

**Diary Events This Week:**

**SUN 8<sup>th</sup> March.** 9.30am: Children’s Liturgy; 10.30am: First Communion (5)

**MONDAY:** 9.00am: Pre-School Club\*; 3.20pm: After-School Club\*

6.00pm: Cubs; 6.45pm: Scouts;

**TUESDAY:** 6.00pm: Seekers & GFF Youth Groups; 7.30pm: Prayer Group

**WEDNESDAY:**

**THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: Beavers; 7.45pm: RCIA

**FRIDAY:** Soup Lunch

**SATURDAY:** 7.30pm: AA Meeting

\* These events each day Mon – Fri.

**Advance Diary: March: 20<sup>th</sup>**>Porch Fund Raising; **23<sup>rd</sup>**>Social Committee;

**April: 11<sup>th</sup>**>Fabric & Finance

**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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES: 2015**

26<sup>th</sup> April; 11<sup>th</sup> Nov:

Tel Barbara Ryan - 01772 717131

**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 of food.

**PRESTON FOOD BANK** Thanks for last time; **Next Coll: 21/22 March**

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

**PRESTON INTERFAITH DIALOGUE:** First Thursdays. See poster.

**LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July See Poster in porch.

**EASTER RETREAT:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April, Savio House, Macclesfield. *‘But our homeland is in heaven, and it is from there we are expecting a Saviour, Jesus Christ.’* Poster in porch

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**ST CLARE’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2015**



Nicodemus is to be found in today’s Gospel; he was the one who came to see Jesus ‘by night,’ because he was embarrassed and fearful of being seen with Jesus. Many today hide away their Christianity. The good news that Jesus imparts to Nicodemus is most encouraging: ‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.’ The sad and shocking part is that Jesus also says that (despite this love) men and women prefer the dark, that is to live apart from God. Lent is a time for turning back

**LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

**Mon. to Fri.** Exposition 7am – 8am with Morning Prayer at 7.45am

**Tues.** Prayer Group 7.30pm.

**Wed.** Liturgy of the Word: 7.30pm

**Fri.** Lent Soup Lunch: 12.30pm.

**Sat.** Exposition: 10.30am – 12 noon

**Sun.** Stations of the Cross: 3pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Afternoon Reflection March 21<sup>st</sup> 2-4pm

**PARISH RACE NIGHT**

**This Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 6.45pm.**

Tickets Adults £2 children free.

Proceeds to help send our young people to Lourdes.

**Readers Afternoon Reflection -**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm:**

Led by

Sister Marv Julian Fkman

**LENT SOUP LUNCHESES:** To raise funds for the Hodovo Project. Following the Friday 12 noon Mass in the Parish Hall: soup, roll & hot drink.

**The Pope asks for: ‘24 HOURS FOR THE LORD’**

**Next** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at the Shrine of St. Walburge’s, Preston

See the poster on the notice board for more details

**Priests:** Frs. Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. Deacon: Fred Sanderson. (Ret’d)

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**MASSES THIS WEEK: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015. – Mass Book Page: 154**

Office: Psalter Week 3: Sunday: Cycle B: Weekdays: of Lent

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

6.00pm: Mary Sinnott RIP

7.00pm: No Holy Mass with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: People of the Parish

6.00pm: Sr. Anne's Intentions

**Monday Lent week 3**

9.00am: Lily Riley RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Tuesday Lent week 3**

7.00pm: Sr. Anne's Intentions

**Wednesday Lent week 3**

9.00am: John & Theresa Topping RIP

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Community

**Thursday Lent week 3**

7.00pm: Sylvia Camp RIP

**Friday Lent week 3**

**10.00am: Jean Bateson Requiem Mass**

12.noon: Gertrude Turner RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Saturday Lent week 3**

10.00am: Holy Souls on November List

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

6.00pm: Romeo Pereira RIP

7.00pm: Holy Mass with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: People of the Parish

6.00pm: Deceased Members - Turner Family.

**LATELY DEAD:** Jean Bateson, Sylvia Camp

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack Farnworth, Elizabeth Duffy, Ted Boulton, Mary Hickson, Joseph Moss, Violet Donnelly, Louise Ross, Marion Holden, Anne Fisher, Marie Anderson, Ella Grall, Daniel Rainford, Florence Hasty.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for March**

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human race.

That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognised always.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD)'16:** Krakow, Poland July 2016.

**MEDJUGORJE 2015:** A visit to the Shrine – Sept 5- 12<sup>th</sup>. Details on poster.

**EXPOSITION:**  
**7am-8am Mon-Fri in Lent**  
Morning Prayer 7.45am  
**Sat 10.30am-Noon**  
Intention: for priestly vocations  
**CONFESSIONS:**  
Sat 11-12noon.  
Or by appointment

**Rosary for Life**  
**Challenge-**  
The Mysteries of Light  
will be prayed each day  
after the 9am Masses  
and before the Friday  
noon Mass, for this  
intention

**EASTER RAFFLE:** for Parish Funds. *Prizes* – Easter Eggs, Chocolates, wine etc. Tickets £2 (see envelope enclosed in this bulletin). This will be drawn after the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Donations for prizes greatly welcomed.

**CAR PARKING:** Please ensure when parking your vehicle that you do not overhang the footpath.

**PILATES:** A class will be offered in the parish hall for 6 weeks from Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-10.30am run by Cathy Greenwood BSc Physiotherapist, to raise funds for our Hodovo Project. Cost £30. Flyers and sign-up sheet in porch.

**PORCH LOTTERY:** Feb draw: First prize Roll Over. Two consolation prizes: £77.85 each; one £50.00; £232.50 transferred church funds.

**CHURCH PORCH:** £100K left to raise! Have you sponsored a 'Porch Plot?' – see the leaflet in the porch. We have raised £50K. Future fund raising events include: Parish Lottery, Sportsman's Dinner, Golfing Event. Substantial donations would help enormously for the longer we take the higher the cost!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Each Sunday this takes place in the parish during the 9.30am Mass. It is divided into 2 sections: ages 3 to 6 & 7 to 10. This Group is held to enable the children to listen to, and understand the Gospel, in a way that is appropriate to their age and is therefore, *not a crèche*. We are looking for new *assistants* for each group to work with the leader. Can you help?

**CENACOLO:** celebration Mass with Bishop Campbell 3pm Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar at Dodding Green, all welcome.

**REP REQUIRED:** for Faith & Justice Commission. See notice on board.

**THE STONES CRY OUT:** Film about plight of Palestinian Christians, Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Fulwood Methodist Church. Details on notice board.

**FILIPINO MASS:** St Mary's, Brownedge, 5pm 21/3/15. Info: 07931 776401

**PRIESTLY VOCATION?** *The Beda Experience* 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> April. Stay at this College in Rome and explore the possibility of Priesthood. Poster in porch.

**LENTEN VIGIL:** Cardinal Newman College–Mon.16<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm in the College Chapel.

**ST. EDWARD'S:** Ladies Group, Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> March. At 8pm. Admission £2. A talk by Colin Penny 'Cuthbert the Bad and the Lancashire Witches.'

**FASHION SHOW:** By *Tallulah Rose Fashion* Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> March at Our Lady's High School. Tickets £3 –Contact Alison 07720677406. More details on poster.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended : 448; Offertory: £886.69; Mission Appeal: £423.13; CAFOD LENT FAST: £295.20. Thank you.