

Confirmation: the gift of the Holy Spirit

In these last days of Eastertide we pray for a renewal of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Church, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. For these gifts to be renewed in the Church, they must be renewed in each of our hearts. We received the Holy Spirit in a special way at Confirmation: this was our 'Pentecost', a completion of our baptism and the beginnings of adult faith.

FOCUS ON... The Franciscan Crown

Our patron St Clare is one of the earliest followers of St Francis of Assisi, and a close friend of this great man. St Clare was a Franciscan – the first woman to follow this spiritual path. So it seems appropriate that we, as a parish, become more familiar with Franciscan traditions. One tradition especially appropriate for May is the 'Franciscan Crown', a prayer similar to the Rosary, but with seven decades, meditating on the 'seven joys' of Mary. The seven joys are:



1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Adoration of the Magi
5. The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple
6. The Resurrection
7. The Assumption and Coronation of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven.

Come and pray this devotion together, to honour Our Lady, **7pm this Wednesday.**

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Office: Psalter Week 3; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: of the Easter season

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 12 th	6pm (vigil)	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Romeo Pereira RIP
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 13 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		May Hargreaves RIP
Monday	9:15am	St Matthias	May Conlon RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Anne Topping RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Maureen Wootton RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Frank Barnish RIP
Friday	12noon		Intentions of the Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Saturday 19 th	10am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Carol McCarthy RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Eddie Sinnott RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 20 th	9:30am		Fr Bernard Woods RIP
	6pm	People of the Parish	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Helena Jackson**, whose funeral will take place on Tuesday at 12:15pm, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

Sundays 4-5pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon and on request.

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

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass.

ST ANTHONY: money donated in the wall box during May will go to Survive-MIVA, a charity which provides transport for medical and pastoral needs overseas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Edna Kiely, Philip Barker, Rosalia Zimny, Florence Swift, Martin Elliot, Mary Bernie, Mark Hutchinson.

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.

FRANCISCAN CROWN: a beautiful devotion to Our Lady, part of the spirituality of the Franciscans. Wednesday at 7pm in church. See front page for more details.

LOURDES YOUTH SPECIAL COLLECTION: We are very blessed in that eight young people from our parish will travel to Lourdes with the Diocese this summer, to help sick pilgrims at to pray at Mary's shrine. There is a special collection to help pay for them at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous.

MAY PROCESSION: Friday 25th May at 1:45pm, starting in the school hall and processing to church for devotions to Our Lady. All welcome.

CENACOLO COLLECTION: this weekend. Please leave items in the porch of the presbytery (priest's house). **FOOD BANK** collection next weekend (19th/20th).

HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION GIFTS will be on sale in the narthex after all Masses this weekend and next. Proceeds from these sales will go to ACN to support our families in Syria. Thank you for your support.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Meeting next Sunday at 7pm. The book for this month is "The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit"; copies are now available from Fr Andrew.

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, 7:30pm in the side chapel. No one is excluded from the Lord's joy.

ST ANTHONY'S SINGERS will be performing a concert of hymns to Our Lady next Sunday, 20th May, St Anthony's Church at 2pm. Free entry but donations welcome to help fund Our Lady's pupils who are travelling to Lourdes this summer.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PILGRIMAGE: To Lancaster Cathedral and St Peter's in Heysham. Saturday 29th September. £26 including transport and evening meal. Booking forms and details in the narthex. Early booking is appreciated.

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.

PIANO RECITAL: Concert pianist Alessandra Pompili will play Franz Liszt's *Via Crucis*, his work based on the Stations of the Cross. Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre, this Wednesday at 7pm. Donations to Aid to the Church in Need.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 495; Collection: £1,012.56. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo Collection	House porch
Sunday 13 th May	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (7)	Parish Hall
	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
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:50pm	Baptism Preparation (2)	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (9)	Chapel
Tuesday	7:40pm	Parish Pastoral Council	Presbytery
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Devotions: The Franciscan Crown	Church
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (10)	Chapel
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House porch
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Confirmation Preparation (7)	School
Sunday 20 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (8)	Parish Hall
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	4pm	Exposition and Reflection	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Narthex
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Advance Diary Dates:

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

10th June: First Holy Communion, Mass at 11am