
Franciscan of the Week: St Elizabeth of Portugal

Elizabeth (1271-1336) was married at a young age to the King of Portugal. She became known as a peacemaker by reconciling her husband and son, who were constantly at odds; later she showed this same skill by preventing a war between Portugal and Castile. She did much good, establishing hospitals, orphanages and religious houses. When her husband died she became a Franciscan tertiary and went to live in one of the monasteries she had founded. She was canonised in 1625 by Pope Urban VIII, who declared her a patron of peace.

FOCUS ON... Canonisation of Cardinal Newman

This week it was announced that Blessed John Henry Newman will be canonised (declared a saint) by Pope Francis on 13th October this year. It's a very significant event for the Church in our country: Newman will be the first English person since the Reformation martyrs to be declared a saint.

John Henry Newman lived 1801-1890. He was baptised in the Church of England, but at the age of 45 he converted to Catholicism; here we see him as a man of conscience who followed his beliefs, even at great cost. He was gifted with a brilliant intellect and wrote many important works on faith. Ordained as a priest, he established the Oratory at Birmingham, and later in London (Brompton). In 1879 he was created cardinal by Pope Leo XIII, who greatly admired Newman for his considered and unflinching defence of our faith. Newman is also known for his hymns, which include "Praise to the holiest" and "Lead, kindly light".



Blessed John Henry's canonisation is an important moment in the life of the English Church. You can find out more at www.newmancanonisation.com. If you are interested in attending, we have details of trips to Rome for the canonisation.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 105

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 14

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 6 th July	6pm (vigil)	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lyn Bamber RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 7 th July	9:30am		Ronald Culshaw RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Bernard Keaveney RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	Helen Dias (née McCutcheon) RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am	Intentions of Sue Lawrenson CSU	
Thursday	9:15am	St Benedict	Special Intention (CB)
Friday	12noon		Andrew Walsh RIP
Saturday 13 th July	10am	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Shirley Gilleade RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Joseph Banks RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 14 th July	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Les Burns RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Fr Terry Rodgers**, and 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: July wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tim Buckley, Bernard Keaveney, Chris Walker, Freda Robinson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY: That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

40 HOURS: The annual Quarant'ore devotion takes place this week, starting on Thursday. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the narthex this weekend. If you are able to commit to a particular slot (30 minutes), please sign up. This annual devotion is a vital time in parish life; please try to take part at some point. The full timetable is printed on the back of the newsletter.

CONFIRMATIONS: Congratulations to the young people of our parish who were confirmed last Sunday. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Please pray for Fr Stephen Talbutt, who was ordained priest for our diocese this weekend. Ad multos annos!

CONGRATULATIONS to Joseph Waddingham and Brynn Doolan, who were baptised here in June.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: Certificates will be presented at 9:30am Mass this Sunday. Please continue to keep the children and their families in your prayers.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Meeting this Sunday (7th), after evening Mass. The booklet is on St Edmund Arrowsmith, a local martyr. All welcome.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION: Our primary school leavers present 'Cinderella Rockerfella' in the school hall this Tuesday at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. Parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to come along. Please contact the school office (call in or telephone 787037) if you would like to come. There is no charge for the show.

PIZZA ON THE PIAZZA: To celebrate St Clare's birthday, 16th July. Pizza on the piazza outside the narthex after the evening Mass. Make a note of the date!

CENACOLO COLLECTION: This weekend (6th/7th). **FOOD BANK** collection next weekend (13th/14th). Please leave items in the house porchway.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL: Saturday 20th July. Mass at 11am at St Mary's followed by the Eucharistic procession to Ladyewell (weather permitting).

VOICES OF THE PERSECUTED: Documentary about the plight of Christians in northern Iraq, on Catholic TV channel EWTN (Sky 588/online/streaming services): Sunday 14th at 4pm; Thursday 18th 9am; Friday 19th 3am; Saturday 20th 9:30pm.

FOLLOW THE PARISH ONLINE: Photos and reports on recent events are always available on our website: www.saintclares.co.uk. You can also follow the parish on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (all @StClareFulwood).

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION: next Sunday (13/14) for the Apostleship of the Sea.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 618; Collection: £1,338.01; Peter's Pence: £282.84. Thank you for your generosity.

40 Hours Devotion (Quarant'Ore) - Timetable

Thursday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 9:45am-9pm

9:15am Mass (Feast of St Benedict)

10am-10:40am School visits

12noon Rosary (Mysteries of Light)

8pm Holy Hour (led by members of the NeoCatechumenal Way)

Friday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 7am-8pm except during Mass

7:45am Morning Prayer

9-10am Mums and Toddlers (all welcome, but there may be some noise!)

10:30am School visits

11:30am Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries)

12noon Mass (Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist)

7pm Holy Hour – for vocations (includes Compline at 7:50pm)

Saturday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 10:30am-6pm

10am Mass (Votive Mass of Our Lady, Queen of Peace)

10:30am Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)

11am-12noon Confessions available

3pm Holy Hour – prayer for those in need

6pm First Mass of Sunday

7pm Mass with the NeoCatechumenal Way

Sunday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 10:30am-6pm, 7-9pm

9:30am Sunday Mass

11am Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)

3pm Holy Hour – prayer for the parish

3:40pm Sung Vespers and Benediction

6pm Sunday Mass

8:20pm Anointed Youth Group – praise and worship

9pm Blessed Sacrament reposed

Other events this week

This weekend Cenacolo collection

Sunday 7th CTS Book Club, 7pm

Tuesday 9th Year 6 Summer Production, Cinderella Rockerfella.
Performances 1:30pm and 6:30pm in the school hall.

Tuesday 9th Parish Council, 7:40pm

Next weekend Food Bank collection

Other regular parish events continue as normal this week.