

**Diary Events This Week:**

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| <b>SUN 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b> | 9.30am: | Children's Liturgy         |
| <b>MONDAY:</b>                  | 9.00am: | Pre-School Club*           |
|                                 | 3.20pm: | After-School Club*         |
|                                 | 6.00pm: | Cubs                       |
|                                 | 6.45pm: | Scouts                     |
| <b>TUESDAY:</b>                 | *       | Usual activities*          |
|                                 | 7.30pm: | Prayer Group               |
|                                 | 6.00pm: | Seekers & GFF Youth Groups |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b>               | *       | Usual activities*          |
| <b>THURSDAY:</b>                | *       | Usual activities*          |
|                                 | 6.15pm: | Beavers                    |
|                                 | 7.45pm: | NO RCIA                    |
| <b>FRIDAY:</b>                  | *       | Usual activities*          |
| <b>SATURDAY:</b>                | 7.30pm: | AA Meeting                 |

**FROM THE PTFA**  
Used Batteries/  
Mobile Phones  
please place in  
box in porch.  
Funds to Bosnia

**Advance Diary Dates: December:: 21<sup>st</sup>** > Christmas at the Movies.2015  
**January: 18**>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins; **15<sup>th</sup>**>First Communion Parent's Meeting: **30<sup>th</sup>**>Prize Bingo;



**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**14<sup>th</sup> December 2014**



Today's Gospel presents us with the second appearance of John the Baptist. We are told that he came as a witness to 'speak for the light.' Jesus Christ is the light that he spoke for. As this Advent Season draws to a close and Christmas draws nearer, what a great thing it would be if we resolve to 'witness to the light,' to let the values of Jesus Christ be our leading light.

**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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES: 2015**  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan; 26<sup>th</sup> April; 11<sup>th</sup> Nov:  
Tel Barbara Ryan - 01772 717131

**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 of food.

**PRESTON FOOD BANK** Thanks for last time; **Next Coll: 13/14 Dec**

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

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Email: [head@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk) **Headteacher: Mr. M. Purcell**

**CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES**  
*It's a Wonderful Life*  
**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2pm at**  
**Palace Cinema, Longridge**  
**Tickets: £5, Children & OAPs £4**  
Come and raise funds for our new porch  
As part of our porch fundraising effort there will be a showing of this film. We have free use of the cinema so all proceeds are going towards our new porch.  
Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend but if you can't make it and would like to reserve tickets please contact:  
[roma.birtles@btinternet.com](mailto:roma.birtles@btinternet.com)



**FAMILY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:**  
**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm**  
Followed by seasonal refreshments in the Hall.

**Priests:** Frs. Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. Deacon: Fred Sanderson. (Ret'd)  
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**MASSES THIS WEEK: 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014. – Mass Book Page: 87**

Office: Psalter Week 3; Sunday: Cycle B; Weekdays: of Advent

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)**

6.00pm: Noel Hogan RIP **Vigil**

7.00pm: Holy Mass with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: People of the Parish

6.00pm: Balasamy & Jakob RIP

**Monday of Advent, week 3**

9.00am: Special Intention (FG)

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Tuesday of Advent, week 3**

7.00pm: Kathleen McGinty-Ryan RIP

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00am: Shirley Gilleade RIP

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00am: Fr. Vincent Baron RIP

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

12.00: Eileen Sherrington RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

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

10.00am: Gertrude Turner RIP

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

6.00pm: People of the Parish **Vigil**

7.00pm: Holy Mass with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: Special Intention (D&FS)

6.00pm: Rose Metcalf RIP

**LATELY DEAD:** Eileen Draper, Bill Yeulett.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Magee, Mary Holland, Gerald Murray, Fr. John Donlan, Catherine Livesey, Edward Riley, Thomas Lowe, Teresa Melling.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for December**

That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all of good will.

That parents may be true evangelisers, passing onto their children the precious gift of faith.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD)'16:** Krakow, Poland July 2016– Also **FLAME 2** for year 10 and above, 6-8<sup>th</sup> March 2015 only 50 places at each for our Diocese. See poster or visit [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FULWOOD & BROUGHTON:** Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm Carols at the Royal Preston Hospital. Come along and sing – all welcome.

**IN ADVENT** *Side-Chapel*, Mon-Fri, 7-8am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer at 7.45am

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Boxing Day Mass 10am.

**THANK YOU:** to those who worked so hard for the Parish / School Christmas Fair £1865.53 was raised.

**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.

**FOOD BANK:** Send grateful thanks for all your donations. They ask particularly at this time for **new toys** to give out at Christmas. Next Collection is a week earlier than usual, next weekend: **13/14<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**CHURCH CLEANING:** thank you to the two parishioners who have recently volunteered; two more and a group can be formed.

**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING:** to keep the church tidy, at the end of Mass please: 1) return your Hymn Book to the shelves, 2) leave your Mass Book on the trolley in the porch and, 3) take your bulletin home.

**MASS REQUESTS:** whilst we will do our best to accommodate requests for certain Mass times and dates, these cannot be guaranteed, and funerals always come first.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:**–First Communion Programme; Confirmation Programme; Flower arranging rota; Cleaning rota; Children's Liturgy; Musicians: Bereavement Group; New parishioner welcomers; Youth Groups; Altar servers; Sacristans; Welcomers before Mass; Collectors at Mass; Messy Church.

**PORCH LOTTERY FUND:** Draw for November – Roll Over to December! A £17.50 'consolation prize' was won. £240 to Porch Fund. List in the notice board.

**CATHOLIC HERALD:** New 'Magazine' format. Special offer 12weeks for £12 – See poster or visit [www.catholicherald.co.uk](http://www.catholicherald.co.uk)

**WHAT DOES PEACE MEAN TO YOU?:** Event Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> See poster.

**PRESTON INTERFAITH DIALOGUE:** First Thursdays. See poster.

**FIRST EVER FAMILY CHRISTMAS:** A series of talks- last one this Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. St. Wilfrid's Parish Centre 7-9pm. See poster in porch.

**LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** 24<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> July See Poster in porch.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 422: Offertory: £1034.97: Thank you.