

Franciscan of the Week: Saint Angela of Foligno

Angela was born in Foligno, Umbria , in 1248. She married and had three sons. She enjoyed worldly pleasures but became increasingly aware that her life was lacking any real meaning. She prayed to St Francis, and – perhaps after a vision of him – vowed to change her life. Tragedy struck soon afterwards – her entire family died in an outbreak of plague. She made a pilgrimage to Assisi, where she was overcome by a sense of God's love; she gave away all her property and joined the Third Order of St Francis. Others began to join her, and she served them as a spiritual mother. God granted her intense mystical experiences in her prayer, but she also devoted much time to serving Christ in the poor. One Holy Thursday she told her companions, "Let us go and look for Christ our Lord. We will go to the hospital and perhaps among the sick and suffering we shall find Him." Angela died on 4th January 1309; she was canonised by Pope Francis in 2013.



FOCUS ON... White Flower Appeal

This weekend the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) holds its annual 'White Flower' appeal. The need is ever more pressing. In 2019 some MPs look set to continue a push to completely decriminalise abortion in our country, removing all protections for life before birth. SPUC works to promote respect for life and lobby MPs to protect unborn children; it also works to support midwives and other healthcare workers whose freedom of conscience is being eroded. The charity also supports mothers in choosing life for their children, and those who have been hurt by abortion, through links with ARCH (Abortion Recovery Helpline) which offers free, non-judgemental counselling. Thank you for your support.

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Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: Year 1, Week 1

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 12 th Jan.	6pm (vigil)	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Mary and Ronald Airey RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 13 th Jan.	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		PJ and Nuala Gordon RIP
Monday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
	7pm	Catherine (sick)	
Wednesday	9:15am	Frank Machin RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	St Anthony of Egypt	Mathew Plathottathil RIP
Friday	12noon		Joseph Speight RIP
Saturday 19 th Jan.	10am	THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Christopher Wood RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Audrey Dagger RIP
Sunday 20 th Jan.	9:30am		For a baby girl
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Ken Penswick**, whose Requiem took place here last week, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for vocations).

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

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. Mondays: Joyful; Wednesdays: Glorious; Thursdays: Luminous; Fridays: Sorrowful mysteries. This prayer is offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

ST ANTHONY: January wall box donations go to the crib appeal for local people.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Gray, Gerald Turner, Helena Corbishley, Colin Mullarkey, Hilda Battersby, Phylis Abram, Marie Jackson, Ethel Ray, Gwen Lakeland, Robert Coarey, Theresa Noblett, Katharina Lacey, Ronald Templeman.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

VISITS TO THE CRIB: Last chance! Don't forget to call in and say some prayers before the crib, which remains open until Sunday evening.

LADY MILENA-GRENFELL BAINES: Lady Milena was a child at the outbreak of World War II. She escaped the Holocaust – one of 669 children who were saved thanks to the Czech Kindertransport. She will give a talk on her experiences this Monday at 7pm in the parish hall. We ask for a £5 donation towards our ACN Iraq appeal. A donation will also be made to the Holocaust Memorial Fund.

NARTHEX CLOSURE: The narthex may be closed for a couple of days this week, for planned maintenance work. The church will remain open as usual; access will be via the side chapel when the narthex is closed.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting on Sunday 27th January. The booklet will be *Lectio Divina* by Jean Khoury. Copies available from Fr Andrew.

NCW MASS: Please note, there will be no 7pm Mass next Saturday evening.

DAY OF RENEWAL: 'The Power of the Holy Spirit', Saturday 9th February, led by Sr Maria Natella. The day starts with Mass at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch.

LANCASTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 26th July-2nd August by air from Manchester. Information and booking forms in the narthex.

YOUNG PEOPLE - LOURDES: Any young people interested in going to Lourdes with the diocese this summer, please speak to Fr Andrew asap. Poster in the narthex.

PRAYER GROUP: There will be a meeting for those who have been attending Prayer Group on Tuesday 22nd January after the evening Mass, in the side chapel.

LOURDES PRIZE BINGO: Taking place on Friday 15th February. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents that you can donate, please hand them in at the presbytery. Money raised will be used to support young people going to Lourdes.

ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: We still have a small number of places available for this pilgrimage (27th May-1st June 2019). Twin/double rooms only. Speak to Fr Andrew.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: 2019 edition available in the narthex, priced £3.50. Please put money in the wall box marked 'CTS, books etc'.

CARMELITE PRAYER EVENINGS: 'I am not asking you to do anything more than look at Him'. Wednesdays 7pm-8:30pm 16th January, 20th February and 20th March.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: Collection this weekend (12th/13th Jan).

PEERTALK: Seeking volunteer facilitators to help run a peer support group for people living with depression in Preston. Training Day is on Saturday 16th Feb, 9:45am-4pm in Leeds. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer

COLLECTIONS: At Mass: 519; Collection: £989.75. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo Collection	House Porch
Sunday 13 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	4:30pm	Confirmation Preparation (4)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	7pm	Talk by Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines (in aid of ACN Iraq appeal)	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Journey in Faith Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	Marriage Preparation (2)	Parish Hall
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 3-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 20 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Children's liturgy leaders' meeting	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

2019 – what can we expect at St Clare's?

We can never predict the future – but, on top of all the regular events of the year, here are some extra highlights planned for the coming year in our parish:

9th-14th March: Visit of the Franciscan Sisters – experiencing God's healing

Led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, a week of spiritual events to begin Lent. This will be a wonderful to receive peace and healing from the Lord.

27th May- 1st June: Parish Assisi Pilgrimage

There are still a few places left. Why not join us? For those who aren't travelling, there will be opportunities back home to follow the pilgrimage.

14th-16th June: Flower Festival

Marking 25 years since the consecration of the church; in aid of ACN.

Sunday 10th November: 40th Anniversary Mass, 6pm

The Bishop will celebrate Mass to mark 40 years since the church opened. This will be a great celebration for the whole parish. Make a note of the date!