

St Clare's Catholic Church

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th August 2017



The mountain: a place to meet God

Last week we celebrated the feast of the Transfiguration, when Jesus's glory shone out on Mount Tabor. In today's Gospel, we hear of how Jesus went up into the hills to pray, and the first reading recounts Elijah's meeting with God on Mount Horeb. Moses also met with God on a mountain, Sinai, where he was given the Ten Commandments. Mountains are a place above the cares and daily bustle of the world – so they make a good place to find the silence to listen to God. But it is also hard work to climb them: a reminder that if we are to meet God, we need to put effort into our spiritual lives in order to come close to Him. He is waiting for us!



FOCUS ON... the Assumption of Our Lady

Tuesday this week is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, a Holy Day of Obligation. We celebrate the fact that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, as a sign of hope for the whole Church. One day we too hope to be received, body and soul, into eternal life. Now enthroned in heaven, Mary intercedes for us all, praying for her children before God.

Mass will be celebrated in the church on Tuesday at 9:15am and 7pm. There is also a vigil Mass in the hospital chapel at 5:15pm, but no vigil in the church for this feast day.



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Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 19

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 12 th	6pm (vigil)	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Lees RIP
Sunday 13 th	9:30am		Andrew & Joyce Nimmo RIP
	6pm		Special Intentions (SL)
Monday	9:15am	St Maximilian Kolbe	Holy Souls
	5:15pm (vgl)	ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (Holy Day of Obligation)	<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	9:15am		Monica Knight RIP
	7pm		Jack Burton RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Special Int: Sue Lawrenson
Thursday	9:15am		Holy Souls
Friday	12noon		Biki Prasad RIP
Saturday	10am		Gerry O’Neil RIP
Saturday 19 th	6pm (vigil)	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Margaret Fisher RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 20 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Special Intention (IK)

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died, especially **Kathleen Earley** and **Andrew Bhatti**, whose funerals have taken place this week, and Gerry O’Neil, whose Requiem will be on Monday 21st August at 10:30am.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; 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: Lucy Bond, Elizabeth Donovan, Wilfred Skingsley, Francis McMorro, Patrick Keefe, Edith Rossiter, Mark Walmsley, Dominic Gallagher, Hugh O’Malley, Eleanor Pemberton, John Stewart.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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.



HOLY DAY – THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY: This Tuesday, a holy day of obligation. There is a vigil Mass in the hospital chapel at 5:15pm (no vigil in St Clare’s) and Mass in the church on Tuesday at 9:15am and 7pm. See front page.

NARTHEX (CHURCH EXTENSION): During the week, the pre-start planning meeting with the contractor took place, the electricity supply was diverted, and work on the emergency exits has begun. Thank you for your patience during the disruption. The main work starts on Monday 4 September.

NARTHEX ‘PLOTS’: sponsor a plot for £50 – details in the porch.

PARISH VISITING GROUP: Do you know of someone who might appreciate a home visit? They need not necessarily be ‘housebound’. Please let us know if someone you know might be grateful of a bit of company from time to time. Or perhaps you yourself would welcome a chat with someone in the parish now and then. Speak to Mike Simpson or to Fr Andrew.

CENACOLO collection this weekend (12th/13th August).

FOOD BANK collection next weekend (19th/20th August).

ACN SYRIA APPEAL DONATION BOXES: to take home and fill with small change, as we previously did with boxes for Hodovo. If you would like one of these boxes to use in your home, please collect one from the sacristy.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have recently moved to St Clare’s, or moved to a new address in the parish, please fill in a parish register form (available in the porch) so that we can update our records.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: 1st-7th October. A chance to make a retreat in daily life, with time set aside each day for private prayer and a daily meeting with a spiritual director. Please contact Fr Ted at St Gregory’s (930934) or Fr Peter at St Wilfrid’s (555244) for enquiries or to book a place. See poster in porch.

COVENANT BOOKS: during August, only open Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm.

CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE: Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, 10th September. Mass and Blessing of the Sick, 3pm. Celebrant: Bishop Campbell OSA. Details on the poster.

A SPIRITUAL SPA DAY FOR WOMEN: 9th September, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, A day for women to experience the renewing love of God. www.coretlumenchristi.org or call: 016973 45623 or 07516 075896.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: Helps single Catholics meet each other. See the poster in the porch for more information.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 425; Collection: £893.45. Thank you for your generosity.

Events this week

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 13 th	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Sunday 20 th	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel

Advance Diary Dates

4 September: Work starts to demolish the porch ahead of narthex construction.

22 September: Indian Dinner evening in aid of ACN Syria appeal.

Parish Website – visit www.saintclares.co.uk

For news and photos, including the 40 Hours, ACN exhibition, youth groups and work on the narthex. Also plenty of information about parish life!

The storm before the storm



It's not exactly the calm before the storm - more like the little storm before the big storm.

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End of term Celebrations!



To end our term and celebrate all that we have done together over the last year, both the Seekers and Anointed groups had celebrations.

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And so it begins...



Many people will have today walked past these markings on the church car park without thinking anything of them, but they mark the first physical signs of a dramatic transformation

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A beautiful time of prayer



40 Hours Devotion



Portraits of Faith

