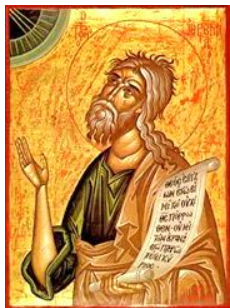


St Clare's Catholic Church

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd September 2017



Jeremiah, a reluctant prophet

In today's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah tells God, "You have seduced me, Lord..." It is as though he is a reluctant follower and servant of God, but somehow has been drawn in by the Lord's love, and feels he must respond. He did not want to speak for God, but, he says, "Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart" – he was filled with a burning desire to speak of God to others. We too are often reluctant to respond to God. May His fire burn in our hearts too!

FOCUS ON... Narthex construction work

From Monday this week the contractors will be on site, demolishing the porch and starting to build the narthex. Here's how things will run during the work:



The Church will remain open throughout, and will be used as normal for Mass, both during the week and on Sundays. It will also be available for funerals and baptisms throughout. However, **access will be via the side chapel only**.

The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the side chapel Monday-Friday (weekends in church as normal). The side chapel will be open for private prayer.

Toilet Facilities: in the sacristy corridor, only open during services. It must **only be accessed from the side chapel**, not via the double doors close to the font.

The Car Park will also remain open, however we will lose 5 or 6 spaces, as these will be in the area fenced off by the contractor.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 122

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 22

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 2 nd Sept.	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	David Wilkinson RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 3 rd	9:30am		Sophia Morris RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am		St Cuthbert	The pupils, staff & governors of St Clare's School.
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Thanksgiving	
Wednesday	9:15am		Victims of natural disasters	
Thursday	9:15am		Gerry O'Neil RIP	
Friday	12noon	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ian Waddingham and Emma Johnson	
Saturday	10am		Derek Booth RIP	
Saturday 9 th	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Martin O'Malley RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 10 th	9:30am		Jack Burton RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died, especially **Gerry O'Neil**, whose funeral took place this week, and **Sophia Morris**, whose Requiem Mass will take place here on Monday 11th September at 12noon.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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: Joe Worden, Leonard Dean, Dunstan Melling, Claude Lawton, Winifred O'Reilly, Michael O'Callaghan, Brian Sidwell, Gerard Christian, Teresa Hodges, Lauren May, John Patten, John Dean, Isabel Billington, Peter Grall.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: That our parishes, animated by missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

NARTHEX: WORK STARTS THIS WEEK. Please read the information on the front of the newsletter, which explains how the church will continue to function during the work on the narthex. Further info and map in the porch.

SCHOOLS: The summer break is soon over, with staff all back at work tomorrow and pupils returning during the week. We ask God's blessing upon all in our school communities, at St Clare's, Corpus Christi and our other local schools.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Nancy McGrath, Hollie Gibson, Lewis Carr, Sienna Egboh and Scarlett Clayton, who were baptised here in July and August.

PRAYER GROUP restarts on Tuesday 12th September, after evening Mass.

PARISH VISITING GROUP: Do you know of someone who might appreciate a home visit? 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.

200 CLUB: August Winners: 1st - £165 No. 13 Steve Greenwood; 2nd - £99 No. 122 Philip Wilcock; 3rd- £66 No. 100 Sr Anne. To the Narthex Fund so far: £7,306.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next Sunday (10th) for Catholic Education Services.

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.

INDIAN DINNER EVENING: Friday 22nd September in the parish hall. Tickets are now available - £10 per adult, £5 per child. In aid of the parish Syria project.

YOUTH GROUPS: The **Anointed** group (school years 7+) restarts next Sunday at 7pm. New members are always welcome! Includes a slice or two of pizza. The **Seekers** group (school years 4-6) restarts on Wednesday 13th September.

CENACOLO COLLECTION: Next weekend (9th/10th). Please leave items in the presbytery garage, **not in the church entrance.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Next preparation begins on Monday 25th September. Please register with the parish office before attending.

KEYBOARD PLAYERS: Do you play a keyboard instrument? We will soon be in need of a keyboard player for Sunday 6pm Mass. Please speak to Fr Andrew.

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. Poster and booking forms in the porch.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 394; Collection: £902.96; Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
Monday	7:30pm	Parish Council	Presbytery
Tuesday	7:30pm	Finance and Fabric Committee	Presbytery
Wed-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
Wed-Fri	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Penitential Liturgy	Chapel
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
Sunday	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-9)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

13th September: Whole school start of term Mass (9:15am)

24th September: Start of preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion

6th October: Diocesan Education Mass, at the Cathedral, 7pm

7th October: Messy Church

13th October: Parish trip to Blackpool Illuminations

14th October: Day of Renewal with Fr Frankie Mulgrew

15th-22nd October: 'Called Beyond' – Vocations awareness week

Covenant Books Summer Sale (at Holy Family, Ingol)

Many items up to half price throughout September (exclusions apply).

Open Thursday, Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-12noon

See the website at: www.covenantbookspreston.co.uk

Further ahead and further afield

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

WOMEN TOGETHER IN THE DIOCESE OF LANCASTER: Gathering at the Cathedral, 16th September, 1:30am-3pm. More information on the poster in the porch.

LET'S CELEBRATE CREATION IN THE FYLDE: 20th September at the St Monica's Church, Blackpool. Presentation, music prayer and reflection followed by refreshments. See poster for more details.