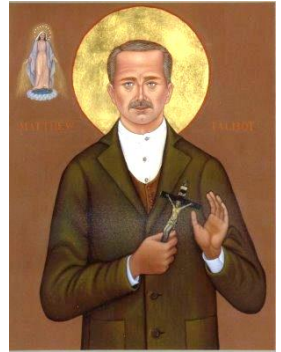


## Franciscan of the Week: Venerable Matt Talbot

Matt was born in Dublin in 1856, one of twelve children in a poor family. Aged just twelve, he got a job with a wine merchant and began drinking heavily. Before long he was an alcoholic; all his wages went on drink, and he begged, borrowed and stole money to satisfy his addiction. When he was 28, hitting rock bottom, he went into a church and made his confession to a priest; at the same time, he took a pledge to refrain from alcohol for three months. He found it almost impossible, but by God's grace, he kept his pledge, then added another three months, and another.



He remained sober for the remaining 41 years of his life. He became a secular Franciscan and lived a life of great holiness, prayer and penance, and gave generously to charity, though he never carried money with him, for fear he might one day step into a pub. He died on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1925 and was declared venerable by Pope Paul VI in 1975. He is considered a patron and intercessor for alcoholics.

## FOCUS ON... Walking with the Lord

Last September many of us walked the (very wet!) streets of Liverpool in a Blessed Sacrament procession at the end of the Eucharistic congress. This week, two chances to walk with the Lord more locally: **Friday afternoon, starting at 1:45pm** in the school hall, our parish and school procession; then on **Sunday, starting at 2pm at St Walburge's**, the deanery procession. These events are a great chance to witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus, and are prayerful moments for us. Please come along and support them. More practical details inside.



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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 81

Office: Psalter Week 3; Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 11

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	Baby Martha McLaughlin
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am		Fr John Donlan RIP
	6pm		John and Peter Cassidy RIP
Monday	9:15am		Intentions of Michael
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Richard Anderton RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Holy Souls
Thursday	9:15am		Clara Oastler RIP
Friday	12noon		St Aloysius Gonzaga
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	10am	<b>St John Fisher and St Thomas More</b>	Jack Burton RIP
	6pm (vigil)	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	Patricia Stocks (sick)
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9:30am		Rosa Malloy – birthday thanksgiving
	11am		<i>First Communion Mass</i>
	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.

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

**ROSARY:** Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

**ST ANTHONY:** June wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ian Gardner, Irena Iavertino, Ella Smith, James Morgan, Doreen Dewhurst, John Calvert, Bill Byrne, Mary Morgan, Monica Sharpe, David Scanlan.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:** That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL:** Continues this Sunday, open 11am-5pm. Please encourage people to come and support this event, which is raising money for our ACN Iraq appeal. On Monday, **those who have sponsored displays may take the flowers, if they wish. All leftover flowers will be on offer, for a donation, between 3pm and 7pm in the narthex.** Money collected from this will also go to the Iraq appeal.

**DAY OF RENEWAL:** Next Saturday, beginning with 10am Mass. Theme for the day: 'The Challenges of Pope Francis to become Missionary Disciples in a Missionary Church', led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy. All welcome to come and take part.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS:** this Friday, our parish procession, beginning at 1:45pm in the school hall. All welcome. Next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>), deanery procession at St Walburge's. Additional free parking available at UCLAN on Pedder Street. Please come and support these wonderful expressions of faith in our Eucharistic Lord.

**MAJOR REPAIR WORK:** The flat roof above the chapel and sacristies is being completely replaced. Work begins this Monday and may last up to two weeks. The church will remain open throughout the work, though there will be noise at times.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Next Sunday, Mass at 11am. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers over the coming days.

**CTS BOOK CLUB:** Next meeting in on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, after evening Mass. The booklet is on St Edmund Arrowsmith, a local martyr.

**SUMMER FAIR:** Raised £1,373, to be split between the school and parish. Summer Draw winners list is on the notice board in the narthex.

**NCW CATECHESIS:** Continues Monday and Thursday, 7:30pm. A great opportunity to hear anew the Gospel and discover new ways to live it.

**CTFB EVENING STROLL:** This Wednesday. Meet at Owd Nell's car park, 7:30pm for a stroll around Myerscough College grounds with prayer stops. Approx. 1.5 miles and flat all the way. Everyone welcome. Details: Pat Gibson 866165.

**LARK HILL ASSOCIATION:** Annual Meeting of Lark Hill Past Pupils takes place at Cardinal Newman College on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. A chance to meet up with friends, chat and look round the College.

**DEMENTIA SINGING GROUP:** Meets at the Xaverian Spirituality Centre (formerly Tabor) every Tuesday 10am-12noon. Details on the notice board. All Welcome.

**RWANDA SHOP:** Volunteers urgently needed to help at charity shop on Syke St, Mon-Sat, 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm. Ring Michael: 723094 or 07864 990941.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** This weekend (15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June) for Day for Life.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 477; Collection: £1,128.39. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Food Bank collection</b>	House porch
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>Holy Communion Preparation (8)</b>	Parish Hall
	11am	<b>Flower Festival (open until 5pm)</b>	Church
	4:30pm	<b>Confirmation Preparation</b>	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	3pm	<b>Left over flowers on sale (until 7pm)</b>	Narthex
	6:15pm	<b>Cubs</b>	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	<b>Scouts</b>	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	<b>NCW Catechesis (12)</b>	TBC
Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>Fabric and Finance Committee</b>	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	<b>NCW Catechesis (13)</b>	Chapel
Friday	1:45pm	<b>Parish Corpus Christi Procession</b>	Meet in school
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	School
	10:30am	<b>Day of Renewal</b>	Parish Hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	2pm	<b>Deanery Corpus Christi Procession</b>	St Walburge's
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

## Diary Dates

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June: Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul. Confirmation at 6pm Mass.

11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July: Forty Hours Devotion (Quarant'ore)

16<sup>th</sup> July: St Clare's birthday. Pizza on the piazza, 7:30pm

## Parish Prayer to St Clare

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 lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

