

St Clare's Catholic Church

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in

ORDINARY TIME

23rd July 2017



"The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness..."

St Paul writes these words specifically in relation to prayer. "When we do not know how to pray as we ought," he says, "the Spirit Himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words." Sometimes during our prayer we feel we don't know what to say, or how to use the time. Let's remember what St Paul teaches: the Holy Spirit is on our side. Even if we are struggling to pray, as long as we make the time to try, we can be sure that the Holy Spirit is bringing our prayer to the Father.

FOCUS ON... the importance of rest

Our schools finished for summer this week, and for many people that means summer holidays are not too far away. A lot of people will no doubt be looking forward to some relaxation, and this is a good thing: God commands it! In the Bible, we read that God commands rest on the



sabbath day: this is a day to be devoted to Him, to our families, and to recovery from the work we must do. Jesus noticed how hard the disciples worked for Him, and told them: "You must come away and rest for a while" (Mark 6:31). Sometimes He says the same to us. It can be very hard in life to find some time to rest and recover, but it is important to try – God wants us to be well and to enjoy life! Let's remember, though, that the sabbath is a day not only of rest but of prayer: we never take a break from our prayers, since God is the One who gives life and restores us. As Jesus told us recently, "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 105

Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 16

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 22 nd July	6pm (vigil)	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rebecca Corda RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 23 rd	9:30am		Doris & Jim Mattinson RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am	Martyrs of Cumbria	Freda Burgess RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St James	Special Intention
Wednesday	9:15am	St Joachim & St Anne	Special Intention (LR)
Thursday	9:15am		90 th Birthday Celebration
Friday	12noon		Edith Noblett RIP
Saturday	10am	St Martha	Ints of Eileen Cywinski
Saturday 29 th July	6pm (vigil)	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Cecelia Lonsdale RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 30 th	9:30am		Freda Holdsworth 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; Saturday 10:30am-noon.

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: Lilian Cherry, Mary Richardson, Helena Davies, Margaret Fox.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

GOING ON HOLIDAY? Don't forget to find details of the local church for Sunday Mass before you go. If you need help finding out where and when Sunday Mass is celebrated, please get in touch – we can look it up for you.



40 HOURS: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the 40 Hours such a prayerful and beautiful time in the life of the parish. Special thanks are due to the flower ladies and to the sacristans, who worked very hard to make the altar look so beautiful, and to all those who helped to lead times of prayer during the devotion. It will without doubt bring many blessings on our parish.

NARTHEX (CHURCH EXTENSION): This week, the 'enabling works' for this project have begun. This work involves widening the emergency exits in the church, and diverting the electrical supply to the site, so that it does not run under the footprint of the new building. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the disruption. The main work is due to begin early in September. Thanks to those who continue to contribute towards the cost of the project, through donations, buying plots etc. – it is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Our schools broke up for summer this week. We wish all the pupils and staff a safe and restful holiday – a well-earned break!

ACN SYRIA APPEAL: So far we have raised and sent £6556.78 to ACN – more than enough to support three displaced families in Syria for a year. Thank you – it has been an amazing start to the appeal. Further donations and fundraising ideas are gratefully received – speak to Andrea Sinnott or Fr Andrew.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: this weekend, for the Good Shepherd Fund.

200 CLUB: July Winners: 1st - £162 No 19 Ennis O'Donnell; 2nd - £97 No 60 Pauline Embury; 3rd - £65 No 130 Pauline Devine. To the Narthex Fund so far: £6,489.

PARISH WEBSITE: PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church, is looking for volunteers to help run a second peer support group for people living with depression in Preston. Training Day is on Saturday 29 July at the Intact Centre, 49 Whitby Avenue, Ingol, Preston, PR2 3YP, 10am – 4pm. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk or contact rosa@peertalk.org.uk

LEADERSHIP POSTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Diocesan course, 9th November in Kendal. For experienced Catholic teachers, primary or secondary, considering Headship or senior leadership posts in Catholic schools. Details on notice board.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? If you (or a relative/friend) are going into hospital and would like a chaplaincy visit, please let us know. In an emergency always ask the ward staff to contact the on-call priest via the hospital switchboard.

CATHOLIC SINGLES helps single, separated, widowed or divorced Catholics (ages 18+) to meet other single Catholics. More information on the poster, or visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk email: info@catholicssingles.org.uk; 0161 9413498.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 524; Collection: £1,051.75. Thank you.

Events this week

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 23 rd July	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday 30 th July	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel

Advance Diary Dates

11 August: Feast of St Clare: Mass at noon, Transitus at 7pm

15 August: Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, Holy Day of Obligation

Parish Website – visit www.saintclares.co.uk

For news and photos, including the 40 Hours, ACN exhibition, youth groups and work on the narthex. Also plenty of information about parish life!

And so it begins...



Many people will have today walked past these markings on the church car park without thinking anything of them, but they mark the first physical signs of a dramatic transformation

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building work

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church

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Day of Renewal



A beautiful time of prayer



This evening the 40 Hours devotion (sometimes known by its Latin title, 'Quarant'ore') came to an end.

40 hours

eucharist

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prayer

quarant'ore

Portraits of Faith



40 Hours Devotion



This morning we began our annual "40 Hours" devotion, a crucial part of the life of any parish.

40 hours

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blessed sacrament

eucharist

quarant'ore

The end of an era

