



He spoke the Word to them...

At the end of today's Gospel we hear that the Lord spoke to people 'in parables' – these are the stories Jesus so often uses. They help us to remember His teaching, but also invite us to reflect more deeply, as the parables often have several layers of meaning. Jesus spoke the Word to them "so far as they were capable of understanding it". It is the same with us: He speaks to us, and as our understanding of His word grows, He leads us to an ever deeper knowledge of God.

FOCUS ON... Assisi Pilgrimage

Assisi is a beautiful hill town in Umbria, central Italy. We have a special connection to this place: it was the home of St Clare, our parish patron, and St Francis, one of the greatest saints of the Church.



Next year (27th May-1st June) there will be a parish pilgrimage to Assisi, where we will visit all the main sites associated with these great saints and pray at their tombs; there will be time to explore the town and to enjoy each other's company and relax in the Italian sunshine (it should be quite nice at that time of year!)

The cost is £795, which covers everything apart from travel insurance, three lunches and any money you spend while away. There will be some financial help available for families and those on low incomes, so please don't let cost stop you travelling – speak to Fr Andrew. Pick up an information sheet from the narthex, and get your booking form from the parish office. This is not to be missed!

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 95

Office: Psalter Week 3; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 11, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 16 th	6pm (vigil)	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Baby Martha McLoughlin
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 17 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		For the confirmandi
Monday	9:15am		Deceased members of the Murphy family
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Jeff Poole RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Frank Rowe RIP
Thursday	9:15am	St Aloysius Gonzaga	Jack Burton RIP
Friday	12noon	St John Fisher and St Thomas More	Martin Cliff RIP
Saturday 23 rd	10am	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	Peter Madden RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Mary & Ronald Airey RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 24 th	9:30am		Margaret Nayliss RIP
	6pm	Peter & John Cassidy RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all those 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 June will go to Survive-MIVA, a charity which provides transport for medical and pastoral needs overseas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ian Gardner, Irena Iavertino, James Morgan, Doreen Dewhurst, John Calvert, Bill Byrne, Mary Morgan, Monica Sharpe.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: that social networks may work towards the inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

CONFIRMATIONS: This Sunday at 6pm Mass we welcome Bishop Paul, making his first visit to St Clare's, coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please remember the candidates and their families in your prayers.

THANK YOU: to those who organised, helped with or supported the Race Night. £365.30 was raised for our Lourdes Youth Fund.

PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: 27th May-1st June 2019. A chance to visit this beautiful town, home to St Clare and St Francis. See front page.

COMMENTATED MASS: Monday 25th June at 7:30pm, a 'walk through' the Mass, looking at the words and actions and what they mean. Come and discover more!

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: this weekend. Please leave items in house porchway.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Meeting next Sunday, 24th June, at 7pm. The book for this month is the life of St Anthony of Padua. Copies are available from Fr Andrew.

THE EUCHARIST, SACRAMENT OF CHARITY: A talk here at St Clare's, part of a series taking place across the diocese in preparation for the Eucharistic congress taking place in Liverpool in September. Tuesday 3rd July at 7:30pm in the hall.

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENING STROLL: This Wednesday (20th June). Meet at the Sherwood at 7:30pm. The stroll is about a mile and a half through Mason Wood and then back to the pub for "conviviality".

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.

GIFT AID: A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify us if you are no longer a tax payer or you paid insufficient tax during 2017/18 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated.

LARK HILL ASSOCIATION: The Annual Meeting of the Lark Hill past pupils takes place at Cardinal Newman College on Saturday June 30th at 2pm. A chance to meet up with friends, chat and look round the College.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: this Sunday, for the Day for Life.

SURVIVE-MIVA APPEAL: next Sunday, an appeal by this charity, which provides vehicles to those working on the missions. Collection at all Masses.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 702; Collection: £1418.95; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House porch
Sunday 17 th June	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Monday	6:15pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	6:50pm	Baptism Preparation (1)	Chapel
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
	7:30pm	CTFB Evening Stroll	Sherwood pub
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday 24 th June	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Narthex

Advance Diary Dates:

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

12th-15th July: 40 Hours Solemn Exposition (Quarant'ore)

16th July: Evening devotions and social to mark St Clare's birthday

20th July: Whole school end of term Mass, 9:15am

SUMMER FAIR – Friday 29th June, 3:30-6:30pm

SUMMER DRAW TICKETS available in the Narthex. **TOMBOLA** prizes and **DONATIONS** of cash, bottles of wine or spirits, chocolates etc for raffle prizes are welcome. **SCHOOL** are collecting toys books sweets and bottles.