

St Clare's Catholic Church

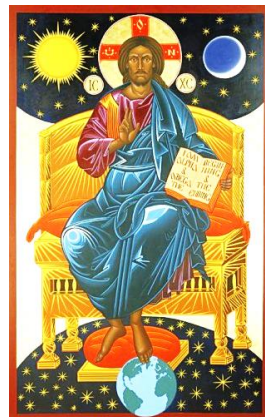
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th May 2017



"...and His Kingdom will have no end."

Last week we focused on the line "He will come again in glory"... that line of the Creed which is celebrated in Advent. This week's line of the Creed has its own feast day: Christ the King, which ends the Church's year. Jesus is the eternal King of all creation, as the Apostles witnessed, "even the wind and the sea obey Him" (Mark 4:41); but He gives us free will to accept or reject His kingship. Will we choose His Kingdom over our own desires? This week's task: **pray, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom".**



Focus on... Gift 92

Many of you will have noticed the Gift 92 van parked in the parish car park. This year the charity celebrates 25 years of helping people in need. Established in the Guild year 1992, it seeks to alleviate poverty by providing second-hand furniture and household goods to people in need, following referral from local agencies. Although a small charity, it has a big impact, supporting over 500 families per year. Could you help? Gift 92 needs donations of items in good and usable condition, including sofas, chairs, tables, beds etc., with appropriate fire labels. Or maybe you could offer some time to help taking calls at the office in Plungington or in the recycling and re-use shop at Claughton. For more information call 01772 716572, email: mail@gift92.com or visit www.gift92.com



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 265

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: week 5 of Easter

| Date | Time | Occasion | Intention/Details |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Saturday 13 th | 6pm (vigil) | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Marie Bisgrove RIP |
| | 7pm (vigil) | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday 14 th | 9:30am | | John Holden RIP |
| | 11am | | <i>First Communion Mass</i> |
| | 6pm | | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 9:15am | | Derek Smith RIP |
| Tuesday | 7pm | | Anne Topping RIP |
| Wednesday | 9:15am | | Barbara RIP/Dwyer family |
| Thursday | No Mass | | <i>No Mass today</i> |
| Friday | 12noon | | John Holden RIP |
| Saturday | 10am | | Jack Johnson RIP |
| Saturday 20 th | 6pm (vigil) | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Gregory and Juliana RIP |
| | 7pm (vigil) | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday 21 st | 9:30am | | Nellie Pemberton RIP |
| | 6pm | | People of the Parish |

LATELY DEAD: Please keep in your prayers all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturdays 10:30am-noon (for vocations); there is also Exposition with Benediction on Sundays 3:30-4:30pm during Eastertide.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon.

SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): Sundays 4pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

REGINA CAELI: Sung at 12noon on Fridays during Eastertide, at the start of Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES: Philip Baker, Rosalia Zimny, Florence Swift, Martin Elliot, Mary Bernie, Mark Hutchinson, Kathleen Painter.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: Evangelisation: Christians of Africa, witnesses for peace. That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: Please remember in your prayers the children who will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this weekend.

PARISH CHARITY PROJECT: now that the Hodovo appeal is ended, we will work with Aid to the Church in Need to support displaced families in Syria. Details on the front of the newsletter. Fundraising launch is on 30 May at 7pm Mass.

MASSES THIS WEEK: Please note that there will be no Mass here on Thursday this week. You are welcome to attend Mass locally that day at Carmel (9am), at Corpus Christi High School (3:15pm) and at Tabor (5:45pm). There will also be no hospital Mass this Monday (or on the Bank Holiday, 29 May).

CENACOLO COLLECTION: this weekend. Please leave items in the garage.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Sundays during Eastertide. Exposition at 3:30pm with reading and reflection, this week on Peter's repentance and commission by the risen Lord (John 21:15-25). At 4pm, sung vespers and Benediction.

ANointed: a new youth group for school years 7-9, Sundays at 7pm.

CATHOLIC YOUTH SURVEY (ages 13-29): details on the back of this newsletter.

FOOD BANK: The regular monthly collection takes place next weekend.

ANNUAL CATECHESIS: A great opportunity to hear afresh the news of salvation. Led by the NeoCatechumenal Way. Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30pm in the chapel.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: next course begins 22 May. Please register in advance.

200 CLUB: The next draw will take place on Sunday 21st May. The prizes will be £165, £99 and £66. Join now and you could be a winner! Forms in the porch.

URGENTLY REQUIRED: Collectors for Christian Aid Week (14-20 May). Our local churches collaborate on this annual act of mercy and witness. St Clare's "patch" is the Sherwood Way estates. Please call 719157 if you can help.

MAY PROCESSION here at St Clare's, 1:30pm on Friday 26th May.

MARCH FOR LIFE: next Saturday in Birmingham. Coach leaves St Walburge's at 9am (Mass at 8am). Cost £15, unwaged £10. Children, clergy and religious free. More information and booking details on the leaflet in the porch.

CARING FOR CARERS: Are you caring for someone? Have you recently been a carer? You are invited to a mini-retreat this Thursday, 10:30am-12:30pm at Tabor. More details from Cathy York, phone: 01772 723568.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: Final study session on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*, this Sunday at Our Lady & St Edwards, 7-8pm.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 531; Collection: £1161.53. Thank you.

This Week (one-off/occasional/new events are listed in bold type)

| Day | Time | What? | Where? |
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| Sat/Sun | At Mass | Cenacolo Collection | Garage |
| Sunday 14 th May | 9:30am | Children's Liturgy | At Mass |
| | 3:30pm | Exposition and Gospel Reflection | Church |
| | 4pm | Sung Vespers and Benediction | Church |
| | 4:30pm | Young Adults Group | Chapel |
| | 7pm | Anointed Youth Group (years 7-9) | Parish Hall |
| Monday-Friday | 9am | Pre-school | Parish Hall |
| | 3:20pm | After-school club | Parish Hall |
| Monday | 7:30pm | NCW Catechesis | Chapel |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm | Prayer Group | Chapel |
| Wednesday | 6pm | Seekers (school years 4-6) | Parish Hall |
| Thursday | 7:30pm | NCW Catechesis | Chapel |
| Saturday | 9am | Pilates | Parish Hall |
| | 10:30am | Confirmation Prep (8) | School |
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Advance Diary Dates

30 May: Launch of Syria Fundraising, 7pm Mass

16 June: Parish Blessed Sacrament Procession, 1:30pm

18 June: Confirmations, 6pm Mass

Further ahead and further afield:

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: (20s and 30s). 'Discerning God's Call in my life' 26 – 28th May, Broadstairs, Contact: lynnefcj@hotmail.com

OPEN HEALING SERVICE: for all who need healing or want to experience God's love. Wednesday 24th May, 7:30pm at St Joseph's, Lancaster. All welcome.

National Catholic Youth Survey

For young people aged 13-29. The Church wants to hear your views! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> to participate. Feedback will be helpful to the Pope and bishops meeting for a Synod on youth next year.