

St Clare's Catholic Church

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd October 2017



“God loves you, and you have been chosen.”

St Paul writes these reassuring words to the Thessalonians in today's second reading, but of course, they are also meant for us. God loves us, and He has chosen us to be His followers, His disciples – this is our calling, our vocation. St Paul is sure of their calling, because they received the Gospel not simply as words, but “as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.” As we listen to the readings at Mass, let us too receive them with the certainty that God Himself speaks to us when the scriptures are read. It is “the Word of the Lord”!

Focus on... **Journey in Faith group**

Our parish 'Journey in Faith' group gets underway again this week. It's a chance to explore the Catholic faith more deeply. What do we believe? Why? How do we celebrate it?

The group is particularly for non-Catholics who wish to learn more. For some, it will be part of a journey towards being received into the Catholic faith; for others, it will simply be a chance to deepen their understanding of Catholic faith and spirituality.

Coming to the group does not imply any commitment to become Catholic – it's simply an opportunity to learn and experience more, in the company of others, who travel with us on our journey of faith. If you'd like to come along, you'd be very welcome. Or maybe you know someone – a family member or friend – who may be interested. Invite them! The group meets on Monday evenings at 7:30pm in the side chapel, beginning this week. For more details, please speak to Fr Andrew.



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 143

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 29

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 21 st	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Sinnott RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 22 nd	9:30am		Katie Malone RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am			Marie Wareing (sick)
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Deceased Brothers of Catenian Circle 14	
Wednesday	9:15am		Henry Haydock RIP	
Thursday	9:15am		Gerry O'Neil RIP	
Friday	12noon		Sophia Morris RIP	
Saturday	10am	Sts Simon & Jude	Special Intention (IK)	
Saturday 28 th	6pm (vigil)	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	45 th Wedding Anniversary	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 29 th	9:30am		Fred Newsham RIP	
	6pm		June Giannandrea (sick)	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, and on request.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before 12noon Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

ANGELUS: said at 12noon on Fridays, at the start of Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES: Molly Nixon, Anne Lawson, Winifred Knight, Henry Haydock, Mary Knight, Norman Booth, Robert Potts, George Jolly, Frederick Newsham, Clare Smart.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



NARTHEX WORK – PARKING: Please leave the spaces nearest the chapel for those who find it harder to walk. Additional parking is available at the weekends on the school playground.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: For anyone interested in becoming Catholic or exploring the Catholic faith. Monday evenings, 7:30pm in the chapel. See front page.

CALLED BEYOND: Thanks to all those who helped out with or took part in the events this week. Hopefully it will help us all to be better followers of Christ.

NOVEMBER MASSES: An envelope is enclosed today in which to put the names of your family and friends who have died and any donation. These will be placed before the altar during November and Mass celebrated for them.

200 CLUB: October winners: £163 – no. 96 Mike Simpson; £98 – no. 44 Marie Lupton; £66 – no. 11 Fr Chris Loughran. £7,966 raised for the narthex.

PARISH 'ALL SAINTS' YOUTH RETREAT: 31st October-2nd November, at Coldwell near Colne. Transport is provided from the parish. For young people of high school age and above. Cost is just £50 including all meals. Ask at the parish office or at the Anointed Group on Sunday evenings, or speak to Fr Andrew.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: This weekend 21st/22nd. Please **leave all items in the porchway of the presbytery (house)**, not in the garage or church entrance.

CHRISTMAS CRIBS: Christmas still seems a long time off, but... do you have a crib for your home? If not, think about getting one! In Advent we will have a blessing of cribs for your homes – more details to follow.

ROMERO PLAY: Friday 10th November at St Wilfrid's, RISE Theatre present a play about Blessed Oscar Romero, an inspiring 20th-century martyr. Tickets £10/£8 for under-18s, available from our parish office. For info, contact Joe or Ruth on 07957 566741. Hosted by Metanoia Project.

OLSE LADIES GROUP: next meeting this Thursday at 8pm in the OLSE parish centre. A presentation by Geoff Woods: "The Life and Times of a Sewer Rat."

ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING for Vine House: Wednesday 1st November 10am-12noon OLSE. Crafts, books, tombola etc. Admission £2 including refreshments.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS at CASTLERIGG MANOR, KESWICK:

Young Adults' Retreat, 17-19 November: an opportunity for young people (in year 12 or above), with time for reflection, discussion and prayer, and enjoy meeting other young adults. Cost £65.

Advent Retreat, 8-10 December: This weekend retreat, for young people in year 9 and above, will be a fun occasion to meet other young people and, together, reflect on what Christmas is really about, through games, workshops, discussions and prayer. Cost £65.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 504; Collection: £1010.76; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	First Confession prep (4)	Parish Hall
	11am	First Confession: Parents' Session	Chapel
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:30pm	Visiting Group meeting	Presbytery
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

- 1st November: All Saints' Day – Holy Day
- 2nd November: All Souls' Day
- 6th November: Fireworks and Barbecue
- 14th November: St Clare's school open day
- 17th November: Parish Quiz Night

Narthex Construction: Update

Work continues on track, with good progress on walls and roof this week. Pray for some good weather in the week ahead! If you want to sponsor a 'plot' in the new narthex in memory of someone, there are still plots available (cost £50). Contact the office.

