

St Clare's Catholic Church

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

26th November 2017



Jesus Christ, King and Shepherd

Today's feast and readings remind us that Christ is Lord of all creation, ruling over all things, and that – at the end of time – this reality will be made visible to us. St Paul tells us that, as King, Jesus will destroy the greatest enemy, death: He is the Lord of life. But the Lord is not a distant King – He comes among us and guides us, gently, as a shepherd guards and guides his flock. Let us thank Christ, our King, for being close to us in our need.



FOCUS ON... Youth Sunday

This Sunday is a day of special prayer for young people. It's a chance for us to ask God's blessing and guidance on them, so that they may grow in faith, hope and love, and so find happiness at every stage of life, in this world and the next.

On Sunday afternoon **our youth groups will be meeting at 3pm** in the parish hall, and will be preparing together for the Sunday evening Mass, which they will help to lead.

After Mass the 'Anointed' and 'Sent' groups (school years 7-11) will be meeting in the hall for a three-course meal and conversation with local priests – a chance to talk through different aspects of faith. All young people of high school age are welcome, even if not regular members – it's always good to see new faces!

Please keep in our prayers all the young people of our parish, and in particular our parish youth groups and their leaders, who play such an important role in helping to bring young people closer to Christ.

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Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 34

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 25 th Nov	6pm (vigil)	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Bill Hargreaves RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 26 th	9:30am		Special Intention	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am			Kath Murphy RIP
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Christians in the Holy Land	
Wednesday	9:15am		John Walmsley RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	St Andrew	Breege Kennedy RIP	
Friday	12noon		Norbert Hardacre RIP	
Saturday 2 nd Dec	10am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Flogan RIP & Family	
	6pm (vigil)		Frank & Molly Sinnott RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 3 rd December	9:30am		People of the Parish	
	6pm		Jeff Poole RIP	

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 (for vocations).

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: Jack Wright, Caprise Sherriff, Johanna Christian, Edgar Coupe, Freda Booth, Angela Marcella, Anne Mulley, Ada Ellis, Ann Thompson, Lucille Flaherty.

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.

THANK YOU: to those who organised and supported the Quiz Night; £179 raised.

DECEMBER FOOD BANK: Collection will be **next weekend** (2nd/3rd December) – two weeks early. Please leave donation in the Presbytery porch. **Children's toys** are also welcome, as these are distributed by the Food Bank at Christmas.

CHRIST THE KING – YOUTH EVENTS THIS SUNDAY: see front page.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR this Friday, 7-8pm in the church. All welcome.

NARTHEX PLOTS: Thanks to all who sponsored plots. In total £10,900 was raised by this scheme – an amazing amount!

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Taking place **next Sunday** (3rd December) at 10:30am. Please return raffle tickets and payment to the presbytery. More tickets available on request. **Contributions towards prizes** are very welcome – please see the list in the chapel. Also, school are collecting sweets, toys, books and bottles. There will be all the usual stalls, with Father Christmas, refreshments and music. **Donations of cakes are welcome on the day** – please bring them to the parish hall.

200 CLUB: November winners: £168 – no. 12 Fr Loughran; £98 – no. 80 Kath Holden; £65 – no. 42 Julie Noblet. £8,294 raised for the narthex. The December Draw will include some additional 'seasonal' prizes as a thank you for support.

ST CLARE'S ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER: Don't forget to 'like' or 'follow' us: Facebook: St Clare's Catholic Church Fulwood; Twitter: @StClareFulwood

NEW READERS: Meeting for those who have been asked to become Readers, next Saturday at 2pm in the parish hall.

MUSIC PRACTICES for Advent/Christmas – in church this Wednesday at 6:30pm.

ADVENT TALKS: a chance to discover more about the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus. 5th and 12th December at 7:30pm in the side chapel.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY: at Corpus Christi High School on Wednesday 20th December, 12noon-2:30pm. Sign-up sheet in the chapel.

CHRISTMAS CRIBS FOR SALE: Have you got one? Covenant Books (Whitby Avenue, Ingol) are open Thursdays and Fridays, 10am-4pm; Saturdays 10am-12noon; Sundays 11:45am-12noon and have a good selection of cribs in stock.

CANTICLES: Advent Series of talks on Thursdays, 7:30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. This week: Canon Luiz Ruscillo - Benedictus: The Song of Zechariah.

CAFOD – WORLD GIFTS: Catalogues are available in the chapel.

PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR: Saturday 9th December at St Michael and All Angels C of E church. Festive music. Adults £10; under 18s £5; call 01772 735197.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 445; Collection: £1,059.90. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 26 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	First Confession prep (6)	Parish Hall
	11am	First Confession: Parents' Session	Chapel
	3pm	Youth Sunday events	Parish Hall
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Youth 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
	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	Parish Council	House
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (yrs 4-6)	Parish Hall
	6:30pm	Advent/Christmas Music Practice	Church
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Saturday	10:30am	First Confessions	Church
	2pm	New Readers' Meeting	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 3 rd	10:30am	Christmas Fair	School / Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Youth Groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

4th December: School Advent Service, 7pm

15th December: Joint Advent reconciliation service with OLSE, 7pm

Appeal regarding Catholic Education

The Government is making a critical decision on whether or not to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now we need your help in preventing a U-turn.

Visit catholicnews.org.uk or search 'Catholic Education' to write to the government and urge them to keep their promise. You can also write to the Education Secretary, Justine Greening MP, to show your support for Catholic schools.