

Diary Events This Week:

SUN 13th Dec: 9.30am: Children's Liturgy; 1.00pm: Indian Dance Class.
MONDAY: 9.00am: Pre-School Club*; 3.20pm: After-School Club* 6.00pm: Cubs; 6.45pm: Scouts; 7.45pm: **TUESDAY:** Seekers & GFF Youth Groups 7.30pm: Prayer Group: **WEDNESDAY:** 6.30pm: Irish Dance Class; **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: Beavers; 7.45pm: Journey in Faith. **FRIDAY:** **SATURDAY:** 9.00am: Pilates; 10.00am: 10.30am: Spanish Class; 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: 19/20 Dec**

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 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) Carols RPH 19th Dec; 2) *Christian Unity Service:* Jan 18th 2016 7.30pm St Clare's; 3) *Pentecost Songs of Praise* May 15th 2016 3pm Christ Church.

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ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 13th December 2015



Humility is on display in today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist could so easily have cashed in on his popularity, his 'celebrity status.' He would have been believed if he had claimed to be the Christ. But he didn't; he was content to be who he was and to do what he was sent to do. The hallmark of humility is not self-abasement, but rather to be at peace with who we are.

**O COME, O COME
EMMANUEL AND
RANSOM CAPTIVE
ISRAEL**

PARISH MAGAZINE

The latest edition is available in the Church Porch

**Fulwood Parishes
ADVENT SERVICE OF
RECONCILIATION**
at St Clare's
Next - Fri 18th Dec. 7pm.
Individual Confession with various Confessors.

FAMILY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:

Sunday 20th Dec 4pm
Followed by seasonal refreshments in the Hall

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

CHRISTMAS FILM

Miracle on 34th Street
TODAY Dec 13th at 2pm
at the Longridge Cinema.

Tickets £5, Concessions £4 available after Mass. Transport available. Proceeds- Porch Fund.

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

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MASSES THIS WEEK: 13th Dec. – Mass Book Page: 87

Office: Psalter Week 3; Sunday: Cycle C; Weekdays: of Advent

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

6.00pm: Mary Sinnott RIP **Vigil**

7.00pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: Asylum Seekers & Syrian Peace

6.00pm: People of the Parish

Monday St. John of the Cross

9.00am: George Oldcorn RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Tuesday of Advent Wk 3

7.00pm: Jack Hartley RIP

Wednesday of Advent Wk 3

9.00am: Fr. John Donlan RIP

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

Thursday 17th December (Wk 3 of Advent)

9.30am: School Mass

7.00pm: Shirley Gilleade RIP

Friday 18th December (Wk 3 of Advent)

12 noon: Winifred Walmsley RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Saturday 19th December (Wk 3 of Advent)

10.00am: Alfredo Fernandez RIP

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

LATELY DEAD:

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Magee, Mary Holland, Gerald Murray, Fr. John Donlan, Catherine Livesey, Edward Riley, Thomas Lowe, Teresa Melling.

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.

CAROLS: Thurs 17th Dec, 7pm: Lancashire Sings Christmas – the Radio Lancashire event.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Inaugurated by Pope Francis on Tuesday 8th December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

The Mass, the Sacramental celebration of what Jesus did on Calvary, is central to God's Mercy. It goes hand in hand with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**A Service of Reconciliation will be celebrated
at St Clare's on Fri 18th Dec. 7pm.**

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

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS: available in the porch. Cards £4 pack of 10 – Calendars £4 each. Also **DO YOU SHOP ON LINE?** at *Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Next etc* If so you can raise funds for the new porch at no cost to you. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for *St Clare's New Porch Fund*

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

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: A parish representative is required. See Fr L.

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

CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS: See poster in porch

LAST WEEK: Attended: 360; Collection: £804.15. Thank you.