

St Clare's Catholic Church

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

2nd July 2017



Dying and rising with Christ: in today's second reading, St Paul talks of how in baptism we die with Christ and rise with Him to new life. At the moment of our baptism, we are called to leave behind the old way: to die to doubt, selfishness and pride, and to live a life of faith, humility and love. In this way we become a new creation, learning to live a life worthy of heaven. It's an ongoing process, of course, but all the grace we need is given to us in the sacrament of baptism. Paul experienced this himself: at his conversion and subsequent baptism, he became a new man, leaving behind the old ways of persecuting the Church, and becoming its greatest missionary. He no longer relied on his own power, but on the power of Christ.



FOCUS ON... St Thomas

St Thomas is one of the best-known (and perhaps best-loved) of the Apostles, and is famous especially for his doubts about Jesus' resurrection (John 20:24-29). When he finally saw the risen Lord, he made his great statement of faith: "My Lord and my God". After Pentecost Thomas travelled east to preach the Gospel, his earthly life ending in India, where he was martyred in around 72AD. He is the patron saint of India, and the Syro-Malabar Church traces her origins back to his ministry in Kerala. St Thomas' feast day takes place this Monday. We pray for the people of India and thank God for the faith, life and presence of the Keralan community in Preston. Happy Feast Day!



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Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 13

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 1 st July	6pm (vigil)	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Manchester bomb victims
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 2 nd	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		June Giannaliona (sick)
Monday	9:15am	St Thomas	Harry O’Brien RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Bill Smith RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	Requiem	Susan Clapham RIP
	11:30am		Fr Fabien Cunliffe O’Carm
Thursday	9:15am		Ronald Culshaw RIP
Friday	12noon		Freddie D’Souza RIP
Saturday	10am		David Bleasdale RIP
Saturday 8 th July	6pm (vigil)	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bernard Keaveny RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 9 th	9:30am		Lesley Hirst RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please keep in your prayers **Fr Fabien (Brian) Cunliffe O’Carm**, whose Requiem will take place on Wednesday, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am. Saturday 10:30am-12noon, for priestly vocations.

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

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before 12noon Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

ANGELUS: Said at 12noon on Fridays, at the start of Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen O’Hanlon, Eileen Barnes, Tim Duffy, Joan Craven, Tim Buckley, Bernard Keaveny, Stuart Smith, Madge Hainsworth, Winifred Healey.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

40 HOURS: The Quarant'ore (40 Hours) of Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St Clare's in two weeks' time. A timetable and sign-up sheet is now in the porch. If you are able to commit to a particular slot, please sign up.

ACN APPEAL: This weekend there will be a brief update on the parish project to support displaced families in Syria, and collection at the end of all Masses. Gift Aid envelopes can be returned this weekend or next.

PORTRAITS OF FAITH EXHIBITION: Aid to the Church in Need has organised an exhibition of artwork inspired by the Syrian conflict. Includes paintings by Syrian children of all faiths, works by Syrian Orthodox painter Farid Georges, and other works. A chance to deepen our awareness of the plight of people in Syria. The exhibition is touring cathedrals in the North West, but is also coming to St Clare's for one day only: Wednesday 12 July. See flyers in the porch.

ORDINATION: Please pray for Fr Daniel Etienne, ordained priest for the Diocese of Lancaster at the Cathedral this weekend. Ad multos annos!

SUMMER FAIR: thanks to all who helped out in any way, and all who attended the Summer Fair on Friday.

FIRST FRIDAY: please note, there will be no first Friday holy hour this week.

MUSIC PRACTICES: Taking place on Monday evenings, 3rd, 10th and 17th July, 7:30pm in the church. Please come along – all welcome.

CENACOLO: monthly collection next weekend. Please leave items in the garage.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: training session (for those who have already been asked) takes place next Saturday (8th July) at 1:30pm in the chapel.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Next course begins on Monday 10th July, 6:45pm in the side chapel. Please register in advance, via the website or parish office.

SCHOOL SUMMER PRODUCTION: Alice in Wonderland, Tuesday 11th July at 2pm in the school hall. Tickets are free and available from the school or parish office.

CONFIRMATIONS: Certificates will be presented at 6pm Mass this Sunday. Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently been confirmed.

LADYEWELL: Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage with Bishop Campbell. Saturday 8th July, 11am with Mass at St Mary's Church, followed by procession to the Well.

CTFB: pilgrimage to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Saturday 9th September. Cost £26 including transport and lunch. Book early – forms available in the porch.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 473; Collection: £1178.26; Thank you.

This Week (one-off/occasional/new events are listed in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 2 nd July	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Church
	7pm	Anointed (school years 6-9)	Parish Hall
Monday - Friday	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Music Practice	Church
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (years 4-6)	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
	1:30pm	Eucharistic Minister training	Chapel
Sunday 9 th July	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
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Advance Diary Dates

11 July: Social Committee, 7:30pm

12 July: ACN Portraits of Faith exhibition visiting St Clare's

13-16 July: 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration (Quarant'ore)

11 August: Feast of St Clare

Further ahead and further afield:

Piano Recital: in the Catholic Chapel at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre on Wednesday 5 July at 7pm. Fr Manny Gribben will play pieces by Chopin, Beethoven, Debussy, Mozart and Schubert. Everyone is welcome; free parking around the centre. No charge, but a collection will be taken for Mary's Meals.

Brave of Heart – Weekend Journey for Men at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, 15th-16th July. Donation only. More at www.coretlumenchristi.org, see poster and flyers in the porch, or call 07516 075896.

National Catholic Youth Survey

For young people aged 13-29. The Church wants to hear your views! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> to participate. Feedback will be helpful to the Pope and bishops meeting for a Synod on youth next year.