

St Clare's Catholic Church

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10<sup>th</sup> December 2017



### Saint John the Baptist

This Sunday and next, John the Baptist is a key figure in the Gospel reading at Mass. John's mission is to prepare the way for the Lord, a mission which fits perfectly with this season, in which we prepare our hearts and minds to meet Jesus. Let us heed his call and ask him to pray for us, so that we may be ready to meet Christ our Saviour at His coming.



### FOCUS ON... morning Exposition

Each weekday morning at St Clare's we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It's a quiet time of prayer in the Lord's presence, which we can use to talk and listen to Him.

John the Baptist was a 'voice that cried in the wilderness' – a place of quiet, away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Sometimes we too need to get away from the fast pace of life (perhaps especially at this time of year) and find a 'wilderness', a quiet place in which to prepare our hearts to meet the Lord.



Why not call in one morning? The Blessed Sacrament is exposed Monday-Friday 7-8am (during Advent, we also say Morning Prayer at 7:45am) and also on Saturday mornings between 10:30am and 12noon.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 85

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Year 2, Advent week 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6pm (vigil)	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Julina Menezes (Thanksgiving)
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Rodger & Mary Furey RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		George Oldcorn RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Christine Corden RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	<b>St Lucy</b>	Joe Hampson RIP
Thursday	9:15am	<b>St John of the Cross</b>	Deceased members Nicklin & Ekbery Families
Friday	12noon		Fr John Donlan RIP
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Shirley Gilleade RIP
	6pm (vigil)		People of the Parish
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Baby Fiona RIP
	6pm		John Holden RIP

**LATELY DEAD:** Please remember in your prayers **Margaret Panasiewicz**, whose Requiem took place this week, **Monsignor Paddy O’Dea**, and all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** Monday-Friday 7:45am during Advent.

**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:** Muriel Hubersty, Marie Hughes, Thomas Turberfield, Vin Miller, Catherine Bradley, Margaret McGee, Mary Holland, Gerald Murphy, Fr John Donlan, Catherine Livesey, Richard Harvey, Elizabeth Willacy.

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:** that the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**JOINT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** An opportunity for reconciliation with God in this holy season, taking place at Our Lady & St Edward's on Friday at 7pm. A number of priests will be present to hear confessions.

**ADVENT TALK:** a chance to discover more about the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus. This week we explore St Luke's Gospel. 7:30pm in the side chapel.

**ADVENT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:** Next Sunday at 3:30pm, Advent readings and carols to help us prepare for the celebration of the Lord's birth. Followed by refreshments in the parish hall. All are very welcome.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** if you wish to make a donation 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.

**MUSIC PRACTICE** for Advent/Christmas, in church this Wednesday at 6:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Many thanks to all those who contributed to the fair in any way. The total raised was £1,949.84 which is split 50/50 between school and the narthex fund. If you won a prize on the raffle, please collect it after Mass.

**MONSIGNOR PADDY O'DEA RIP:** Mgr O'Dea's funeral will take place at the Cathedral this Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>) at 11:30am. All are welcome to attend.

**CENACOLO COLLECTION** this weekend (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>). Leave items at house front door.

**GET YOUR CRIB BLESSED:** Bring some or all of your crib figures to Mass on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, for them to be blessed. If you haven't yet got a crib for your home, there's still time!

**DURING ADVENT** we celebrate Morning Prayer in church, Monday-Friday at 7:45am. This is a great way to prepare spiritually for the Lord's coming.

**ST CLARE'S ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER:** Regular parish news and pictures: to keep up-to-date, don't forget to 'like' or 'follow' us: Facebook: St Clare's Catholic Church Fulwood; Twitter: @StClareFulwood

**HCPT LOURDES:** the local HCPT group is looking for male helpers for the Easter Week pilgrimage to Lourdes (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April 2018), to help care for disabled and disadvantaged children. They are also seeking a nurse to help with the summer pilgrimage. If interested, please speak to Fr Andrew for more details.

**CANTICLES:** Advent Series of talks on Thursdays, 7:30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. This week: Sr Maria Natella OP – Magnificat: The Song of Mary.

**CAROLS IN HOSPITAL:** This Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>), 2-4pm in the main entrance at RPH. Please come along and lend your voice. Organised by Churches Together.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 471; Collection: £1256.36; Special: £368.61. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Cenacolo Collection</b>	House porch
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	At Mass
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Youth Groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	7:45am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Church
	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>Advent Talk: The Nativity in Luke</b>	Chapel
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	6:30pm	<b>Advent/ Christmas Music Practice</b>	Church
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	<b>Joint Parish Reconciliation Service</b>	<b>OLSE</b>
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	3:30pm	<b>Advent Carol Service by Candlelight</b>	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Youth Groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall

## Advance Diary Dates

26<sup>th</sup> December: Feast of St Stephen; presentation of altar server guild medals.

## Further ahead and further afield...

**"Come and See"** – spiritual weekend for women and men in their 20s and 30s: at Hying Monastery near Carnforth, 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Contact Sister Mary Bernard: [hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk) or call 01524 732684.

## 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](http://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.