

The Sacrament of the Sick: a gift of healing

One of the most frequent acts of Our Lord in the Gospel is healing. He worked many miracles in which the sick or infirm were cured of their illness. This physical healing was often accompanied by other forms of relief: reintegration into society, healing of spirit, forgiveness of sins. The Lord has given His Church a special sacrament to continue this saving work: the anointing of the sick. It is open to anyone who is seriously ill, and confers the Lord's healing power and forgiveness of sins. The priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person, and anoints them with holy oil, asking for healing and strength. Where suffering continues, the Lord offers grace so that the sick person may unite their sufferings with those of Christ. This sacrament is also given as one of the 'last sacraments' when a person is in danger of death. The signs of this sacrament (laying on of hands, anointing) can be found in the Church's healing work in Scripture (Mark 6:13, 16:18; James 5:14-15).



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FOCUS ON... Chaplaincy volunteers at RPH

A team of volunteers from across Preston and the local area help out with chaplaincy at the Royal Preston Hospital, assisting Fr Andrew and Sr Anne in the work of visiting patients and, where appropriate, taking Holy Communion to them. Volunteers normally offer around two hours per week. Is this something you could help with? If you're interested in giving a little time each week to help those suffering through illness, speak to Fr Andrew or Sr Anne for more information.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 264

Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: of the Easter season

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 28 th	6pm (vigil)	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Frank & Molly Sinnott RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 29 th	9:30am		George Oldcorn RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am			Martin Cliff RIP
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St Joseph the Worker	Jim Curley RIP	
Wednesday	12noon	Requiem	Annie Green RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	Sts Philip & James	Donna Green RIP	
Friday	12noon	The English Martyrs	Bob Melling RIP	
Saturday 5 th May	10:30am	Requiem	May Hargreaves RIP	
	6pm (vigil)	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Lena Thompson RIP	
9:30am	Ellen Catterall RIP			
Sunday 6 th	6pm		People of the Parish	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Rita Lyons**, whose Requiem took place last week, **Annie Green**, whose Requiem will be on Wednesday at 12noon, **May Hargreaves**, whose Requiem will be next Saturday at 10:30am, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; please note: no Saturday Exposition this week.
Sundays 4-5pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction.

CONFESSIONS: On request. No confessions on Saturday this week due to a funeral.

SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): Sundays 4:30pm during Eastertide.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, Monday and Wednesday.

ST ANTHONY: money donated in the wall box during April will go to CAFOD.

ANNIVERSARIES: Susan Harrison, Margaret Smith, Patricia Tallat, Rita Medway, Geoffrey Pike, Cliff Jackson, Marie Wilson, Elizabeth Ketchell, Monica Harrison.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; silence, scripture reflections and hymns; ends with Benediction. This Friday, 7-8pm.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting is on Sunday 20th May at 7pm. The book for this month is “The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit”; copies are now available from Fr A.

PETITIONS FOR ASSISI: any intentions for prayer, asking the intercession of St Clare; please place in marked envelope and hand in. They will be taken to Assisi next week.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Felicity Watkins, Joanna Keating, Thomas Waddingham and Arron Fairclough-Jones, baptised in the parish during the Easter season so far.

WEDNESDAY MASS: this week at 12noon, a Requiem. No 9:15am Mass.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS AND MASS: Please note that Mass next Saturday (5th) is a Requiem, at 10:30am. There will be no confessions that morning.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR: During Eastertide, Sundays at 4pm, Exposition and a scripture reflection followed at 4:30pm by sung Vespers (evening prayer) and Benediction.

NCW ANNUAL CATECHESIS: Christ came so that we may have life and have it to the full. Do you want a renewed, personal encounter with Jesus Christ? Come and listen, no commitment. Just Good News, hope and encouragement. Mondays and Thursdays in the side chapel. No one is excluded from the Lord’s joy.

STREET EVANGELISATION: members of the NeoCatechumenal Way will speak about the Gospel and their experiences outside Booths, 2:30-3:30pm on Sunday. All parishioners are very welcome to come and support this initiative, and to pray that it may help more people to discover Christ.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (13th-19th May): Collectors are urgently needed for the St Clare’s “patch”, which is mainly the roads off Sherwood Way. Please call 01772 717376 or 07803 071936 if you think you can help.

CAFOD: The government is currently doubling donations to CAFOD, until early May. You can donate using the St Anthony wall box (until the end of April) or in a marked envelope handed in at the presbytery or in the collection.

MILES FOR SYRIA: The overall total for Syria now stands at over £15,000. Visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/milesforsyria to donate online.

SCOUT LEADER REQUIRED: for more details please see the notice in the narthex.

HCPT LOURDES: NURSE OR DOCTOR required for a trip to Lourdes (Hosanna House), 31st August-7th September. Families also welcome. Speak to Fr Andrew.

CENACOLO OPEN DAY: Sunday 6th May. Mass at 12noon. www.cenacolouk.org/

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 506; Collection: £1,089.58; Ecclesiastical Education Fund: £ 391.19. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 29 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (6)	Parish Hall
	11am	Holy Communion Parents' Session (3)	Chapel
	4pm	Exposition and Reflection	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (5)	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Fabric & Finance meeting	House
	7:30pm	Prayer group	Chapel
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Penitential	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (6)	Chapel
Friday	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday 6 th May	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	4pm	Exposition and Reflection	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates:

10th May: Feast of the Ascension of the Lord – a Holy Day of Obligation

12th May: Messy Church, 1:30pm-3pm

16th May: Franciscan Crown: devotion based on Seven Joys of Mary, 7pm

20th May: Pentecost Sunday; Next meeting of the CTS Book Club, 7pm

25th May: May Procession, 1:45pm

1st June: Feast of the Dedication of St Clare's church, Mass at 12noon

3rd June: Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8th June: Parish Corpus Christi procession, 1:45pm

9th June: Day of Renewal