

St Clare's Catholic Church

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28<sup>th</sup> January 2018



# This Thursday: Blessing of the Narthex

After several years of fundraising and five months of construction, the Narthex will finally open this Thursday. Bishop Michael will come to bless the new building, and we will also be joined by Fr Loughran, whose initiative it was. This is a great – perhaps even historic – event in the life of the parish, so worthy of a celebration!

The liturgy begins at 7pm and follows the format of Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church): after the psalms, the children from our primary school will share with us the story of Jacob's ladder, then sing Mary's great song of praise, the Magnificat. Then the Bishop and assisting priests will enter the narthex to say the prayers of blessing, before returning to the church for the final prayers and hymn.



At the end of the liturgy, the congregation will leave the church through the Narthex, a first chance for most people to enter the extension and take a look at this wonderful new space. It will then be in use as the main entrance to the church, hopefully for many decades to come.

After the liturgy there will be food and drink available in the parish hall, where there will also be a timelapse video showing the demolition of the porch and construction of the narthex, as well as some images from the building work over the last few months.

Please do come along on Thursday night, and take your part in this wonderful moment in the life of our parish. It is a little piece of parish history being made!

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 132

Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6pm (vigil)	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Joan Burton RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Shirley Gilleade RIP	
	6pm		Winifred Green RIP`	
Monday	9:15am			Martin Cliff RIP
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Colledge Family	
Wednesday	9:15am	St John Bosco	Beryl Connor RIP	
Thursday	9:15am		Narthex Benefactors	
Friday	12noon	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	Lawrence Culshaw RIP	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	St Blaise	Private Intention	
	6pm (vigil)	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Frank & Molly Sinnott RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Noel Hammond RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

**LATELY DEAD:** Please remember in your prayers **Susan Forster, Martin Cliff, Elizabeth Chapman**, and all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for vocations).

**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:** Jean Moizer, Winifred Green, Elizabeth Worden, Margaret Williamson, William Staples, Elizabeth Moore, Bertha Mills, Agnes Noblet, Agnes Allen, Lily Riley, Bronia Kacperek, Kevin McEvoy, Mary Ray, Maureen Pike, Agnes Chessell.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:** That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**NARTHEX BLESSING AND OPENING:** This Thursday at 7pm. See front page.

**DAY OF RENEWAL:** Next Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 10am-4pm, beginning with Mass at 10am. Led by Fr Chris Thomas, a priest of Liverpool Archdiocese and founder of the 'Irenaeus Project'. His theme is 'The happy attitudes': a reflection on the Beatitudes. This is a great opportunity for spiritual renewal – why not come?

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:** This beautiful feast (also called 'Candlemas') is celebrated this Friday, with Mass at 12noon. Please gather in the narthex for the blessing of candles and procession. This Friday is not a day of abstinence.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, 7-8pm. A time of quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. With Benediction.

**200 CLUB:** January draw: £161- no. 89 Tina Saint; £96-no. 28 Veronica Starkie; £64-no. 41 Eamonn Murphy. Total to Narthex £8,944. Thank you for your support. There are numbers still available for the 200 Club, if you are not already a member or would like more numbers please contact Anthony Donlan Tel: 01772 713046; Email: [anthony@donlan.eu](mailto:anthony@donlan.eu)

**LOURDES PRIZE BINGO:** Taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to donate a prize, please bring it to the presbytery or drop it into the sacristy after Mass.

**ST CLARE'S ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER:** Regular parish news and pictures: to keep up-to-date, don't forget to 'like' or 'follow' us: Facebook: St Clare's Catholic Church Fulwood; Twitter: @StClareFulwood.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** for 2018 are available after Mass, cost £3 each.

**LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE:** The diocesan pilgrimage has places for young people (school year 10 and above), 19<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July. Sponsorship is available from parish fundraising. Please speak to Fr Andrew for more details.

**WINCKLEY SQUARE ANNUAL REUNION:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1-4pm at Our Lady and St. Edward's Parish Centre, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9UE.

**LAST SUNDAY:** Attended: 475; Collection: £1,031.10; 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	<b>Holy Communion Preparation (1)</b>	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Parish Pastoral Council	Presbytery
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:50pm	<b>Baptism Preparation (2)</b>	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	<b>Marriage Preparation (3)</b>	Parish Hall
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	<b>NCW Penitential</b>	Chapel
Thursday	7pm	<b>Blessing and Opening of Narthex</b>	Church
Friday	7pm	<b>First Friday Holy Hour</b>	Church
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>Confirmation Preparation (1)</b>	School
	10:30am	<b>Day of Renewal: Fr Chris Thomas</b>	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	<b>Holy Communion Preparation (2)</b>	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

## Advance Diary Dates

12<sup>th</sup> February: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (transferred), Patroness of the Diocese

14<sup>th</sup> February: Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent

## Further ahead and further afield...

**Our Lady of Lourdes Novena** at St Cuthbert's Church, Lytham Road, Blackpool, taking place 3-11<sup>th</sup> February. To conclude the Novena there will be The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass, held at St John Vianney's Church, Glastonbury Ave, Blackpool on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6.30pm where there will be Anointing of the Sick and Marian Procession. Followed by refreshments.