

St Clare's Catholic Church

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

9th July 2017



“Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual...”

So says St Paul in today's second reading, reminding us that “The Spirit of God has made His home in you.” He puts a challenge before us: how much of our time and energy is spent on unspiritual things, and how much on the things of the Lord? This week, we have a great opportunity to refocus our lives on the spiritual, in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: see below.

FOCUS ON... 40 Hours Devotion

This week we have the opportunity to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus left us His Body and Blood as a gift, so that we can always be close to Him, as He promised: “I am with you always.” In the 40 Hours Devotion (sometimes known by its Latin title, *Quarant'ore*), the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayer for this extended period, so that the whole parish has opportunity to pray before the Lord. This is a real opportunity for spiritual growth, both as individuals and as a parish community. Silent prayer before Jesus is the simplest and perhaps most beautiful way to grow in love for Him. Our patroness, St Clare, is often pictured with a monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament, as she had a great love and devotion for the Eucharist, and on several occasions she saw her prayers before the Lord miraculously answered. A full timetable for the 40 Hours is printed on the back of this newsletter. Don't miss the opportunity!



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 99

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 14

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
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
Monday	9:15am		Norby Patrick Lepcha RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St Benedict	Ann Coxon RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Mavis Rogerson RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Andrew Walsh RIP
Friday	12noon		Anne Topping RIP
Saturday	10am	St Bonaventure	Ida Fernandes RIP
Saturday 15 th July	6pm (vigil)	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Margaret Kelly RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 16 th	9:30am		Anne Grace – special intentions, 90 th birthday
	6pm		Special Intention (AA)

LATELY DEAD: Please keep in your prayers all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; 40 Hours Devotion, Thursday to Sunday. See back page.

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: Chris Walker, Rita Wright, Ann Walmsley, Freda Robinson.

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 this week, Thursday to Sunday. A timetable and sign-up sheet is now in the porch. If you are able to commit to a particular slot, please sign up. See full timetable on the back page of the newsletter, and further info on the front page.

ACN APPEAL: Envelopes may still be returned this weekend. We will send all the money donated to ACN this week, but further donations to our Syria families appeal are always welcome, as are any fundraising ideas!

THIS WEDNESDAY: 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, this Wednesday. See flyers in the porch.

NARTHEX (CHURCH EXTENSION): During the week we were given the final permission needed to proceed with the narthex. It is hoped that the main work will begin in the autumn. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way to the project so far – the parish has worked hard to reach this point. Some preparatory works will be taking place over the next few weeks. There will be a fair amount of disruption over the coming months, but it will be worth it!

SUMMER FAIR: many thanks to all who helped out in any way, and all who attended the Summer Fair on Friday. A total of £2148 was raised, with half of the money going to school and half for the parish, for the narthex fund.

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

YOUTH GROUPS: Please note, there is no Anointed group this Sunday, but they will meet next Sunday (16th) for the final time before the summer break.

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

FOOD BANK: collection next weekend. Please leave items in the garage.

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

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

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: 472; Collection: £1209.43; Thank you.

40 Hours Devotion (Quarant'Ore) - Timetable

Thursday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 9:45am-9pm

9am	Mass (Votive Mass of the Eucharist)
9:45am	Rosary (mysteries of light)
8pm	Holy Hour (led by members of the NeoCatechumenal Way)

Friday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 7am-8pm except during Mass

7:45am	Morning Prayer
9-10am	Mums and Toddlers (all welcome, but there may be some noise!)
11:30am	Rosary (sorrowful mysteries)
12noon	Mass (for peace)
1:15pm	School visits (until 2:30pm)
3pm	Holy Hour – for the sick and all who suffer
7pm	Holy Hour – for vocations

Saturday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 10:30am-6pm

10am	Mass (Memoria of St Bonaventure)
10:30am	Rosary (joyful mysteries)
11am-12noon	Confessions available
3pm	Holy Hour – prayer for the family
6pm	First Mass of Sunday
7pm	Mass with the NeoCatechumenal Way

Sunday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 10:30am-6pm, 7-9pm

9:30am	Sunday Mass
11am	Rosary (glorious mysteries)
3pm	Holy Hour – prayer for the parish
3:40pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction
6pm	Sunday Mass
8:15pm	Anointed Youth Group – praise and worship
9pm	Blessed Sacrament reposed

Other events this week

Children's liturgy, Pre-school and after-school club, Cubs, Scouts, Beavers, Seekers, and Spanish class all **meeting as usual**; Anointed youth group meet on Sunday 16th, but not Sunday 9th; Young adults on Sunday 9th but not Sunday 16th. In addition:

Monday: Music Practice, 7:30pm in church

Tuesday: Social Committee, 7:30pm in the presbytery

Wednesday: ACN Portraits of Faith exhibition, 2-8:30pm in church