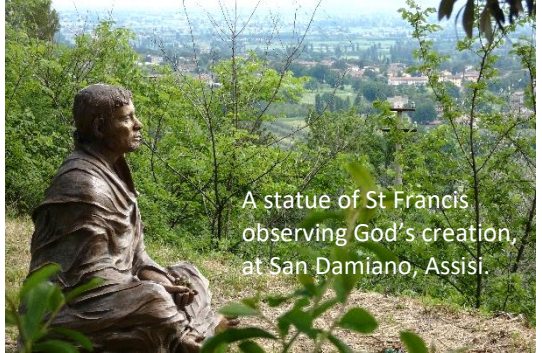


## **FOCUS ON... World Day of Prayer for Creation**

This coming Saturday is the annual World Day of Prayer for Creation, instituted by Pope Francis to encourage us to pray for the protection of God's creation. In the book of Genesis, God gives humans the whole of creation and puts us in charge of His work. But this call comes immediately after He created us "in His image"; so we



A statue of St Francis observing God's creation, at San Damiano, Assisi.

should expect that we must also manage His creation following His ways. This means not destroying or misusing what He has made, but acting as responsible stewards, using appropriately all the gifts that God gives us, but not allowing our greed to exhaust creation to the point that it is damaged. Sadly, we know that our environment faces many challenges – from gas emissions to plastics in the ocean, human activity is contributing to a global ecological crisis.

As a parish dedicated to St Clare, we should have a special concern for the environment, because it has been an important part of Franciscan spirituality – right from the start – to praise God for His creation and to show respect for all that God has placed in our hands. Let us pray fervently this coming Saturday for all of creation, that we may be more faithful stewards of our world.

We have seen many examples of extreme weather in recent months, not least the devastating floods in Kerala. Let's continue to pray for all those affected. Next weekend there will be a special collection at all Sunday Masses for the emergency appeal which has been launched for Kerala. Please give what you can to help.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 123

Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 21, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6pm (vigil)	<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	People of the Parish	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	9:30am		John and Sebastina Rodrigues RIP	
	6pm		Robert Frost RIP	
Monday	<b>10am</b>		St Monica	George Oldcorn RIP
Tuesday	7pm		St Augustine	Bread Soko RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Austin Lakeland RIP	
Thursday	9:15am		Ben Hunter RIP	
Friday	12noon		John and Veronica Baines RIP	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	10am	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Birthday Intentions of Fr James Fegan	
	6pm (vigil)		David Wilkinson RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	9:30am		Intentions Betty Dickinson	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

**LATELY DEAD:** Please remember in your prayers all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday**-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for vocations). Please note, no Exposition on Monday 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 August will go to local people in need of financial help.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joyce Wilcock, Richard Singleton, Clare Southworth, Teresa Kirby, Thomas Geoghan, Anthony McCambridge, Beatrice Lynch.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:** That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION:** On the streets of Liverpool, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September, as part of the 'Adoremus' Eucharistic congress. Transport will be provided from the parish, leaving at around 10:45am and back here for around 5pm. Suggested donation: adults £5; children £2.50; please sign up in the narthex.

**BANK HOLIDAY:** Mass this Monday at 10am; there is no hospital Mass this week. There will be no Exposition on Monday morning this week.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** The next Journey in Faith group will begin in a few weeks' time. If interested, or for details, speak to Fr Andrew.

**200 CLUB AUGUST WINNERS:** Lucy Slater £158.75; Frank Gahan £95.25; John McGeoghan £63.50. £11,475 has been raised so far for parish development fund.

**ST CLARE STATUE:** Thanks for your generous donations and to all those who have sponsored Rita for her walk. We are still collecting, so please sign up to sponsor Rita or make a donation if you can. Sponsor forms in the narthex.

**PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE:** 27<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June 2019. For more details pick up a leaflet from the narthex/speak to Fr Andrew. Booking forms from the parish office.

**PHOTOGRAPH APPEAL:** Do you have any photos of the consecration of the church (1<sup>st</sup> June 1994)? Please speak to Fr Andrew if you can help with this appeal.

**CTS BOOK CLUB:** Takes a break in August. Next meeting on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The booklet will be "Meeting Christ in the Eucharist". Copies from Fr Andrew.

**LADYEWELL SHRINE:** celebration for the Birthday of Our Lady, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. 11am Rosary & Benediction in St Mary's, Mass at 12 noon at the Shrine, refreshments after Mass.

**THE BIG WALK 2018:** Young people (aged 16+) are invited to walk with Bishop Paul from Castlerigg to Cleator for the annual pilgrimage (see below). The walk takes place 31<sup>st</sup> August-2<sup>nd</sup> September. More details at [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September, diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator (West Cumbria). Mass at 3pm. See poster in narthex.

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

**GOLD SAINT STEPHEN'S MEDAL:** A special presentation Mass for Michael Massey (marking 50 years as an altar server) will take place at St Wilfrid's in Preston on Friday 21st September at 7:30pm, followed by refreshments. All welcome. For more info, please call Christopher Massey on 07743 375579.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Today for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales.

**LAST SUNDAY:** At Mass: 444; Collection: £943.82; Assumption: £426.28. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>Visiting Group meeting</b>	Presbytery
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall

### Advance Diary Dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Social Committee, 7:30pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Parish Council, 7:40pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Whole school Mass, 9:15am

## Adoremus Eucharistic Congress

Liverpool, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

This national event is aimed at deepening our awareness of the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and our love for the Eucharist. Representatives of parishes from across the country will be present, and over the weekend there will be talks, discussions and opportunities for prayer. On the Sunday there is a Eucharistic procession (open to all) through the streets of Liverpool, beginning at 1pm.

Within each parish there will be extra opportunities for prayer over these days. As St Clare's, we will hold the First Friday Holy Hour as usual on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; then on Saturday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:30am until 6pm, to give us all opportunity to pray before the Eucharistic Lord.

If you are interested in taking part in the Eucharistic procession on the streets of Liverpool, please sign up for the coach – sign-up sheet in the narthex.

