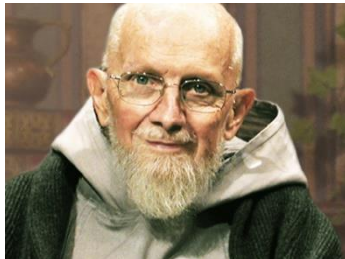
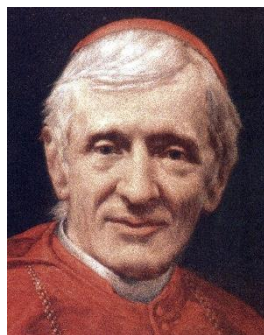

Franciscan of the Week: Fr Benedict Groeschel

Fr Benedict, whose birth name was Robert, was born in New Jersey in 1933. In 1950 he entered a Capuchin friary, making his final vows in 1954. He went on to found a home for young men looking to start a new life, and a home for homeless pregnant women and children. In 1987, conscious of Pope St John Paul's appeal for religious to renew their communities, he and seven other Capuchin friars formed the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, taking on a mission to preach and serve the poor whilst living a life of great simplicity, in the spirit of St Francis. Having endured several illnesses and much suffering, he died in 2014 on October 3rd – the same day on which St Francis had died, 788 years earlier.



FOCUS ON... Blessed John Henry Newman

John Henry Newman was born in 1801 and brought up as an Anglican. As a minister in the Church of England, he became well known for his insightful writings and preachings, and was a leading light in the Oxford Movement, which sought to rediscover England's Catholic heritage. In 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church, and in due course was ordained priest and later was made a cardinal. He died in 1890. His writings have had a profound effect on the Church's theology. Beatified in 2010 during Pope Benedict's visit to Britain, Blessed John Henry's intercession was this week credited with a second miracle, paving the way for him to be canonised, probably later this year.



Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Allman **Deacon:** Rev. Fred Sanderson (retired)

Presbytery: Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH

Tel: 01772 719604 email: enquiries@saintclares.co.uk

www.saintclares.co.uk

Lancaster RC Diocesan Trustees Registered – Registered Charity No. 234331

St Clare's Primary School – Headteacher: Mrs A. Charnley

Tel: 01772 787037 Fax: 01772 787016 email: head@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 141

Office: Psalter Week 3; Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: Year 1, Week 7

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 23 rd Feb.	6pm (vigil)	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joan Burton RIP
Sunday 24 th Feb.	9:30am		Teresa Madden RIP
	6pm		Jack Burton RIP
Monday	9:15am		Sophia Morris RIP
Tuesday	7pm		Intentions of Betty Dickinson
Wednesday	9:15am		Deceased Members of the Meek family
Thursday	9:15am		Intentions of Canon Loughran
Friday	12noon	St David	Diamond Wedding
Saturday 2 nd March	10am		Frank Rogerson RIP
	6pm (vigil)	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ken Penswick RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 3 rd March	9:30am		Special Intention
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Teresa Madden**, whose Requiem took place here last week, **Iris Jackson**, whose funeral will take place here on Monday 4th March at 12noon, **Canon Tom Dakin**, **Bernard Richardson**, 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: Norma Douds, Edwin Smith, Isabella Main, John Kirk, Jean Bateson, Isabella Maxwell, Mary Hurley, Maureen Ford, James Woodruff.

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.

HOMELESS: We have received a letter of thanks for a donation of £1,000 for the homeless in our city, raised from the Crib collection and the wall boxes in the narthex.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note, there will be no Mass in the hospital this week.

FIRST FRIDAY: Please note, there will be no Holy Hour this Friday.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting is on Sunday 17th March. The booklet for this month is "Catholics and our Common Home", on the care of creation. Copies are available from the sacristy after Mass.

COMING TO PRAY IN CHURCH? Don't forget, the church is open all day for private prayer. There are now some Bibles in the narthex, for you to borrow when you come to pray quietly during the day. Please return them as you leave the church.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT? This wonderful season begins on 6th March. We should aim for: some extra prayer, some form of fasting and some extra acts of generosity. It's good to plan ahead, so as to be ready for this important time.

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 March), 7:30pm in the narthex. A chance to journey through Lent with St Clare.

ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: 27th May-1st June 2019. Contact the parish office if interested.

LANCASTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 26th July-2nd August by air from Manchester. Information and booking forms 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, this Tuesday at 7:30pm.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: This Thursday in Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre at 8pm, including quiz. Cost £2. Visitors welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: "Come, everything is ready" - Praying for Slovenia. Friday 1st March 3pm at Christ Church, Victoria Rd. All Welcome.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 440; Collection: £917.54; Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 24 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Tue-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Journey in Faith Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	Marriage Preparation (8)	Parish Hall
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 3-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sunday 3 rd	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (3)	Parish Hall
	11am	Confirmation Preparation (6)	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

9th-14th March: visit of the Franciscan Sisters: 2 weeks to go!

The sisters and friar, who live a life similar to that of St Francis of Assisi, will lead us in a week of prayer to experience God's peace and healing. The main events are Monday-Thursday, 7pm. Keep the 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.