

St Clare's Catholic Church

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th September 2017

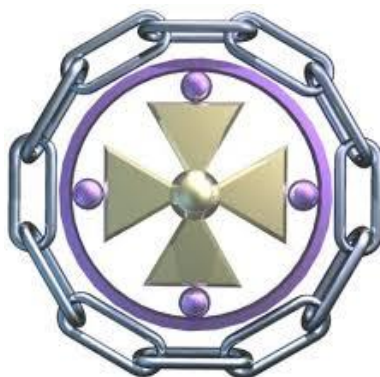


“Death would bring me something more...”

St Paul's words in today's second reading are a real statement of faith. Most people worry about death and what may come after it, but Paul is so confident in eternal life, and so confident in God's mercy, that he simply cannot wait to get to heaven. But, as he points out, God still has work for him to do on earth, so he must remain for the sake of those he is called to serve. If only we all had such strong faith in God and in His promises!

FOCUS ON... the Catenians

The Catenians are an international association of Catholic laymen who are committed to their faith, their families, to those in need and to each other. Our primary purpose is to establish a network of friends, which enhances family life, strengthens their faith and sustains them in difficult times. We support the Catholic Church, vocations to the priesthood, young people and those in need.



Our friendships are developed through meeting together locally once a month and enjoying a varied programme of social events together with our families.

Three Circles meet in this area; at Bartle Hall on the 1st Tuesday of each month; at Preston Golf Club on the 4th Tuesday and at Penwortham Golf Club on the 1st Monday. Other local groups meet in Longridge and Garstang. We are anxious to attract young, Catholic families to the Association. For more information, please speak to Anthony Donlan or find out more online by visiting: thecatenians.com

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 131

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 25

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 23 rd	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alan & Andrew Stocks RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 24 th	9:30am		Special Intention
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Barrie Cox (sick)
Tuesday	7pm		Teresa Lingard RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	St Vincent de Paul	Shirley Gilleade RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Anne & Gerald Topping RIP
Friday	12noon	Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	Family Intentions (PE)
Saturday	10am	St Jerome	Sophia Morris RIP
Saturday 30 th	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Edith Noblett RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 1 st October	9:30am		Doris & Jim Mattinson RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died, especially Monsignor Michael Kirkham, who died this week.

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: Mary Hudson, Barbara Pye, Peter Houghton, Dorothy Jones, Catherine Lee, Betty Marcella, William Fowler, Helen Gildert, James Smart, Margaret Holden.

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 – PARKING: Please leave the spaces nearest the chapel for those who find it harder to walk. If the church car park is full, additional parking is available at the weekends on the school playground for the duration of the building work.

LATE FOR MASS? Please don't feel you have to sit in the side chapel. You are very welcome to come into church and find a seat after Mass has started.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2017-18: Preparation begins this Sunday, immediately after 9:30am Mass.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Please note that there will be **no hospital Mass** this Monday (25th September) or 2nd October.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today (23rd/24th) for Bishop's Administration Fund.

CALLED BEYOND: A week of vocations-themed events, looking at different ways of living out our faith. Taking place across the parish 15-22 October. Details soon.

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES: Next weekend Fr Gerry Markey will give an appeal on behalf of the Columban Missionaries at all Masses. Please be generous.

DAY OF RENEWAL: Saturday 14th October. Led by Fr Frankie Mulgrew, a priest of Salford Diocese; theme: "What the Holy Spirit does in the life of a believer".

SPONSOR A SCHOOL TEAM: Do you have a local business that would like to sponsor a sports team at our primary school, so that they can get new kit? Business logo/name would be included on the kit. Call school on 787037.

200 CLUB: September winners: £165 – no. 100 Sr Anne; £99 – no. 45 Teresa Nicklin; £66 – no. 34 Joe and Mary McCambridge. £7636 raised for the narthex.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Next preparation begins this Monday.

KEYBOARD PLAYERS: Thanks to Eddy, who has been playing the piano on Sunday evenings, but now heads to university. Can you help with music? Let us know!

BLACKPOOL LIGHTS: This trip is fully booked (after only one weekend!) If you have signed up and need to withdraw, please let us know asap.

LIFE TALK BY LORD ALTON: David (Lord) Alton will speak about the defence of human life at Our Lady and St Edward's, 7pm on 13 October. All welcome.

LIFE GROUP TABLE-TOP SALE: Saturday 14th October, 10am-1pm, at Our Lady & St Edward's Hall. Tables cost £6-£8. Donations of children's toys, games and books, cakes/biscuit, and raffle prizes welcome. Leave at OLSE or tel: 712891.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Thursday 8pm at OLSE. Talk by Peter Watson, called "The Origins of Sayings". Visitors welcome. Cost £2.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: 1st-7th October. A chance to make a retreat in daily life. Contact Fr Ted at St Gregory's (930934) or Fr Peter at St Wilfrid's (555244) for enquiries. Booking forms available in the parish office.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 507; Collection: £1,062.29; Special: £256.22 Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	First Confession prep (1)	Parish Hall
	10:30am	First Confession/Communion: Parents' Information session	Chapel
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-9)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Baptism Preparation (1)	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-9)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

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

7th October: Messy Church, 1:30-3pm

14th October: Day of Renewal with Fr Frankie Mulgrew, 10am-4pm

23rd October: Journey in Faith group begins – for exploring the Catholic faith

Peer Support for Mental Wellbeing

Two peer support groups now run in Preston to support mental wellbeing, both on a Thursday: at The Intact Centre, 49 Whitby Avenue, Ingol, 10:45am-12:15pm and at Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, 7:30-9pm. A friendly and confidential space to share and be heard. No need to book, just turn up.

More info at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups

Further ahead and further afield

ROMERO PLAY: Friday 10th November at St Wilfrid's, RISE Theatre present a play about Blessed Oscar Romero. Tickets £10/£8 for under-18s. For info or to book tickets contact Joe or Ruth on 07957 566741. Hosted by Metanoia Project.