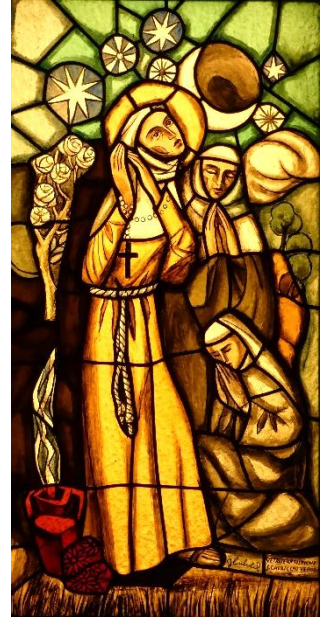


Franciscan of the Week: St Clare of Assisi

Clare was born into a noble family on 16th July 1193, in the family home, a stone's throw from the town's cathedral. As a child she demonstrated great holiness and a love for the poor, sometimes sending them gifts of food and other necessities. In her late teens she heard Francis, another native of Assisi, preaching in the town. Clare was enthralled by Francis' preaching, and she met with him regularly, in secret, for around a year or so, before deciding to follow him.

On Palm Sunday 1212, Clare left the family's mansion under cover of darkness and made her way down the valley to the chapel of St Mary of the Angels (the 'Portiuncula'), where she was met by Francis and his brothers. Here she made her vows and exchanged her fine clothes for a rough habit: Clare had entered religious life.

Not long afterwards, Clare and the sisters who joined her settled at San Damiano, a church outside the city walls, where they lived a life of poverty, prayer and humble service to one another. Clare was known for her outstanding holiness, her humility, her wisdom and her miracles. She wrote a rule of life for the sisters to follow – the first rule written by a woman in Church history – and this was approved by the Pope just two days before she died. She went to the Lord on 11th August 1253, and was canonised just two years later. The order she founded, the Poor Clares, are still active around the world. Today we ask her to pray for our parish as we joyfully celebrate her feast.



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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 19

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 10 th August	6pm (vigil)	SAINT CLARE Patroness of our Parish	Theresa and John Topping RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 11 th August	9:30am		Margaret Harrison RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		George Oldcorn RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Angela Snape RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	St Maximilien Kolbe	Josephine Walton (celebration)
	7pm	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (Holy Day of Obligation)	Ints Alan Cockburn
Thursday	9:15am		Sr Silvana OSA (final profession)
	7pm		People of the Parish
Friday	12noon		Fr Michael Lakeland RIP
Saturday 17 th August	10am		Patricia Gallagher RIP
	6pm (vigil)	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ruth Craven RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 18 th August	9:30am		Billy Heffernan RIP
	6pm		Paddy & Susan O'Donnell (Golden Wedding)

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Fr Michael Lakeland**, whose Requiem took place here last week, 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: August wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: David Callon, Maria Fairclough, Lucy Bond, Elizabeth Donovan, Wilfrid Skingsley, Francis McMorrow, Patrick Keefe, Edith Rossiter, Mark Walmsley, Dominic Gallagher, (Hugh) Martin O'Malley, Eleanor Pemberton, John Stewart, Sophia Morris.

FATHER LAKELAND'S FUNERAL: Thank you to all who helped to make the funeral such a prayerful (and even joyful) occasion. Please see the back page.

ST CLARE'S DAY: Today we celebrate our patronal feast, and ask St Clare to pray for us. After 9:30am Mass there will be refreshments (tea and cakes) in the hall.

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY: This Thursday (15th). A Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on Wednesday at 7pm, and on Thursday at 9:15am and 7pm.

WELCOME to Andrew Fetherston, who will be baptised at the 9:30am Mass this Sunday. Please pray for Andrew and his family on this joyful occasion.

ST THERESE IN SCOTLAND: The coach for the trip to Scotland is full, but you can join the reserve list. The trip is on Friday 30th August, leaving at 8:30am. If you are on the list, please hand in your payment (£10/adult, £5/child) in a marked envelope. The video of the relics' visit to Lancaster Cathedral in 2009 will now be shown at **7:30pm on Tuesday 20th August, not this week**, as previously advertised.

CENACOLO: Collection this weekend. **FOOD BANK:** next Sunday (17th/18th).

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Each year there is an opportunity for those who are thinking of becoming Catholic (or those who are just curious!) to discover the Catholic faith. Our 'Journey in Faith' group will begin again in the autumn, and it's not too early to register interest! Contact the parish office or speak to Fr Andrew for more details.

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).

GIFT 92 promotes reuse of furniture and some household items for the benefit of those struggling financially. Urgent donations are needed – see flyers in the narthex for more details of how to help.

CCRS: The diocesan education service offers the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies, especially to those working in Catholic schools. Details are available on a poster and information sheets in the narthex.

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

FIRE AND LIGHT: Praise and worship, Eucharistic adoration and prayer ministry Wed 11th September 2019 from 8pm, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU
More information: www.coretlumenchristi.org or 07588 159341.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of human growth".

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 464; Collection: £1045.20. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo collection	House porch
Sunday	10:30am	After-Mass refreshments	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House porch

FATHER LAKELAND'S FUNERAL

Sincere thanks to all who attended Father Lakeland's funeral during the week, and to all who worked so hard to make it such a fitting celebration. Father Lakeland's family have sent a message expressing their gratitude to all who helped out, and his sister, who lives in Australia and was unable to attend, has also sent a message of appreciation to parishioners. Lots of people volunteered to help with stewarding, welcoming, serving refreshments, setting up and clearing up, and assisting in various ways at the Mass itself. As always, our altar servers did an exceptional job. On Monday morning a large number of people turned up to clean the church and the hall, aged from 11 to those who have been retired for some years... and there was a wonderful buzz around the place as people worked together to ensure that we gave Fr Michael a worthy funeral. Many of the priests and others who were present have also expressed their appreciation to the parish.

Fr Lakeland's family have sent two short eulogies: one from his sister and another from his niece. Some copies are available in the narthex (printed back-to-back).

The parish has received a couple of donations in memory of Fr Lakeland, and these are gratefully acknowledged.

Thanks also to those who have sent in photographs of Fr Lakeland. We will scan and return them. If anyone else has photos they are able to share, please hand them into the parish office. May Father Michael rest in peace. Amen.



Father Michael Lakeland RIP
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