

### Diary Events This Week:

**SUN 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 9.30am: Children's Liturgy; 2pm: Indian Dance Class. 4.30pm: Young Adults Group (20-30+); **MONDAY:** 9am: Pre-School Club\*; 3.20pm: After-School Club\* 6pm: Cubs; 7.30pm: Scouts; **TUESDAY:** Seekers or GFF Youth Group; 7.30pm: Prayer Group; **WEDNESDAY:** **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: Beavers; 7.30pm: Journey in Faith; **FRIDAY:** **SATURDAY:** 9am: Pilates; 10.30am: Spanish Class; 7.30pm; AA Meeting. \* *These events each day Mon – Fri.*  
**Advance Diary Dates: 18<sup>th</sup>**>Carols by Candlelight; **19<sup>th</sup>**>Service of Reconciliation.

#### 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: Dec-17/18**

**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 [fdarren@saintclares.co.uk](mailto:fdarren@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

**ON-LINE SHOPPING:** 'Christmas is coming.' Before you shop visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and look for St. Clare's New Porch Fund. **£411.00** raised so far – can you help increase this amount? It costs you nothing!

#### St. Clare's School

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## ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Year A)

11<sup>th</sup> December 2016



What an accolade – to be called a 'great man' by Jesus. He was speaking of John the Baptist. Why was he great? Because he prepared a way for the Lord in himself and in others. Our greatness too, will reside in the way we prepare to receive Christ and encourage others to do the same.

#### ADVENT

**Mon-Fri, 7- 8am each week**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Morning Prayer at 7.45am

In the side-Chapel,

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**FAMILY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:**

**Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm**

Followed by seasonal refreshments in the Hall.

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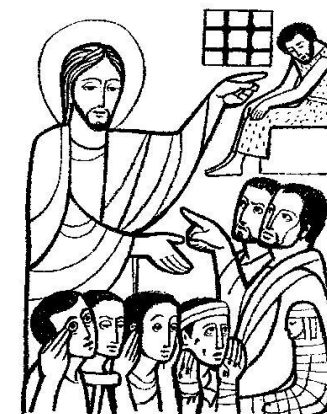
**ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:**

Monday

December 19<sup>th</sup>

7pm

at St. Clare's.



"Are you the one who is to come?"

#### DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

2017

Available in the porch  
£3 each

**Priests:** Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. **Deacon:** Fred Sanderson (Rtd)g

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**MASSES THIS WEEK: 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: – Mass Book Page 88**

Office: Psalter Wk. 3; Sunday: Cycle A; Weekdays of Advent

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A**

6pm: Jim & Margaret Brown Golden Wedding Vigil

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way

9.30am: Fr. Vincent Baron RIP

6pm: People of the Parish

**Monday of Advent wk 3**

9.15am: Parishioners' Intentions

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Tuesday St. Lucy**

7 pm: Teresa Baines RIP

**Wednesday St. John of the Cross**

9.15am: Helen Gorham RIP

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Way

**Thursday: of Advent wk 3**

7pm: Rodger & Mary Furey RIP

**Friday of Advent wk 3**

Noon: Fr. John Donlan RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

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

10am: Shirley Gilleade RIP

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A**

6pm: Mary Ryan RIP Vigil

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way

9.30am: People of the Parish

6pm: Eric Brett RIP

**LATELY DEAD:** Malcolm Loughran.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Muriel Hubbersty, Marie Hughes, Thomas Turberfield, Catherine Bradley, Margaret Magee, Mary Holland, Gerald Murray, Thomas Lowe, Fr. John Donlan, Catherine Livesey, Edward Riley,

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for December:** 1. That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. 2. That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life

**MEDJUGORJE 2017:** a visit to the Shrine - from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017. £580 per person (sharing). All details on the poster.

**MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND:** Fri 27<sup>th</sup> –Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 at the Monastery of Our Lady of Hyning, Carnforth. Visit: [www.bernardine.org](http://www.bernardine.org) see poster

**METANOIA PROJECT – Advent Series:** 'O Come, O Come.' Thurs evenings, 7.30pm St Wilfrid's Parish Centre continuing Dec.15<sup>th</sup>. See poster.

**FLAME:** Event for young people. Wembley Arena March 11<sup>th</sup> 2017. Join Fr. Darren for this weekend away, 10-12 March. Details on poster in porch.

**EXPOSITION:**

Each morning:  
Mon – Fri: 7 - 8am

**Sat 10.30am-Noon**  
Intention: for priestly vocations.

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat 11-12 noon.  
Or by appointment.

**ˆRosary for Life Challenge-** The Mysteries of Light will be prayed each day after the 9am Masses and before the Friday noon Mass, for this intention

**PRIESTS:** As announced last weekend, the bishop is transferring both Fr. Loughran and Fr. Darren to new appointments. Fr. Andrew Allman is posted here as the new Parish Priest and Hospital Chaplain.

**THANK YOU:** to all those who worked so hard to organise the Christmas Fair and to those who supported it. £2,437.30 was raised to be shared by parish and school.

**DEACON:** Fred Sanderson, our beloved deacon, who has been officially retired for some time (not that you would notice) has decided after a bout of illness, that the time has come to step back from active ministry 'with no fuss!' We sincerely thank this most humble deacon.

**THANK YOU:** from the family of Claire Addington (Sweeney) for your love and support shown to them at Mass following the death of their dear daughter. Mass will be offered for Parishioners Intentions.

**MARY'S MEALS:** earlier this year, the PPC decided to give 1% of the church collection in the *Year of Mercy* to Mary's Meals. £600 has been sent.

**PORCH UPDATE:** A further meeting has taken place this week with the architect, the Diocesan Property Manager and members of the Finance Group. Good progress was made towards appointing the professionals for the design team.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** We still have a few packs of these available in the church porch, £4 pack of 10 or 3 packs for £10.

**READERS & MINISTERS – CHRISTMAS:** Sign-up sheet for volunteers on the notice board.

**200 CLUB:** December draw next Sun; 1st prize £160; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £96; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £64

**MARRIAGE COURSE:** will be offered here for those planning to marry in 2017 (or simply to take another look at the teaching on marriage) beginning Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. To book on the course contact: [sian\\_martin@btinternet.com](mailto:sian_martin@btinternet.com)

**LIFE GROUP:** Next meeting is at St Clare's, Mon, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6pm for 6.30pm. LIFE's Chief Education Officer (North West) will offer an evening's training on how to speak on Life issues in conversation. Refreshments will be provided.

**CASTLERIGG MANOR:** volunteers needed to join Gap-Year team from January. See poster in porch or [team@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:team@castleriggmanor.co.uk) for more details.

**THINKING SCRIPTURE 2017:** holiday and study time, 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July (long weekend) 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October (full week) at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. See poster.

**LA NATIVITE DU SIEGNEUR:** St. John's, Broughton 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. See poster.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 483; Collection: £1,057.26. Thank you.