



Created for life

This week's first reading tells us that death "was not of God's doing"; instead, it reminds us, "it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world." God created us to be and to live – He wants us to experience and to enjoy this life. Even more, He offers us a new, fuller kind of life – a life of faith, a life which is spiritual and leads to eternal joy. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full", Jesus told us (John 10:10). Life, then, is to be valued as the first of God's gifts. Let us continue to pray for a sincere respect for all human life, from conception to natural end, in a world where the sanctity and value of life is so often forgotten.

FOCUS ON...

a statue of St Clare

The patron saint of a parish is really important, as an example, inspiration and also intercessor – someone who prays for us in heaven. It seems a shame that we do not have a clear image or statue of St Clare in our church, and maybe it's time to put that right. In the narthex is an image of a statue we hope to install later this year – it is hand carved, in wood, so is very high quality; but high quality comes at a price! You may be able to help: Rita Hunter, one of our parishioners, is walking the last 200 miles of the Camino de Santiago later this year, and is asking for sponsorship to raise money for the statue. Sponsor forms are in the narthex. Alternatively, donations are welcome – please use a marked envelope, and gift aid your donation, if you can. This statue would be a great way to raise the profile of St Clare in our parish.



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 100

Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 12, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 30 th	6pm (vigil)	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eddie & Mary Sinnott RIP	
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 1 st July	9:30am		Graham Worswick RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am			Marie Wareing (sick)
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St Thomas	George Earnshaw RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am		Deceased members of the Bolton family	
Thursday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP	
Friday	12noon		Sophia Morris RIP	
Saturday 7 th	10am		Ronald and Margaret Culshaw RIP	
	6pm (vigil)	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Lyn Bamber RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 8 th July	9:30am		Bernard Keaveny RIP	
	6pm		Intentions of Janet Metcalf	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Isabella Cebrero** and all those who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-**Thursday** 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon. Please note, there will be no Exposition on Friday morning this week.

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 July will go to local people in need of financial help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen O’Hanlon, Sheila Warren, Eileen Barnes, Tim Duffy, Joan Craven, Tim Buckley, Stuart Smith, Madge Ainsworth, Winifred Healey.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY: That priests who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

40 HOURS: this beautiful devotion is taking place 12th-15th July. Sign up sheets are now in the narthex. Please sign up for a half-hour if you can commit to a slot.

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.

EMERGENCY TRAINING: Saturday 7th July at 2pm, for all those who are asked to act as stewards in the event of an emergency, and all who lead groups in the parish. Please do your very best to attend this session, which is maximum 1 hour long! Please try to attend if you are already one of the following: welcomer, collector, sacristan, MC/adult server, children's catechist (including children's liturgy), or are a member of the social committee. Thank you for your help with this work.

PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: 27th May-1st June 2019. An opportunity to visit this beautiful town, home to St Clare and St Francis. For more details please pick up a leaflet from the narthex. Booking forms are available from the parish office.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting on Sunday 22nd July, 7pm. The booklet this month is "Finding God when prayer doesn't work". Copies now available from Fr Andrew.

MORNING EXPOSITION: please note, no Exposition on Friday this week.

WEDNESDAY TEA/COFFEE now pauses for the summer; it will resume in September.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION: "Aladdin" by Year 6 children at St Clare's, Tuesday 10th July at 2pm and 6:30pm. Tickets are free, available now from the school office.

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S, LEYLAND: A time of prayer and evening meal, Wednesday 11th July, starting at 6pm at St Ambrose (C of E) church in Leyland, then at La Corte restaurant. Includes two brief talks on living out our baptismal vocation. For more information, please speak to Fr Andrew.

SURVIVE-MIVA APPEAL: £666.26 was raised for this important work. Thank you.

LANCASTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE to Ladyewell, Saturday 14th July, Mass at 11am, Eucharistic procession to the Shrine and Benediction. Led by the Bishop.

SPIRITUALITY FOR SUMMER: Saturday 21st July, 10:30am-4pm at Tabor. A time to refresh ourselves by drawing closer to God's love. Cost £20. See poster.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: 9th-14th September, run by Tabor. A retreat in daily life, prayer each day and meeting with a prayer guide. See leaflets in narthex.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: next Sunday 8th July for the Apostleship of the Sea.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 514; Collection: £1,099.36; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 1 st July	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	Talk: "The Eucharist: - sacrament of charity"	Parish Hall
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	6:50pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Chapel
	7:30pm	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
	2pm	Emergency Training for stewards	Parish Hall
Sunday 8 th July	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

Advance Diary Dates:

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

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

3rd August: First Friday Holy Hour, 7pm

6th August: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord; Mass at 9:15am and 5:15pm

10th August: Transitus of Saint Clare followed by social, 7pm

12th August: Feast of Saint Clare – Sunday Masses at the usual times

2018-2019: a year of anniversaries in the parish

We have a number of significant anniversaries coming up in the parish, beginning later this year. Monday 5th November will be the 40th anniversary of the laying of the church's foundation stone; then a year later, on 11th November 2019, we will mark 40 years since the church opened. In between, on 1st June 2019, it's the 25th anniversary of the consecration of the church. We should mark these important anniversaries, and a programme of events will be put forward in due course. In the meantime, if you have any ideas about how we could celebrate, please let us know. Hopefully every member of the parish will be involved in this special year.