

### Diary Events This Week:

**SUN 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 9.30am: Children's Liturgy; 2pm: **No** Indian Dance Class. 4.30pm: **No** Young Adults Group (20-30+); **MONDAY:** 9am: Pre-School Club\*; 3.20pm: After-School Club\* 6pm: **No** Cubs; 7.30pm: **No** Scouts; **TUESDAY:** **No** Seekers or GFF Youth Group; 7.30pm: **No** Prayer Group; **WEDNESDAY:** **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: **No** Beavers; 7.30pm: Journey in Faith; **FRIDAY:** **SATURDAY:** 9am: No Pilates; 10.30am: Spanish Class; 7.30pm; AA Meeting. \* *These events each day Mon – Fri. Advance Diary Dates:*

#### PARISH PETITION BOOK

near Our Lady's statue. For your intentions which will be prayed for at the Sunday Masses and at other times.

#### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: First Saturday - 10.00am Mass.

Blest medals available.

**ABORTION RECOVERY HELPLINE** Arch can help: 0845 603 8501- Poster

#### SAFEGUARDING

Parish Safeguarding Officers are Mike Simpson and Brenda Scales

**NEW TO THE PARISH? Or if you have changed:** email, phone or address? Please complete the *Details Update Form* available in the porch.

#### CENACOLO COMMUNITY:

Thank you for your support with gifts

**PRESTON FOOD BANK** Thanks for last collection. **Next: Jan-14/15**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** to help with the Youth Groups on Tues evening. If you are able to spare a couple of hours each week in term time please see Fr. D. or email [fdarren@saintclares.co.uk](mailto:fdarren@saintclares.co.uk) Age range school years 4-6 & 7-11.

#### FROM THE PTFA

Used Batteries / Mobile Phones please place in box in porch. Funds to Bosnia

**ON-LINE SHOPPING:** 'Christmas is coming.' Before you shop visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and look for St. Clare's New Porch Fund. £439.00 raised so far – can you help increase this amount? It costs you nothing!

#### St. Clare's School

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## ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Year A)  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2016



Unusually, today St. Joseph is centre stage in the Gospel. He is described as a 'man of honour.' And just as Mary was the choice of God the Father to be the mother of His Son, so too, Joseph was God's choice to be the foster father of Jesus. But both of these needed reassurance to carry out God's will, to fulfil His plan. God is in the business of reassurance and we should never shy away from asking for understanding when in need of it.

#### ADVENT

**Mon-Fri, 7- 8am each week**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning Prayer at 7.45am

In the side-Chapel,

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#### ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>  
7pm at St. Clare's.



#### FAMILY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:

**Today-Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm**  
Followed by seasonal refreshments  
in the Hall

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**  
**Christmas Eve:** 6pm Vigil Mass  
& Carols

Carol Service 10.30pm  
**Night Mass:** 11pm with blessing  
of crib at midnight.

**Morning Mass** 10am.

No evening Mass.

**St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)**  
Altar Servers' Mass 10am

**Priests:** Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. **Deacon:** Fred Sanderson (Rtd)

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**MASSES THIS WEEK: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: – Mass Book Page 90**

Office: Psalter Wk. 4; Sunday: Cycle A; Weekdays of Advent

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A**

6pm: Mary Ryan RIP **Vigil**

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way

9.30am: People of the Parish

6pm: Eric Brett RIP

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

9.15am: George Oldcorn RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

7 pm: Tom Davies RIP

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

9.15am: Rose Metcalf RIP

7.30pm: No Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Way

**Thursday: 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

7pm: Elizabeth Breann Sick

**Friday: 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Noon: Claire Addington RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

10am: John & Veronica Baines RIP

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**6pm:** Christopher Routledge RIP & People of the Parish **Vigil Christmas Eve**

7pm: No Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way

**10.30pm:** Carols and Lessons

**11pm:** Night Mass with Blessing of Crib at Midnight: Thomas Wilson RIP & Holy Souls.

**10am:** Fred Newsham RIP & William & Isabel Loughran RIP

**LATELY DEAD:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Teresa Melling, Rose Metcalf, Jim Donnelly, Philip Salthouse, Yolande Schofield, Richard Burkhardt

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for December:** 1. That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. 2. That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life

**EXPOSITION:**

Each morning:

Mon – Fri: 7 - 8am

**Sat 10.30am-Noon**

Intention: for priestly vocations.

**CONFESSIONS**

Sat 11-12 noon.

Or by appointment.

**Rosary for Life Challenge -** The Mysteries of Light will be prayed each day after the 9am Masses and before the Friday noon Mass, for this intention

**MEDJUGORJE 2017:** a visit to the Shrine - from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017. £580 per person (sharing). All details on the poster.

**MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND:** Fri 27<sup>th</sup> –Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 at the Monastery of Our Lady of Hyning, Carnforth. Visit: [www.bernardine.org](http://www.bernardine.org) see poster

**FLAME:** Event for young people. Wembley Arena March 11<sup>th</sup> 2017. Join Fr. Darren for this weekend away, 10-12 March. Details on poster in porch.

**PRIESTS:** As announced, the bishop is transferring both Fr. Loughran and Fr. Darren to new appointments. Fr. Andrew Allman is posted here as the new Parish Priest and Hospital Chaplain. Moves take place January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU:** to all those who worked so hard to organise the Christmas Fair and to those who supported it. £2,437.30 was raised to be shared by parish and school.

**DEACON:** Fred Sanderson, our beloved deacon, who has been officially retired for some time (not that you would notice) has decided after a bout of illness, that the time has come to leave active ministry 'with no fuss!' We sincerely thank this most humble deacon.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2017:** Available in the porch £3 each

**MARY'S MEALS:** earlier this year, the PPC decided to give 1% of the church collection in the *Year of Mercy* to Mary's Meals. £600 has been sent.

**PORCH UPDATE:** A further meeting has taken place this week with the architect, the Diocesan Property Manager and members of the Finance Group. Good progress was made towards appointing the professionals for the design team.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** if you wish to make a donation for these in memory of a loved one, write the name on an envelope, add your donation and hand it in. Your loved ones names will be displayed in church.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** We still have a few packs of these available in the church porch, £4 pack of 10 or 3 packs for £10.

**READERS & MINISTERS – CHRISTMAS:** Sign-up sheet for volunteers on the notice board.

**LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS** A Marian Vigil of Hope Wed. Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm St. Wilfrid's Chapel St. All welcome – see poster

**200 CLUB:** December draw next Sun; 1st prize £160; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £96; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £64

**MARRIAGE COURSE:** will be offered here for those planning to marry in 2017 (or simply to take another look at the teaching on marriage) beginning Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. To book on the course contact: [sian\\_martin@btinternet.com](mailto:sian_martin@btinternet.com)

**LIFE GROUP:** Next meeting is at St Clare's, Mon, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6pm for 6.30pm. LIFE's Chief Education Officer (North West) will offer an evening's training on how to speak on Life issues in conversation. Refreshments will be provided.

**CASTLERIGG MANOR:** volunteers needed to join Gap-Year team from January. See poster in porch or [team@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:team@castleriggmanor.co.uk) for more details.

**THINKING SCRIPTURE 2017:** holiday and study time, 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July (long weekend) 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October (full week) at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. See poster.

**LA NATIVITE DU SIEGNEUR:** St. John's, Broughton 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. See poster.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 409; Collection: £928.36. Thank you.