

St Clare's Catholic Church

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29<sup>th</sup> October 2017



### **“You were strangers in the land of Egypt.”**

In today's first reading, God reminds the people of their previous suffering, as a way of teaching them not to inflict similar suffering on others. Sometimes we are wronged by others; then, we are called to use this as an incentive not for revenge, but to show greater love to others, to reduce their suffering. In this way, we live the way of love that Christ teaches us in the Gospel.

### *FOCUS ON...* **All Saints' Day**

On many days of the year we celebrate a particular saint, recalling their good example and asking them to pray for us. This Wednesday is the feast of All Saints, a chance for us to celebrate the countless souls who are already with God in heaven. We thank God for their faith and example, and we ask them to pray for us who are still here on earth. It's a good reminder, too, that we are 'saints in the making' – we are called to be holy, to become saints, and one day to enter heaven too. All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. There is Mass on Tuesday evening at 7pm, and on Wednesday at 9:15am and 7pm.

On Thursday we commemorate and pray for all of the faithful departed who are still on their way to heaven. We show our love for them by asking God to prepare them for this great gift. Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am as usual.



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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 146

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 30

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6pm (vigil)	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	45 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Fred Newsham RIP	
	6pm		June Giannandrea (sick)	
Monday	9:15am		<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b> Holy Day of Obligation	Arockiasamy Richard
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	<b>7pm (vigil)</b>	Susan Kinsella (sick)		
Wednesday	<b>9:15am</b>	Agnes Moktan RIP		
	<b>7pm</b>	John Grace RIP		
Thursday	9:15am	<b>All Souls' Day</b>		Holy Souls
Friday	12noon	St Martin de Porres	Theresa & John Topping RIP	
Saturday	10am	St Charles Borromeo	Thanksgiving	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm (vigil)	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mary Ryan RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Sophia Morris RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

**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:** Dorothy Finch, Moira Butler, Monica Jackson, Noel Hogan, Wendy Charleson, Mollie Earnshaw, Annie Woods, Mary-Ann Murphy, Anne Taylor, Jack McEntee, Hilda Robinson.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:** that Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



**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.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY: Holy Day of Obligation**, this Wednesday. See front page.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** This Friday at 7pm in the church. A good opportunity to spend some time in the Lord's presence. All welcome.

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

**NOVEMBER MASSES:** Envelopes may be returned with the collection, to Fr Andrew or through the presbytery letterbox.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** this weekend (28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>) for Sick and Retired Priests Fund.

**PARISH 'ALL SAINTS' YOUTH RETREAT:** 31<sup>st</sup> October-2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**FIREWORKS AND BBQ:** organised by St Clare's Scout Group on Monday 6th November (subject to weather). BBQ from 7pm, Fireworks from 7:30pm. All welcome. Proceeds to the Narthex fund.

**ACN CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Cards and 2018 diaries (in aid of Syria) will be available after Sunday Masses on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November. Cash or cheque only.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> November at St Wilfrid's, RISE Theatre present a play about Blessed Oscar Romero, an inspiring 20<sup>th</sup>-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.

**ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING for Vine House:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 490; Collection: £966.77; Special: £234.45. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Friday	7pm	<b>First Friday - Holy Hour</b>	Church
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel

## Advance Diary Dates

12<sup>th</sup> November: Scouts' Church Parade

14<sup>th</sup> November: St Clare's school open day

17<sup>th</sup> November: Parish Quiz Night

## Narthex Construction: Update

On Wednesday the builders began the crucial work of linking the new building to the old, which required them to open up a hole in the current church roof. The Lord has kindly blessed us with a few days of dryer weather, to make things easier. Within the next fortnight or so the building should be weatherproof, after which there will be several weeks of work on the interior and on the grounds around the narthex. At present, we are still on track to finish the work for 15<sup>th</sup> December. A lot of work continues to take



place behind the scenes to ensure that everything goes well when the narthex opens, hopefully just before Christmas. Many people have commented on the size of the extension, and that fact that it will make the church more prominent from the road, which can only be a good thing. Thank you for your patience and support while the work takes place, and for all your fundraising efforts. Narthex plots are still available to sponsor (£50 each); see Fr Andrew or contact the parish office. Lots more photos are on the parish website: [www.saintclares.co.uk](http://www.saintclares.co.uk)