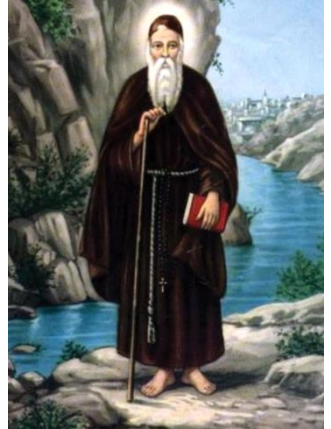

Franciscan of the Week: St Conrad of Piacenza

Conrad was born around 1290. A young nobleman, he was out hunting one day when he had his servants start a fire to drive out his prey. The fire spread rapidly and destroyed neighbouring fields. When a peasant was sentenced to death for starting the fire, Conrad came forward and admitted his guilt. He had to pay for all the damage, and this left him nearly ruined. Following this, he and his wife both decided to give up their property and enter religious life – she as a Poor Clare and he as a Franciscan hermit in the Valley of Noto. Seeking a solitary life in a remote grotto, he found himself often inundated with visitors who came to ask for his powerful intercession. When he knew he was dying, he lay in front of a crucifix and left this life on 19th February 1351. He was canonised in 1625.



FOCUS ON... Sister Clare Crockett

Clare was born in Derry in 1982. She dreamed of being an actress and had a promising career, but she left behind that life – and everything that went with it – to devote her life to God as a nun. In 2016, while working in Ecuador, she was killed during an earthquake. Now, after her death, she is inspiring more people than she did whilst here on earth. This Monday we will show a beautiful film telling her story – Sr Clare: All or Nothing. 7:30pm in the side chapel. Come and be inspired!



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Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: Year 1, Week 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 16 th Feb.	6pm (vigil)	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Cath Harrison RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 17 th Feb.	9:30am		Richard Allen RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		David Bailey RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	Intentions Bob Dewhurst and family	
Wednesday	11am	Requiem	Teresa Madden RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Frank Machin RIP
Friday	12noon	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	Ken Penswick RIP
Saturday 23 rd Feb.	10am	St Polycarp	Special Intention (CL)
	6pm (vigil)	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joan Burton RIP
Sunday 24 th Feb.	9:30am		Teresa Madden RIP
	6pm		Jack Burton RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Teresa Madden**, whose Requiem will take place here at 11am on Wednesday, **Iris Jackson**, whose funeral will take place here on Monday 4th March at 12noon, 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.

ST ANTHONY: February wall box donations will go to the Medaille Trust, which works to help victims of modern slavery here in the UK.

ANNIVERSARIES: Richard Counsell, Jean Kirby, George Livesey, Keith Foster, Maud Melling, Maria Jakimovicz, Jack Bennett, Thelma Gavell, George Green, Anne Lovell, Bill Walmsley, Julia Devaney, Adele Loid, Jane Haythornthwaite, Anthony Holt.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

9th-14th MARCH - VISIT OF THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS: Flyers for the Sisters' visit are available in the narthex. Please consider inviting others to come along, and pray that the visit will bring many graces to our parish: prayer cards also in the narthex. See also the back page of the newsletter.

JACOB'S JOIN: After the final Mass of the Sisters' visit (Thursday 14th March, 7pm) there will be a Jacob's Join in the parish hall. Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to contribute to this.

WEDNESDAY MASS: Please note, Mass on Wednesday this week will be at 11am, a Requiem for Teresa Madden. No 9:15am Mass this Wednesday.

CTS BOOK CLUB: This Sunday (17th) at 7pm in the side chapel. The booklet is on the life of St Francis of Assisi. Even if you haven't read it, you are welcome to come.

ALL OR NOTHING: A beautiful film telling the incredible story of Sr Clare Crockett. Will be shown in the side chapel, this Monday at 7:30pm. See front page.

NCW MASS: Please note, there will be no 7pm Mass next Saturday (24th).

ST CLARE – LIGHT FROM THE CLOISTER: Four sessions telling the life story of St Clare and discovering her writings. Tuesday evenings during Lent (beginning 19th February), 7:30pm in the narthex. A chance to journey through Lent with St Clare.

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

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

CARMELITE PRAYER EVENING: "I am not asking you to do anything more than look at Him." This Wednesday, 7-8:30pm at the Carmelite Monastery (St Vincent's Rd).

HUMAN DIGNITY AT THE HEART OF HEALTHCARE: a one-day conference at Thornycroft Hall, Macclesfield. See flyers/further information in the narthex.

WINKLEY SQUARE CONVENT OLD GIRLS: Reunion, Saturday 2nd March, 1pm-4pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre. Please tell your friends.

IS LEADERSHIP TOO IMPORTANT TO BE LEFT TO LEADERS? a talk by Fr Xavier Jeyaraj SJ at the Xaverian Spirituality Centre, Tuesday 26th February at 7:30pm.

SPUC PRESTON: Society for Protection of Unborn Children is relaunching the Preston branch. Meeting for anyone interested on next Saturday (23rd February), 10:30am at the SPUC office, Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Docklands, PR2 2YS. For more information: contact Edward Gibbons on 020 7820 3140 or Mary Donlan on 01772 723094 or just come along on the day. You will be most welcome.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 465; Collection: £942.96; Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House porch
Sunday 17 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Chapel
Monday	7:30pm	Film: All or Nothing - Sr Clare Crockett	Chapel
Tuesday	6pm	Journey in Faith Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	Marriage Preparation (7)	Parish Hall
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
Sunday 24 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall



9th-14th March: visit of the Franciscan Sisters

The sisters, will lead us in a week of prayer to experience God's peace and healing. Keep these dates free! Please pray that this will be a time of real renewal in our parish.

Prayer in preparation for the visit

St Clare, who chose a life of poverty, prayer and humble service, watch over this parish which bears your name. Bless and protect our community and intercede for us, that we may come closer to Jesus and grow in His likeness, who lived and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



Fr Bernardino, a Franciscan Friar, will also be with us for the week.