

Diary Events This Week:

SUN 27th Dec: 9.30am: No Children's Liturgy; 1.00pm: Indian Dance Class.
MONDAY: 9.00am: No Pre-School Club*; 3.20pm: No After-School Club*
6.00pm: No Cubs; 6.45pm: No Scouts; 7.45pm: **TUESDAY:** No Seekers & GFF Youth Groups 7.30pm: No Prayer Group: **WEDNESDAY:** 6.30pm: No Irish Dance Class; **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: No Beavers; 7.45pm: No Journey in Faith. **FRIDAY:** **SATURDAY:** 7.30pm; AA Meeting. * *These events each day Mon – Fri. Advance Diary: 2016 Jan: 11th >PPC: 16th> Confirmation (2);*

PARISH PETITION BOOK

near Our Lady's statue. For your intentions which will be prayed for at the Sunday Masses and at other times.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

First Saturday - 10.00am Mass.
Blest medals available,

ABORTION RECOVERY HELPLINE Arch can help: 0845 603 8501- Poster

SAFEGUARDING

Parish Safeguarding Officers are Mike Simpson and Brenda Scales

NEW TO THE PARISH? Or if you have changed: email, phone or address? Please complete the *Details Update Form* available in the porch.

CENACOLO COMMUNITY:

Thank you for your support with gifts

PRESTON FOOD BANK Thanks for last collection- **Next: 16/17 Jan**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help with the youth groups on Tues evening. If you are able to spare a couple of hours each week in term time please see Fr. D. or email frdarren@saintclares.co.uk Age range school years 4-6 & 7-11.

FROM THE PTFA

Used Batteries/ Mobile Phones please place in box in porch. Funds to Bosnia

Churches Together News: 1) *Christian Unity Service:* Jan 18th 2016 7.30pm St Clare's; 2) *Pentecost Songs of Praise* May 15th 2016 3pm Christ Church.

St. Clare's School

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ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



The feast of the Holy Family is well situated in the heart of the Christmas season. The Holy Family of Nazareth is held up to us as an example of family life: each caring for and concerned about the others. This is not a 'pretend family,' they knew hardship and danger but their love and determination got them through. Today is a good day to pray for your family.

LEARNING ABOUT THE FAITH

A Catechesis on our **Christian Faith** will be offered by members of the *Neo Catechumenal Community* as part of our participation in the *Year of Mercy*. It will begin on **Jan 11th – Mondays & Thursdays throughout Jan & Feb**

THE PRIESTS wish to thank you most sincerely for your Christmas greetings, gifts and generous offerings.



The Holy Family

ST. CLARE'S 200 CLUB

Those who wish to join this – which is to raise funds for our new porch – will find information and entry forms in the porch.

Priests: Frs. Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. Deacon: Fred Sanderson.

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MASSES THIS WEEK: 27th Dec. – Mass Book Page 105

Office: Psalter Week 1; Sunday: Cycle C; Proper of Christmas

THE HOLY FAMILY

6.00pm: Sandra Nicklin RIP Vigil

7.00pm: No Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: Walter Igoe RIP

6.00pm: People of the Parish

Monday THE HOLY INNOCENTS

10.00am: Pemberton Family

5.15pm: No Mass in RPH

Tuesday ST THOMAS BECKET

10.00am: George, Clara & Robert Oastler

Wednesday 6th day of the Christmas Octave

10.00am: Mary Gill RIP

7.30pm: No Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Community

Thursday 7th day of the Christmas Octave

10.00am: Billington & Hesketh Families

7.30pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

Friday MARY MOTHER OF GOD

12 noon: Esther Naylor RIP & Brian Hargreaves RIP

5.15pm: No Mass in RPH

Saturday St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

10.00am: Patrick McNeela RIP (Novena Mass)

THE EPIPHANY

6.00pm: Ronald & Mary Airey RIP Vigil

7.00pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: People of the Parish

6.00pm: Thanksgiving

LATELY DEAD:

ANNIVERSARIES: Tom Gill, Sheila Borrill, Jean Andrews

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.
That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

HOSPITAL INFO DESK: Volunteers needed, see notice in porch.

START THE NEW YEAR WELL will Holy Mass 12 noon on New Year's Day. An opportunity to pray for your family, your friends, the parish and your own good intentions.

THIS IS THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

THANK YOU: to all those who organised and attended our Annual Carol Service, and to those who served refreshments.

FOND FAREWELL: To Mr Mark Purcell as he steps down as our Headteacher after many years of service. We thank him for all his great work and wish him well in his new job.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: The Parish SVP Society has closed. The work of visiting the sick & housebound, especially in this Year of Mercy, now has to pass to a new group which we hope to form in the New Year. Volunteers most welcome, please see Fr L.

BAPTISM: the next Course will take place on Mondays 4th, 11th & 18th January. For more information please speak to Fr. Darren.`

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: A list of donor's intentions to be found near our Lady's statue.

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE: Those considering Marriage this year should note that the Preparation Course will begin at the end of March. Please speak to one of the priests

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS: gratefully received for the forthcoming Prize Bingo.

HIRING PARISH HALL: The present parish policy is that this may only be hired by those who regularly worship here and who are registered with the parish.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES: (2016) on sale £3 each.

PARISH MAGAZINE: The latest edition is available in the Church Porch

CALENDARS 2016: available in the porch - £4 each.

IF YOU SHOP ON LINE: visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk search for *St Clare's New Porch Fund*. All major retailers will make donations. So far we have raised £121. Please help us to increase this.

MONASTIC WEEKEND: for 18-30 single men & women. From Jan 29th - 31st 'Becoming the Mercy of God' at the Monastery of Our Lady of Hynning, Carnforth

LAST WEEK: Attended: 430; Collection: £1,055.41; Bosnia: £132.47
Thank you.