

Diary Events This Week:

SUN 28th Feb: 9.30am: Children's Liturgy; 10.30am: 1st Communion (3) 1.00pm: Indian Dance Class. 4.30pm: Young Adults Group (20-30+);
MONDAY: 9.00am: Pre-School Club*; 3.20pm: After-School Club*
6.00pm: Cubs; 6.45pm: Scouts; 7.30pm: Catechesis (15); **TUESDAY:**
Seekers & GFF Youth Groups; 7.30pm: Prayer Group; **WEDNESDAY:**
6.30pm: Irish Dance Class; **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: Beavers; 7.30pm: Journey
in Faith. **FRIDAY: SATURDAY:** 9.00am: Pilates; 10.30am: Spanish Class;
7.30pm: AA Meeting. * *These events each day Mon – Fri. Advance Diary:*
Mar: 5th > Confirmation (4); **7th** > PPC: **11th** > School Quiz Night; **19th** > Messy
Church;

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

SAFEGUARDING

Parish Safeguarding Officers are Mike Simpson and Brenda Scales

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

PRESTON FOOD BANK Thanks for last collection **Next -19/20 March**

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

FROM THE PTFA

Used Batteries/ Mobile Phones please place in box in porch. Funds to Bosnia

Churches Together News) Pentecost Songs of Praise May 15th 2016 3pm Christ Church.

St. Clare's School

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ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

28th February 2016



In today's Gospel is the parable of the barren fig tree. It comes amongst much questioning about sin. Jesus indicates that repentance is the answer to sin. And what proves our repentance, our readiness to change, is the fruit of our good works. The parable shows that many chances to change will be given. But in the end our 'fruits' will be the proof of our faith.

YEAR OF MERCY DEANERY PILGRIMAGE

Pope Francis has called us during this Year of Mercy to renew our love of God and be more deeply reconciled to him. Each Deanery is called to a Pilgrimage to the **Lancaster Martyrs' Shrine & Cathedral.**

For our Deanery this will be on Sat 19th March 1.30-3pm. See sign-up sheet in the porch so that we have an idea of numbers. A coach will be available, indicate on sign-up sheet if you wish to travel on it. (£5) - Poster

INDIAN NIGHT! Today - Sunday 28th February 7.30pm in the Parish

Hall. Proceeds: to send our young people to World Youth Day
Tickets: £5 Adults; £2.50 Children

FIRST FRIDAY – March 4th
Holy Hour – 7pm

FIRST SATURDAY – March 5th
Novena Mass – 10am

READERS: March 5th
Afternoon Reflection 2-4pm
SUNDAY March 6th
Stations of the Cross – 3pm

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Mon. to Fri. Exposition 7 – 8am
with Morning Prayer - 7.45am
Tues. Prayer Group 7.30pm.
Wed. Liturgy of the Word: 7.30pm
Fri. Lent Soup Lunch: 12.30pm.
Sat. Exposition: 10.30am – 12
Eucharistic Ministers: Afternoon
Reflection March 12th 2-4pm

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MASSES THIS WEEK: 28th Feb: – Mass Book Page 160

Office: Psalter Week 3; Sunday: Cycle C; Weekdays of Lent

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

6pm: Betty McNamee RIP

7pm: People of the Parish Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: Special Intention (Simon)

6pm: Jimmy & Peter Whelan RIP

Monday of 3rd week in Lent

9am: Eleanor Mangan RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Tuesday ST. DAVID

7pm: Romeo Perreira RIP

Wednesday of 3rd week in Lent

9am: Jack Burton RIP

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Community

Thursday of 3rd week in Lent

7pm: Holy Souls on November List

Friday of 3rd week in Lent

12 noon: Mary Judge RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Saturday of 3rd week in Lent

10am: Guy Hutchence RIP **Novena Mass**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

6pm: Freddy D'Sousa RIP

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: People of the Parish

6pm: Deceased Members Whelan Family

LATELY DEAD: Marion Gasiewski, Danuta Cywinska, Eileen Calderbank.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jean Bateson, Isabelle Maxwell, Mary Hurley, Maureen Ford, James Woodruff, Winifred Taylor, Marion Holden, Anne Fisher.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

1. That needy families may receive support and that children may grow up in health and peace environments. 2. That Christians who are discriminated against or persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

BLESSED BE THE MERCIFUL: Talk at Lancaster University Chaplaincy. Wed 2nd Mar 7.30pm Jan Graffius, Curator of Stonyhurst College, speaking on Blessed Oscar Romero and the Revolution of Mercy. See poster.

MEDJUGORJE VISIT: Aug 27th to Sept 3rd See poster

THIS IS THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

YOUNG FAMILY: Seeking rental accommodation in St. Clare's. See Fr. L.

200 CLUB: winners: 1st £128.75 J McCambridge; 2nd £77.25 C Alker; 3rd £51.50 B Scales. **Please** could **BJ & CM Walker** contact Anthony Donlan (01772 713046) regarding the 200 Club?

BAPTISM COURSE: Next: first 3 Mondays in March. See Fr Darren.

MESSY CHURCH: 19th March 1.30-3pm. Theme: Lent and Easter.

MASS FOR ALL NATIONS: To celebrate the many nationalities that worship at St Clare's we will have an International Mass on **Friday 1st April at 7pm** followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall. See the poster in the porch.

SUNDAY LUNCH: It has been suggested that we provide Sunday Lunch once a month for elderly or those who live alone. We need to gauge support for this, so if you would use this service, indicate on list in porch.

FAVOURITE SCRIPTURE: St Clare's school invite parishioners to share with the children your favourite Bible reading on Mar 24th. Between 10:00 - 12:30.

PRIEST VISIT: In the porch there are slips of paper to request a pastoral visit from the priest during Lent. He will call at a mutually convenient time, pay a visit and pray a blessing on your home and family.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: March 31st see one of the priests.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: at **Ladywell** from 12 noon Fri 4th Mar to midday Sat. 5th. Details and sign-up sheet in the porch.

COR ET LUMEN CHRISTI EVENTS: See poster in porch.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: with the **Lancaster Diocese** 22nd -29th July led by Bishop Campbell. Brochures and further details in the porch.

IF YOU ARE: Booking a holiday/renewing Car or Home Insurance or Tele/Broadband contracts visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk Many companies will make a donation to help **St Clare's New Porch Fund**.

CASTLERIGG ITEMS: 1. Easter Retreat; 2. Staff to join team; 3. Lourdes Pilgrimage. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk Posters in porch.

LENT IN THE MINSTER: 'Mercy' Details & dates on the poster.

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Fri. 4th Mar, 7.30pm at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham Road.

TABOR EVENTS: See posters in porch.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 29th Feb – 13th March. See posters

LAST WEEK: Attended: 438; Collection: £1,057.83; CAFOD: £165. Thank you