

Franciscan of the Week: St Lawrence of Brindisi

Lawrence was born in 1559, and named 'Caesar'. He became a Capuchin friar aged just 16 and was ordained priest at 23. A brilliant linguist (in addition to Italian, he knew Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish and French), he used his skills in the service of Christ, preaching the Gospel with incredible conviction and wisdom. He died on his 60th birthday, 22nd July 1619, and was canonised by Pope Leo XIII in 1881.



Father Michael Lakeland RIP

With great sadness we learnt that Fr Lakeland died in the early hours of Wednesday morning. He went to the Lord accompanied by our prayers and gratitude for all that he did for our parish. Father Lakeland came to St Clare's in 1982 as the second Parish Priest, and remained here for a remarkable 26 years, more than half the life of the parish so far. During this time he led and served the parish with great love and kindness, and many people have been sharing stories in recent days of his very compassionate pastoral care, especially when parishioners were suffering through illness or bereavement. We continue to pray for him, asking that the Lord will welcome him into eternal happiness in heaven, and we also pray for his family at this time, especially his sister. The arrangements for Fr Michael's funeral will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.



**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.**

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 111

Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 16

| Date | Time | Occasion | Intention/Details |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Saturday 20 th July | 6pm (vigil) | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Catherine Harrison RIP |
| | 7pm (vigil) | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday 21 st July | 9:30am | | Fr Michael Lakeland RIP |
| | 6pm | | Special Intention (SS) |
| Monday | 9:15am | St Mary Magdalen | Special Intention |
| | 5:15pm | | <i>Mass in hospital chapel</i> |
| Tuesday | 7pm | St Bridget | Intentions of Richard Cockburn |
| Wednesday | 9:15am | Cumbrian Martyrs | Intentions of Betty Dickinson |
| Thursday | 9:15am | St James | Holy Souls |
| Friday | 12noon | St Joachim & St Anne | Charles and Susan Gordon RIP |
| Saturday 27 th July | 10am | | Holy Souls |
| | 6pm (vigil) | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mary and Eddie Sinnott RIP |
| | 7pm (vigil) | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday 28 th July | 9:30am | | Frank Madden RIP |
| | 6pm | Freda Burgess RIP | |

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Fr Michael Lakeland**, **Frank Madden**, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, and on request.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

ST ANTHONY: July wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael McDermott, Pauline Ashcroft, Alice Lakeland, Neil Prince, Marion Lowe, Jack Burton, Lilian Cherry, Kathleen Earley, Mary Richardson, Helena Davies, Margaret Harrison.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY: That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: As the schools close for the summer, we wish a very happy and safe holiday to all pupils and staff of our schools and thank them for the wonderful work they do throughout the year. The church remains open every day, of course, though the parish diary is a little quieter in the coming weeks!

ST CLARE'S DAY: Sunday 11th August. Make a note of the date!

ACN IRAQ UPDATE: Since we started to support the people of Iraq with ACN last autumn, the parish has raised around £9,500. Thank you for your outstanding generosity. This includes just over £1000 raised by Catenian Circle 14 and money raised in our primary school. Let's keep up the good work!

CROSS-BAY WALK: Aid to the Church in Need has some places for the walk across Morecambe Bay (Arnside to Kent's Bank) on Saturday 7th September. Walkers would need to be sponsored to support our ACN Iraq appeal. 18+ only; the terrain is varied and challenging. More details: speak to Andrea Sinnott or Fr Andrew.

ST THERESE IN SCOTLAND: The relics of the 'Little Flower', St Thérèse of Lisieux, are being brought to Scotland next month. We are looking at the possibility of a coach trip. Please take a look at the information on the back page of the newsletter.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Each year there is an opportunity for those who are thinking of becoming Catholic (or those who are just curious!) to discover the Catholic faith. Our 'Journey in Faith' group will begin again in the autumn, and it's not too early to register interest! Contact the parish office or speak to Fr Andrew for more details.

ARCH - ABORTION RECOVERY HELPLINE offers non-judgemental, confidential support for those struggling in the aftermath of an abortion experience – open each evening, 7pm-10pm – if you are struggling, call 0845 603 8501.

FOLLOW THE PARISH ONLINE: Photos and reports on recent events are always available on our website: www.saintclares.co.uk. You can also follow the parish on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (all @StClareFulwood).

CCRS: The diocesan education service offers the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies, especially to those working in Catholic schools. Details are available on a poster and information sheets in the narthex.

DEMENTIA SINGING GROUP: Meets at the Xaverian Spirituality Centre (formerly Tabor) every Tuesday 10am-12noon. Details on the notice board. All welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION+: this Sunday (20th/21st), a retiring collection for the Good Shepherd Fund.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 408; Collection: £947.34; Apostleship of the Sea: £325.69. Thank you for your generosity.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

| Day | Time | What? | Where? |
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| Sunday 21 st | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| Monday | 7:30pm | Finance and Fabric Committee | Presbytery |
| Wednesday | 10am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Narthex |
| | 7:30pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Chapel |
| Saturday | 8:45am | Pilates | Parish Hall |
| Sunday 28 th | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |

ST THERESE IN SCOTLAND 2019

Many of you will remember the visit of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux to England and Wales in 2009. It was a time of great grace in the Church and touched many thousands of people. St Thérèse's relics are being brought to Scotland in the autumn, and some have asked if we can have a parish trip. The proposal is to take a coach to Carfin (Scotland's national shrine of Our Lady) on Friday 30th August. It's quite a long journey, so would be a long day, but we could spend a few hours there, visiting the shrine and praying before St Thérèse. The cost would be around £10 per person (concessions for children), to cover coach hire. We need to know how many people are interested before deciding to proceed. Please speak to Fr Andrew asap if you are interested in this opportunity for a day pilgrimage.



The relics of St Thérèse at Preston Carmel, 28th September 2009.

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