

St Clare's Catholic Church

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th February 2018



Thank you!

It was fantastic to see the church so full on Thursday evening for the blessing of the narthex – a truly joyful and memorable occasion, and the culmination of a huge amount of work by so many people.

Thanks to everyone who took part in any way. It was also lovely to see our former Parish Priests, Frs Loughran and Lakeland, back at St Clare's.

We thank God for blessing this new building for us.



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 134

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 3 rd	6pm	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Frank & Molly Sinnott RIP
Sunday 4 th	9:30am		Noel Hammond RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am	St Agatha	70 th Birthday
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	Ss Paul Miki and Companions	Alan Michael Cockburn – special intention
Wednesday	9:15am	St John Bosco	Intentions of Dr Atabali
Thursday	9:15am		Martin Cliff RIP
Friday	12noon		Ron Worden RIP
Saturday 10 th	10am	St Scholastica	Marie Wareing (sick)
	6pm (vigil)	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Terry Cairns RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 11 th	9:30am		Thanksgiving to Our Lady
	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: Gerard Regan, Frank Thompson, Brian Winterbottam, Isabel Loughran, Anne Marie Metcalf, Canon Benedict Ruscillo, Len Stevens, Ann Cobley, Harold Wilson, Mary Hornby, Julia Devaney, Adele Loid, Anthony Holt, Jayne Haythornthwaite.

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: Sincere thanks to all who came to the blessing and opening of the narthex on Thursday, and to all who worked so hard to make it such a special, prayerful and joyful occasion. We now look forward to putting this wonderful new space to good use, all year round! We expect it to be fully open for use, along with all the access paths, by next weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Luke Turner, Elliot Balshaw and Emily Watson, who were baptised here in January.

LENT: this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February. What are you going to do for Lent this year? Time to have a think!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES: This year the feast falls on a Sunday, so is transferred to the Monday. Our Lady of Lourdes is the principal patroness of our Diocese. This year, as we await a new bishop, her prayers are especially important to her. We will therefore say a novena prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes at Mass each day from this weekend until her feast, and her statue will be placed in the church.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY: Materials from CTS are now on sale in the narthex. Prices are printed on the booklets/leaflets. Please put money in the wall box.

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

LOURDES PRIZE BINGO: This Friday 9th February. Tickets £1 adult, children free available after all Masses this weekend. If you would like to donate a prize, please bring it to the presbytery or drop it into the sacristy after Mass.

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), 19th-29th July. Sponsorship is available from parish fundraising. Please speak to Fr Andrew for more details.

CAFOD LENT MEETING: Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Ash Wednesday (14th February), 2pm-3:30pm. Key note speaker: Livison Chipatiso, CAFOD's Programme Officer in Zimbabwe.

OUR LADY & ST EDWARD'S LADIES GROUP: Thursday, February 8th at 8pm. A presentation by Malcolm Tranter, 'Aspects of China.' in the Parish Centre at OLSE. Visitors welcome. Cost £2.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 496; Collection: £1,135.43; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 4 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (2)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:50pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	Marriage Preparation (4)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Finance and Fabric Committee	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Lourdes Prize Bingo	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

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

14th February: Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent. Mass at 9:15am and 7pm.

16th February: Lenten lunches begin

13th and 20th March: Lent Talks – the Sacraments in Scripture, 7:30pm

Further ahead and further afield...

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena at St Cuthbert's Church, Lytham Road, Blackpool, taking place 3-11th 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 12th February 2018 at 6.30pm where there will be Anointing of the Sick and Marian Procession. Followed by refreshments.

HEALING SIGNS & WONDERS: Cor et Lumen Christi Conference 3rd – 4th March in Manchester. Visit www.coretlumenchristi.org for more information.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN VACANCY: At Cardinal Allen High School, Fleetwood, starting in May this year. Visit www.cardinalallen.co.uk for more information.