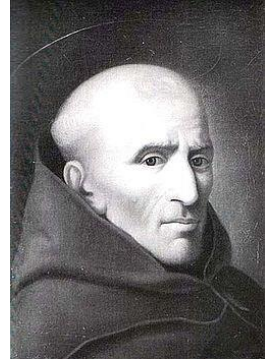

Franciscan of the Week: St Leonard of Port Maurice

Leonard was born in Port Maurice, Italy, in 1676. He joined the Franciscans at the age of 21, hoping to preach the Gospel in China. In fact, he spent the rest of his life preaching in Italy, with much success: St Alphonsus Liguori called him “the greatest missionary of the eighteenth century”. He was so popular that he often had to preach outdoors, as no church could accommodate those who came to hear him. Perhaps his greatest legacy, though, is the Stations of the Cross. Although he did not invent this devotion, he did more than anyone else to make it popular. He also worked hard to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart. Leonard died in 1751 and was canonised in 1867.



Christian Living: Justice

“This what the LORD asks of you: that you act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8). This famous line from Scripture teaches us that to follow God, we must show justice, mercy and humility in the way we act. These qualities will be a focus for us on the remaining Sundays of Lent. We start with **Justice**. God’s justice is not like ours – He does not seek to punish, but prefers to forgive and show mercy. Yet the Lord notices when situations are unjust, when people are treated harshly and unfairly. This is what we find in today’s first reading: “I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings” (Exodus 3:7). As Christians, then, we must seek to notice the sufferings of others, and do what we can to help those who are treated unfairly. But at the same time, we do not seek to punish wrongdoers, but instead, call them to conversion, so that they too may be saved. This is hard, but it is God’s way!

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

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 23 rd March	6pm (vigil)	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Catherine Harrison RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 24 th March	9:30am		Doris & Jim Mattinson RIP
	6pm		Frances Copp RIP
Monday	9:15am	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Special Intention
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Ints Betty Dickinson
Wednesday	9:15am		Robin Day RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP
Friday	12noon		Ken Penswick RIP
Saturday 30 th March	10am		Shirley Gilleade RIP
	6pm (vigil)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Catherine Harrison RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 31 st March	9:30am		Richard Atkinson RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers 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.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Weekdays 7:45am during Lent.

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Sundays 3:30pm (sung), with Benediction.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sundays 3pm during Lent.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass.

ST ANTHONY: March wall box donations will go to the Medaille Trust.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ian Gregson, Roseanne Dorning, Steven Coop, Theresa Higham, Isabella Main, May Flood, Thomas McGowan, Stephen Ambler, Mary Bradley, Clifford Critchley, Ray Hodges, Robert Wilkinson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

THE ANNUNCIATION: This Monday. Mass at 9:15am, and 5:15pm in the hospital.

ST CLARE – LIGHT FROM THE CLOISTER: Four sessions telling the life story of St Clare and discovering her writings. Begins this Tuesday, 7:30pm in the narthex. This week, 'The Great Escape' – Clare's entry to religious life. All welcome.

HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICES: Beginning this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the presbytery. New singers are always welcome. Come and share your gifts!

MESSY CHURCH: Next Saturday, 1:30pm-3pm in the parish hall. A great opportunity for children to explore Lent through art, activities and Bible stories. All welcome!

LENTEN LUNCHESES: After midday Mass each remaining Friday of Lent, soup and a bread roll. Donations will go to our ACN Iraq appeal. All welcome.

ALTERNATIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The original Stations of the Cross from our church, which provide an alternative fourteen steps, are being displayed in the narthex window during Lent. Take some time to look at them and pray. Reflections and prayers are available each week, behind the display itself.

CTS BOOK CLUB: next meeting on Sunday 7th April after evening Mass. The booklet for this month is "Living Fruitfully: Patience". Copies available from Fr Andrew.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: 2019-2020 envelopes are now available in the narthex for those who use them (please be aware, your number may have changed). If you are a UK taxpayer and haven't signed up for Gift Aid, please consider it. It costs you nothing but helps the parish a great deal. Some Gift Aid forms are available near the envelopes. If you have questions, contact the office or speak to Fr Andrew.

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.

GIFT92 is looking for volunteers to help in the office, Wednesdays 9:30am-12:30pm, and Saturday afternoons at the shop in Catterall. If interested, please speak to Fr A.

METANOIA PROJECT: Thursdays during Lent, 7:30pm at St Wilfrid's centre, a chance to explore the book, "Rediscovering Jesus". All welcome.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: This Thursday, OLSE Parish Centre at 8pm. An illustrated talk with music, 'Down Forget me not Lane 1960-65' by Brian Hallworth. Visitors welcome.

ECUMENICAL LENT TALKS: Monday evenings at Central Methodist Church on Lune Street, 7:30-9pm. Refreshments are served. All welcome.

PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR: 'Come and Sing' event: JH Maunder's *Olivet to Calvary*, St Leonard's church, Penwortham, 13th April, 2:30-5:30pm. prestonorpheuschoir.org

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 486; Collection: £1389.70; Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 24 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	3:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:15pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7pm	Baptism Preparation (1)	Chapel
Tuesday	6pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
	7:30pm	St Clare: Light from the Cloister 2: The Great Escape	Narthex
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	6:30pm	Holy Week Music Practice	Presbytery
Friday	12:30pm	Lenten Lunch	Parish Hall
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	1:30pm	Messy Church	Parish Hall
Sunday 31 st	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	3:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

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

FRANCISCANS' VISIT:

If you would like to share your thoughts, please take a feedback sheet from the narthex. Thanks to those who have returned their sheets so far.

There are lots of good photographs of the visit on our website (www.saintclares.co.uk). Why not take a look, and remember some of the highlights of the week1?

