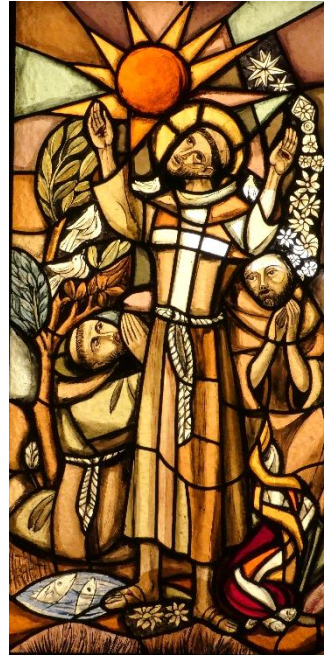


## **Franciscan of the Week: Saint Francis of Assisi**

We couldn't make a journey through the characters of the Franciscan order without including their founder, St Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is celebrated this Friday. Francis was born into a family of wealthy merchants in Assisi in 1182. His birth name was 'Giovanni' (John), but such was his love of French language and culture that he was quickly nicknamed 'Francesco' (meaning 'Frenchman'). In early life he hosted lavish parties and dreamed of being a knight. He was captured in battle, and also suffered an illness lasting several months. In the wake of this he was changed and drew closer to God. Praying before the crucifix at the little church of San Damiano in late 1205, Francis heard Jesus speak to him: "Francis, rebuild my Church, which – as you can see – is falling into ruin." Taking the words literally, Francis rebuilt the chapel and a couple of other local churches. Attending Mass at the little church of St



Mary of the Angels, Francis heard Jesus' instruction to go and preach, taking no money, property or spare clothes. He did exactly this, devoting the rest of his life to joyfully drawing others to Jesus in complete poverty and humility. Francis is known for his love of God's creation, but this is just one part of his spirituality. He had a deep love for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and also a love for the Lord's cross. Francis proved to be an inspirational figure and the order he founded rapidly spread, supported by the prayers and guidance of St Clare. He died aged 44 in 1226 and was canonised in 1228. Mass for St Francis' feast day at St Clare's is this Friday at 12noon. There is also a Holy Hour at 7pm.

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Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 26

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6pm (vigil)	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Anne RIP and Gerald Topping
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Anne-Marie McCabe RIP
Monday	9:15am	St Jerome	Julia Wrennan RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St Thérèse of Lisieux	Fr Michael Lakeland RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	The Guardian Angels	Ray and Tina Monk – Golden Wedding
Thursday	9:15am		For the homeless
Friday	12noon	St Francis of Assisi	Holy Souls
Saturday	10am	<b>Dedication of the Cathedral</b>	Roger and Florence O'Donnell RIP
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6pm (vigil)	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	May & Bill Hargreaves RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:30am		Frank Madden RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am, Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for vocations).

**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:** September wall box donations are for local people in need of help.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Holden, Nora Jones, Mary Ryan, Cicely Brierley, Sharon Livesey, Maureen Masters, Alice Turner, Barbara Knowling, Anne-Marie McCabe,

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:** That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the worlds seas and oceans.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Our 'Journey in Faith' group begins again in October. If you're interested in becoming Catholic or just curious about our faith, this is for you. Contact the parish office or speak to Fr Andrew for details.

**FIRST CONFESSION PREPARATION:** The first children's session takes place today after 9:30am Mass. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the beautiful sacrament of the Lord's mercy.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, 7-8pm. Come and spend some peaceful prayer time before the Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**CTS BOOK CLUB:** The next meeting will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The booklet is on the great 16<sup>th</sup> century Carmelite saint, Teresa of Avila. Teresa is one of the Church's greatest teachers of prayer. Copies available from Fr Andrew.

**DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS:** This Friday, 7pm at Lancaster Cathedral. The Bishop will celebrate this annual Mass for anyone involved in Catholic education, in schools or parishes. Teachers, school governors, catechists and anyone who assists in faith formation is very welcome to attend.

**DAY OF RENEWAL:** 'Inner Healing', led by lay preacher John Hesketh on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-4pm (beginning with Mass at 10am).

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY:** This Friday. Envelopes will be distributed today and may be returned next weekend. Please fast and donate any money saved to CAFOD.

**SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm, in the church. All are welcome to come and give thanks for the harvest with our school community.

**OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:** October is a month of particular devotion to this beautiful prayer. Maybe make some extra time in the coming month to pray the Rosary, meditating on the mysteries of Jesus' and Mary's life.

**BLACKPOOL LIGHTS TRIP:** This filled up very quickly, and there is a waiting list. If you signed up for the trip but will not be able to take your place, please inform the parish office so that somebody from the reserve list can use the seat(s).

**EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF WINCKLEY SQUARE:** An exhibition in the narthex at St Wilfrid's church (Chapel Street), open 8am-6pm until 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING DAYS:** In the art studio at Hying Monastery near Carnforth, 10am-4pm on October 8<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>. £18 including all materials and hot lunch. Contact [hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk) or call 01524 732684.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 472; Collection: £929.44; Bishop's Admin: £189.24. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>Reconciliation Preparation (1)</b>	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:45pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:40pm	<b>Social Committee</b>	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	<b>First Friday Holy Hour</b>	Church
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>Reconciliation Preparation (2)</b>	Parish Hall
	11am	<b>Reconciliation: Parents' Session</b>	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall

## Diary Dates

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October: ACN prayer day at Ladyewell (afternoon)

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October: Messy Church, 1:30-3pm

## Retreats and conferences at Stonyhurst

The following upcoming events take place at the new Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst (BB7 9PT). More information: [www.christianheritagecentre.com](http://www.christianheritagecentre.com)

**Catholicism in Post-Modernity: Challenges and Opportunities** (a talk by Michael Dopp). Cost £5; students free. This Tuesday (1<sup>st</sup> October), 7:30pm.

**Witness and Challenge: Evangelisation Today** (a day conference led by Michael Dopp). Cost £20. This Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> October), 10am-5pm.

**Kerygma Bible Retreat.** £50 (non-residential) £75 (sharing) £90 (single room); Led by Barbara Mason. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Meals included.