

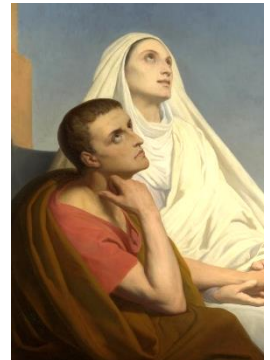
## Franciscan of the Week: Saint Louis of France

At his coronation as King of France, Louis IX took the traditional oath to conduct himself as God's anointed in his kingly duties. Unlike so many of his predecessors, he took this very seriously. He improved the justice system in his country, replacing trial by battle with a system involving witnesses and evidence. He cared for the sick and established hospitals, and brought a new peace to his nation. Each day he invited thirteen guests from among the poor to dine with him and in the areas around his palace he fed large numbers who presented themselves for help. Louis had been born in 1214, during the life of St Francis, and was crowned in 1236, just ten years after the saints' death. He became a Third Order Franciscan and took St Francis as his model. Today he is one of the patron saints of the Third Order.



## FOCUS ON... Saint Monica

Monica was a devoted mother who prayed fervently for her wayward son. Through many tears she asked God to bring him to a life of goodness and faith, and eventually her prayers were answered. He became a Christian, Bishop and one of the great saints of the Church: St Augustine of Hippo. Monica is a great patron saint for all mothers who suffer and pray for their children. Her feast is celebrated this Tuesday, with Mass at 7pm.



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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 127

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 21

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	6pm (vigil)	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Henry Lupton RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	9:30am		Doris & Jim Mattinson RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	<b>10am</b>			Jack Clarkson RIP
Tuesday	7pm		St Monica	Robert and Teresa Pye RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	St Augustine	Frank Madden RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Holy Souls	
Friday	12noon		Ints Rosa Malloy	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	10am	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Fr Michael Lakeland RIP	
	6pm (vigil)		Louise Leigh (née McNulty) RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	9:30am		Ray and Tina Monk – Golden Wedding	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Fr David Elder**, and all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 8am-9am; Tuesday-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:** Joyce Wilcox, Richard Singleton, Clare Southworth, Teresa Kirby, Thomas Geoghegan, Anthony McCambridge, Beatrice Lynch.

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

**ST THERESE IN SCOTLAND:** This Friday. The coach leaves at 8:30am from the church car park. Please read carefully the information on the back page.

**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:** Please note that Mass on Monday will be at 10am, as it's a Bank Holiday. There will be no hospital Mass this week. **Exposition** on Monday morning will be 8-9am.

**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.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION:** Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Creation, initiated by Pope Francis. We will keep this intention in our prayers at all Masses next Sunday, conscious of our need to care for our common home.

**FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Children in school year 3 and above who have not made their first Confession or first Communion will be invited to do so in the coming year. Registration forms and details available next weekend.

**FOOD BANK APPEAL:** Demand for the Food Bank is very high at present, due to school holidays. Particularly needed are tinned food and toiletries. If you are able to help, you can drop any additional supplies at the presbytery next weekend, or take them directly to the Food Bank (at the Salvation Army, Harrington Street).

**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 in the narthex.

**CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE:** The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady at Cleator (West Cumbria) takes place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Mass and blessing of the sick at 3pm. There is no transport arranged, but if you can make your own way you are very welcome to attend. See poster in narthex for details.

**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](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) or 07588 159341.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** This Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>) for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales. This supports the Church's work at national level.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 440; Collection: £954.13; The Assumption: £455.43. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>Fabric and Finance Committee</b>	Presbytery
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/narthex
Friday	8:30am	<b>Coach trip: St Thérèse in Scotland</b> Only for those who have booked!	Details below
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall

## Information for St Thérèse pilgrims

If you are travelling on the coach to Scotland **this Friday** to visit the relics of St Thérèse at Carfin grotto, please note the following information:

- We will be outdoors for large parts of the day, so check the forecast and bring appropriate clothing!
- You will need to bring a packed lunch or buy food en route, as there is limited food available at the shrine itself.
- The coach will leave at 8:30am, with or without you! Cars may be left here during the day (you will be advised where to leave your vehicle). We expect to be back at around 8pm.
- We will attend Mass at Carfin, but much of the time will be free to spend in prayer or to look round the shrine and the various chapels there.



Two children in prayer with the relics in Lancaster, 2009.

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