

St Clare's Catholic Church

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

16<sup>th</sup> July 2017



### **Suffering now, but always with the hope of eternal glory**

In today's second reading, St Paul tells us that the suffering we endure in this life can never be compared to the glory of the life to come. He is offering us a word of hope for those times when life's burdens seem too great: all suffering on this earth is temporary, but the glory of heaven, beyond our imagining, is eternal. In a mysterious way, God uses all our sufferings to lead us closer to eternal life, so St Paul compares it to birth: our suffering now is the birthpangs of eternal joy.

### *FOCUS ON...* **the Liturgy of the Word**

The first half of each Mass is devoted to listening to the Word of God. God speaks to us in the scripture readings we hear: that is why, at the end of each reading, we are reminded that it is "the Word/Gospel of the Lord" – in other words, not human wisdom, but God Himself speaking to us. On a Sunday we usually hear an Old Testament reading, which is linked in some way to the Gospel of that day,



followed by a psalm, and a second reading, usually from one of the New Testament letters. Today's readings remind us of the power of the Word of God: when we really listen to what God says and try to respond to His Word in our daily lives, we come closer to Him and to the life He promises. Jesus invites us: "Listen, anyone who has ears!" To listen means not just to hear, but to respond in action, to obey God's commands, and to allow His life-giving Word to penetrate deeply into our hearts.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 102

Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 15

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm (vigil)	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Margaret Kelly RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Anne Grace – special intentions, 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday
	6pm		Special Intention (AA)
Monday	9:15am		Joseph & William Wilson
	2pm		<i>Year 6 Leavers' Mass</i>
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		
Wednesday	9:15am	Martyrs of Lancashire	Intentions of Mrs Cywinski
Thursday	9:15am		Special Intention (SS)
Friday	12noon		Pauline Ashcroft RIP
Saturday	10am	<b>St Mary Magdalen</b>	Jack Burton RIP
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	6pm (vigil)	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Rebecca Corda RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am		Doris & Jim Mattinson RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Please keep in your prayers **Sheila Warren**, whose funeral will take place here on Tuesday at 1:45pm, all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; 40 Hours (see back page), Saturday 10:30am-noon.

**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:** John Haslam, Russell Sowerby, Catherine Burns, Molly Durant, Robert Metcalf, Catherine Gallagher, Jerzy Wisniewski, Michael McDermott, Pauline Ashcroft, Neil Prince, Marion Lowe, Jack Burton.

**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 continues until Sunday evening. See full timetable on the back page of the newsletter. Please take the opportunity to spend some time with the Lord.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:** Our schools break up for summer this Wednesday. We wish all the pupils and staff a safe and restful holiday – a well-earned break!

**NARTHEX (CHURCH EXTENSION):** 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!

**ACN APPEAL: THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the recent appeal for the Syrian families project. A total of £2298.18 was raised, excluding the Gift Aid which can be reclaimed by the charity. In total we have now raised around £6000 to help families in Syria, which is a fantastic start. Further donations and fundraising ideas are always welcome. Thanks also to all who visited the Syria 'Portraits of Faith' exhibition here last Wednesday.

**MUSIC PRACTICE:** This Monday, 7:30pm in the church. All welcome.

**GOING ON HOLIDAY?** Don't forget to find details of the local church for Sunday Mass before you go. If you need help finding out where and when Sunday Mass is celebrated, please get in touch – we can look it up for you.

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** next Sunday for the Good Shepherd Fund.

**200 CLUB:** Draw this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>; 1<sup>st</sup> prize: £162; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £97; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: £65. Numbers are still available for anyone wishing to join.

**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.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** If you (or a relative/friend) are going into hospital and would like a chaplaincy visit, please let us know. In an emergency always ask the ward staff to contact the on-call priest via the hospital switchboard.

**FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET:** next event at Fulwood Methodist Church, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 9:30am-1pm. Includes recycling for Christian Aid: bring old currency, foreign coins, stamps and gold/silver jewellery to the collection point.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 467; Collection: £984.52; Apostleship of the Sea: £339.52. Thank you for your generosity.

## 40 Hours Devotion (Quarant'Ore) - Timetable

### 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

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.”

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

### Other events this week

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	7pm	Anointed (school years 6-9)	Parish Hall
Monday - Wednesday	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:30pm	<b>Baptism Preparation (parts 2 &amp; 3)</b>	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	<b>Music Practice</b>	Church
Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>Finance and Fabric Committee</b>	Presbytery
Wednesday	7:30pm	<b>NCW Penitential Service</b>	Chapel
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed (school years 6-9)	Parish Hall

### Advance Diary Dates

11 August: Feast of St Clare

15 August: Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, Holy Day of Obligation