

Diary Events This Week:

SUN 20th Dec: 9.30am: 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 20th December 2015



The great feast of the incarnation – God taking on human flesh – is almost upon us. Today's readings set the scene; Mary is found sharing her joy of the impending arrival of her Christ Child with Elizabeth. Micah, the prophet, points to Bethlehem as the place where it will happen. Yes, the scene is set, but are you ready, has Confession been on your list? It is not too late!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

6pm Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass
with Carols.
10.30pm: Carols & Lessons
11pm: Solemn Mass of
Christmas with Blessing of Crib
at Midnight.
10am Christmas Morning:
Holy Mass



Saturday 26th December THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN Mass at 10am

A special celebration for all Altar Servers – St. Stephen's Guild medals will be presented

IN ADVENT Side-Chapel,
Mon-Wed, 7-8am: Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament with
Morning Prayer at 7.45am



**FAMILY CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT:
Today-Sunday 20th Dec at 4pm**
Followed by seasonal refreshments in the Hall

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

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MASSES THIS WEEK: 20th Dec. – Mass Book Page 90

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sunday: Cycle C; Proper of Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

6.00pm: People of the Parish **Vigil**

7.00pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: Tom Clarkson RIP

6.00pm: Balasamy & Jacob RIP

Monday 21st December Proper 21st Dec

9.00am: Rose Metcalf RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Tuesday 22nd December Proper 22nd Dec

7.00pm: Benefactors

Wednesday 23rd December Proper 23rd Dec

9.00am: Margaret Taylor RIP

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Community

CHRISTMAS EVE

9.00am: Fred Newsham RIP

6.00pm: Mary Sinnott RIP (**Vigil Mass with Carols**)

Friday THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

10.30pm: Carols and Lessons

11.00pm: William & Isabel Loughran RIP / Special Int.

Midnight: Opening of the Crib

10.00am: People of the Parish / David Wilkinson RIP

Saturday ST. STEPHEN (Altar Servers' Mass)

10.00am: Frank & Dorothy Smith Diamond Wedding

John & Veronica Baines RIP

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

LATELY DEAD: Walter Igoe, Sandra Nicklin, Margaret Taylor,

Irene Miller

ANNIVERSARIES: Rose Metcalf, Jim Donnelly, Philip Salthouse,

Yolande Schofield, Richard Burkhardt.

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.

THIS IS THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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: It is with sadness that we announce that the Parish SVP members have decided to retire thus ending their work in the parish.

We thank them for the sterling work they have done over many years in a quiet unobtrusive way. The small residue of money collected in the parish will be sent to the SVP district conference. 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.

THANK YOU: to those who organised, helped with and supported the Cinema visit last Sunday - £333.00 was raised for the Porch Fund.

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

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: if you wish to make a donation for these in memory of a loved one, write the name on an envelope, add your donation and hand it in. Your loved ones name's will be displayed in church

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS: available in the porch. Cards £4 pack of 10 – Calendars £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. It costs **you nothing**

ST JOHN BAPTIST, BROUGHTON: Mon 21st Dec – 7.30pm. '*Advent Meditation by Candlelight*' Organist -Nigel Spooner. See Poster

LAST WEEK: Attended: 433; Collection: £929.09. Thank you.

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

YEAR OF MERCY – School of Mission: A practical response to the call for
the New Evangelisation. See posters in porch.



Parish Church of St John Baptist, Broughton
Monday 21st December at 7.30pm
An Advent Meditation by Candlelight, with Scripture, music, poetry
and artwork
'La Nativite du Seigneur' (The Birth of the Saviour)
Olivier Messiaen's organ masterpiece
Played by Nigel Spooner, Organist, Broughton Parish Church

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