



The Holy Trinity: a mystery of love

God is one, and yet three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. How can this be? In truth, that's not a question we can answer; but we can answer a more important question: "Why should this be?" The reason, very simply, is that God is love (1 John 4:16). Since God is three persons, united in an unbreakable bond of love, we can say that relationship is at the heart of God – love is at the heart of God. This mystery of the Holy Trinity is hard for us to understand, but easier to appreciate, because – hopefully – we all know the value of love.



FOCUS ON... Dedication of St Clare's Church

On 1st June 1994, the feast of Corpus Christi, our church was consecrated by Bishop Brewer. It had already been open for 15 years, but churches cannot be consecrated until the debt of building work has been paid, so it was only in the mid-90s that the consecration went ahead.

Fr Francis Worden, who had been Parish Priest at our mother church, Our Lady and St Edward's, at the time the parish was founded, preached at the Mass, noting that St Clare's church was being made sacred, "dedicated solely and forever to the worship of God and to meeting the spiritual needs of His people, especially you, the people of this parish."

The Church asks us to celebrate annually the anniversary of the consecration of our church buildings, as a reminder of their purpose and an encouragement to us to rededicate ourselves to the Lord's service. Join us for the celebration of the anniversary of dedication at the Holy Hour on Friday evening at 7pm.

If anyone has any photographs of the church's consecration in 1994, please share them with us! Speak to Fr Andrew or contact the parish office.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 83

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 8, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 26 th	6pm (vigil)	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Michael and Teresa Yates – Diamond Wedding
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 27 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Michael Prince: 3 rd birthday
Monday	10am		Frank Swarbrick RIP
Tuesday	7pm		Diana Lennon RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		George Oldcorn RIP
Thursday	9:15am	Visitation of Our Lady	Eileen Wells RIP
Friday	12noon	Requiem	Jean McCombe RIP
Saturday 2 nd June	10am		Lawrence and Lilian Culshaw RIP
	6pm (vigil)	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)	Ida Fernandes RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 3 rd	9:30am		Special Intention
	6pm	Jimmy & Peter Whelan RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Jean McCombe**, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday at 12noon, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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: Marion Stewart, Mary Josephine O’Neil, Anna Hall, Michael Lappin, Hilda McNeela, Eileen Mundy, Philip Lee, Shaniece Hopkins, Josie Singleton, Mary McCann, Ethel Raisbeck.

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.

PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: 27th May-1st June 2019. Introductory meeting for those interested next Sunday at 7pm in the side chapel. Full trip details to follow.

PARISH WALK TO LADYEWELL: Saturday 16th June, leaving here early afternoon; some prayers and refreshments on arrival at the shrine. More details to follow.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: 7-8pm this Friday in the church. With Benediction.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: Mass in church at 10am; no hospital Mass this week.

DAY OF RENEWAL: Fr Pat Deegan will lead this day, with the theme: "Living the joy of the Gospel". Talks, times of prayer and opportunities for healing; all are very welcome. Saturday 9th June, beginning with 10am Mass.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting on Sunday 24th June at 7pm. The book for this month is the life of St Anthony of Padua.

ST CLARE'S SCHOOL ARTS WEEK: 25th-29th June. We would be very grateful if any parishioners could share their skills in painting, music, photography, calligraphy or any art form with the children. Speak to Fr Andrew for more information.

RACE NIGHT: Friday 8th June 7pm. Tickets £2, available after Masses this weekend. In aid of Lourdes Youth Fund. Please note that no food or alcohol will be served at this event, so bring your own food and alcoholic drinks, if you wish!

LOURDES YOUTH COLLECTION: Thanks for your generosity: £1043.50 was collected last weekend. Further donations, in marked envelopes, are welcome.

NCW ANNUAL CATECHESIS: Continues Mondays and Thursdays in the side chapel at 7:30pm. An opportunity to grow more aware of God's love for each of us.

LADYEWELL MAY DEVOTIONS: 31st May, Mass at 11am followed by procession, Exposition, Rosary and crowning of the statue of Our Lady. See poster in narthex.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Sunday 3rd June, 2pm at St Walburge's church. An opportunity to show our love for Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 498; Collection: £943.67; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (13)	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Narthex
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Assisi 2019 Pilgrimage Meeting	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates:

8th June: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mass at 12noon

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

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

17th June: Confirmations at 6pm Mass; first visit of Bishop Paul to our parish

25th June: Commentated Mass, 7:30pm

29th June: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation

29th June: Parish and School Summer Fair, 3:30pm

Further ahead and further afield...

ENCOUNTER - *Experience the loving presence of Jesus*, Saturday 9th June 2018, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU (no charge, but donations welcome). To info/bookings: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org or 016973 45623.