**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**.

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**10th August 2025: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Masses and intentions for 10th August – 17th August**

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| Sun 10th August | 11.00a.m. | Parishioners |
| Fri 15th August | 12.00noon | Parishioners | Sun 17th August | 11.00a.m. | Francis Fairbrother R.I.P. |

As usual, refreshments will be available after Mass today, 10th August. All welcome.

**CHORLEY FOOD BANK/UKRAINE COLLECTION**

Please keep your contributions coming. One day there may be a **society where everyone can afford the essentials, and no one needs to use a food bank. Meanwhile, let’s keep doing what we can to support needy people.**

**PARISH GIVING LAST WEEK**

The collection, including standing orders, amounted to **£601.50.** The charity basket contained £86.50.Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT**

As announced recently, our fire drill will take place very soon. Please be aware of our three emergency exits and use the one nearest to you. Please leave quickly (without running) and quietly, leaving belongings behind if they are bulky or difficult to grab quickly. People with walking aids/wheelchairs should leave via the main entrance or the sacristy. Assemble on the tarmac between the church and the presbytery garden. Do not re-enter church unless/until you are told it is safe to do so.

Comments afterwards about any aspect of the drill will be welcomed by any member of the parish council.

**THE CHURCH OF ST CATHERINE LABOURÉ, FARINGTON**

Father Simon Henry sent us this email last week: (extract – full message available on our website)

Last year the parish of St Catherine Labouré at Farington and the parish of St Mary at Euxton were merged to become one parish with two churches. In the months since then we have reflected and held consultations which were used to assist Archbishop John in his decisions for our parish. Through those, it became obvious that we simply do not need and cannot sustain two physical sites for the parish. The result is that the archbishop has signed the decree which will see St Catherine’s Church “taken out of use for public worship” - the formal way of saying that the physical church will close.

Archbishop John will celebrate a final Mass of Thanksgiving and celebration of the life of the church at 7pm on Friday 5th September 2025. Due to the small size of the church, this will need to be a ticketed event to sit in the church, but doors open into our hall to cater for anyone that might arrive. A Reception in a marquee in the grounds will follow.

Please do pray for us through the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and St Catherine to guide us in our new path.

Fr Simon Henry.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Mass in celebration of this great feast, a holyday of obligation will be here at St Agnes at 12.00noon on 15th August.

A Vigil Mass for the feast will be celebrated at Ss Peter & Paul Mawdelsey at 5.00p.m. on 14th August.

A drawing of a ferret

Description automatically generated**THIS WEEKS SAINTS:**

**Sun 10th:** Saint Lawrence 225-258

**Mon 11th:** Saint Clare 1193-1253

**Tue 12th** : Saint Jane Frances de Chantal 1572-1641

**Wed 13th** Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, martyrs **Thur 14th:** St Maximilian Kolbe 1894-1941. Born in Poland as Raymond Kolbe, friar Maximilan had joined the Conventual Franciscans, along with his brother Francis in 1907. Ordained in1918, after earning a doctorate in Rome e taught at Krakow seminary where he founded several organisations and publications devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1941, his monastery was shut down by German authorities and he was arrested. He was martyred by lethal injection after volunteering to die in place of another prisoner and was cremated on the feast of the Assumption.

**Fri 15th: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



**PAPAL POSTSCRIPT**

Reflecting on Our Lady, Pope Francis said:

“She shows us that Heaven is within reach, if we too do not give in to sin, if we praise God in humility and serve others generously. She, our Mother, takes us by the hand, she accompanies us to glory, she invites us to rejoice as we think of heaven.” Reflecting on Our Lady, the Holy Father reminded, "She is the first creature who, with her whole self, body and soul, victoriously crosses the finish line of Heaven."

Pope Francis, August 15th2022