collection THIS Sunday Kiltegan Fathers.

2nd Collection NEXT Sunday Home Mission Sunday

Children’s Liturgy – “Little Church” every Sunday morning at the 10.30am Mass for children up to First Holy Communion age.

“Little Church” TODAY: Catherine and Christine

“Little Church” NEXT week: Anne-Marie, Paula and Danielle

If you would like to help as a volunteer with Children’s Liturgy on a Sunday would you make contact with Father Stanley. Thank you.

Great North Run: Geoff Kenyon is doing the Great North Run this weekend. Once again, he is doing it for Great Ormond Street Hospital, who have looked after his granddaughter since birth, and continue to monitor her progress. Sponsor Forms are at the back of Church!

Eucharistic Services & Mass Intentions: If a Eucharistic Service has been arranged on a certain weekday and a Mass Intention appears next to it, this means Fr Stanley is saying Mass on that day somewhere else and will offer that Intention. This will be the situation during September and regularly after this on a Monday and a Tuesday.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Tom McDonnell who will make an appeal on behalf of the Kiltegan Fathers, St. Patrick’s Missionary Society.

Readers Today: 9th September

6.00pm Martin Craven
8.30am A Nolan/G King/M Redshaw
10.30am J Maynard/S Tierney/G Riley
4.30pm Laura McLoughlin

Next Sunday: 16th September

6.00pm Paul Southworth
8.30am C Jenner/W Gildert/M Eccles
10.30am T Dugdale/R Challoner/A Wetzstein
4.30pm Richard Hunt

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

6.00pm Irene Love
8.30am W Gildert/J Weldon/J Weldon
10.30am K Hart/R Hart/P Hilton
A Titterington
4.30pm Michael Anderton

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Geoff Kenyon
8.30am A King/L Clarkson/R Turner
10.30am R Hart/G Riley/A Christie
Pauline Hilton
4.30pm Christine Farnworth

Back in Time in Music is a night of nostalgia featuring songs from the 60s and 70s as well as Country and Irish with Sean Leonard and Lindsay Marie on Friday September 28th at St. Mary’s Parish Centre. Doors open at 7.30 with a bar until midnight. Tombola and Raffle with many fantastic prizes. Hot Pot or Butter pie. Tickets are only £6 with all proceeds to Rosemere Cancer Foundation. Contact Denis on 07759158744.

The Broughton Catholic Charitable Society is the oldest English Catholic Charity & is dedicated to giving to appropriate needy causes. Membership of the Society also gains significant spiritual benefits for the member. Information leaflets and membership application forms are available in the Church porch. For any further information please contact Chris Jenner, Management Board Member on 01257 278915.

Kerala floods: an SVP appeal. As you’ve probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP’s Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write ‘Kerala appeal’ on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.