

St Clare's Catholic Church

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

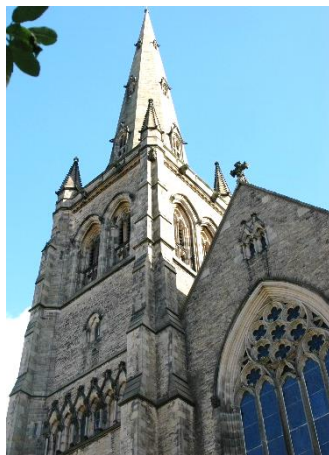


### “God’s message, and not some human thinking.”

So St Paul describes the Gospel in today’s second reading. When we hear the readings at Mass, it is not human wisdom being shared, but God Himself who speaks to us. This is why we listen carefully, and at the end of the reading acclaim what we have heard as ‘the Word (or the Gospel) of the Lord’.

### FOCUS ON... the Cathedral and the Cathedra

As Catholics, we belong to a worldwide family of faith, but we also belong to our parish community and also to a diocese – an area governed by a bishop. We are part of the Diocese of Lancaster, which stretches from the Ribble to the Scottish border. We therefore look to the Bishop of Lancaster for leadership, and his cathedral is the ‘mother church’ of this area. The word ‘cathedral’



comes from a Greek word, *cathedra*, which means ‘chair’. The Bishop’s chair – the cathedra – is found in the Cathedral, and is a sign of his teaching authority. Today we hear Jesus speak about ‘the Chair of Moses’ in the Gospel – a reminder of Moses’ authority to teach the faith in God’s name. It’s a good day, then, to pray for our whole Diocese, for our Bishop, and also to ask God’s guidance as the Church chooses a new bishop to replace Bishop Michael when he retires soon.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 149

Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 31

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6pm (vigil)	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mary Ryan RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Sophia Morris RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am			Steve Collum (sick)
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	11am	<b>Requiem</b>	Jeff Poole RIP	
	7pm		Gerry O'Neil RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am		Intentions Betty Dickinson	
Thursday	9:15am	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>	Catherine Kerr (sick)	
Friday	12noon	<b>Requiem</b>	Kathleen Murphy RIP	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am	St Martin of Tours	Special Intention (GM)	
	6pm (vigil)	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Souls	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		For those who died in war	
	6pm	Intentions Fr Philip Conner		

**LATELY DEAD:** Please remember in your prayers **Jeff Poole**, whose Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Tuesday, **Kathleen Murphy**, whose Requiem will take place at 12noon on Friday, and all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 11am-12noon, and on request.

**ROSARY:** Prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before Mass on Fridays.

**ANGELUS:** said at 12noon on Fridays, at the start of Mass.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James Van Parys, Bert Brooks, Ron Cornah, Barrie Cliff, Monica Watt, Francis Sherridan, Dorothy Hall.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:** that Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



**NARTHEX WORK – PARKING:** Please leave the spaces nearest the chapel for those who find it harder to walk. Additional parking is available at the weekends on the school playground.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** not meeting this week – resumes next Monday (13<sup>th</sup>).

**FIREWORKS AND BBQ:** organised by St Clare's Scout Group on Monday evening (subject to weather). BBQ from 7pm, Fireworks from 7:30pm. All welcome. Proceeds to the Narthex fund.

**NARTHEX PLOTS:** Time is running out to sponsor a plot – the closing date is 19<sup>th</sup> November. Plots cost £50. A book containing a list of all the names/intentions of sponsors will be placed in the narthex for a time after the opening. Forms to sponsor a plot are available in the church entrance.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** Next Sunday. Those who have died in war will be remembered at Mass, with Scouts' Church Parade also taking place at 9:30am.

**UPDATE PARISH RECORDS:** If you have moved, are new to the parish or need to update your entry in our parish register of parishioners, please collect a form from the church entrance and return it to Fr Andrew or the presbytery.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SYRIA:** On sale after all Masses next weekend (11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>) and 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November. In aid of parish Syria project with ACN.

**CHRISTMAS CRIBS:** Christmas still seems a long time off, but... do you have a crib for your home? If not, think about getting one! In Advent we will have a blessing of cribs for your homes – more details to follow.

**ROMERO PLAY:** This Friday at St Wilfrid's, RISE Theatre present a play about Blessed Oscar Romero, an inspiring 20<sup>th</sup>-century martyr. Tickets £10/£8 for under-18s, available from our parish office. For info, contact Joe or Ruth on 07957 566741. Hosted by Metanoia Project.

**OLSE LADIES GROUP:** The Mass for deceased members of OLSE Ladies' Group and Catholic College Old Boys' Association will be this Thursday, 8pm at OLSE.

**WOMEN TOGETHER IN THE LANCASTER DIOCESE:** Prayer & Reflection led by Fr Stephen Patterson SJ, 18<sup>th</sup> November 10am-3:30pm at Our Lady & St Edward's. For more information contact Sue: 01772 715495 or email: [suegornall@aol.com](mailto:suegornall@aol.com)

**DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS at CASTLERIGG MANOR, KESWICK:**

**Young Adults' Retreat, 17-19 November:** an opportunity for young people (in year 12 or above), with time for reflection, discussion and prayer, and enjoy meeting other young adults. Cost £65.

**Advent Retreat, 8-10 December:** This weekend retreat, for young people in year 9 and above, will be a fun occasion to meet other young people and, together, reflect on what Christmas is really about. Cost £65.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 490; Collection: £1082.70; Special: £407.61. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Parish Hall
Monday	7pm	<b>Barbecue</b>	Outside hall
	7:30pm	<b>Fireworks</b>	Outside hall
Tue-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	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
	10:30am	<b>First Confession prep (5)</b>	Parish Hall
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-9)	Parish Hall

## Advance Diary Dates

14<sup>th</sup> November: St Clare's school open day, 2-6pm

17<sup>th</sup> November: Parish Quiz Night

21<sup>st</sup> November: Annual Mass for loved ones who have died, 7pm

26<sup>th</sup> November: Feast of Christ the King

## Preston YCW/Impact Groups at Castlerigg Manor

Members of the local Young Christian Workers (YCW) and Impact groups recently spent a weekend at the diocesan youth centre at Castlerigg, Keswick. As well as workshops and social time, the groups also took part in a Skype link-up with a Catholic parish on Long Island, New York, which was a great chance to speak to other young people and share their experience of life in the Church. There was also opportunity for silence and meditation at night prayer in the chapel.



**There are two retreats for young people coming up at Castlerigg in the next few weeks.** Why not go? Details inside the newsletter.