

St Clare's Catholic Church

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th October 2017



“Let Your face shine on us and we shall be saved.”

Today's psalm compares God's people to a vine, planted and nurtured by God. But at times it seems as though He has abandoned us, and the psalm complains to God about this apparent neglect. It is a plea for God to turn again to His people and to shine His light on them. God never abandons us! Let us have faith.

Focus on... **Baby Loss awareness week**

9th-15th October is national Baby Loss awareness week, which is intended to help families who have lost a baby by giving them space to remember and commemorate the lives of their child. It is also intended to raise awareness of issues around pregnancy and to promote research into the causes of infant death, so that babies and their families may receive better care in the future. Many families have experienced this loss, before or after the birth of a child, and often carry the pain of this loss for many years. In the church this week there is a baby memorial, presented in partnership with the charity Life, and inviting us to pray for them and to entrust their children's lives to God.



This year we are also marking 50 years since the passing of the Abortion Act, in prayerful remembrance of the many lives lost as a result, and the hurt that has been caused. We pray for a deep respect for all human life, from conception to natural end, and for healing for all those affected by abortion, especially for mothers who live with the pain of having made this choice. May the Lord grant healing to all who suffer, and protect the lives of the most vulnerable in our world.

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Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 27

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 7 th	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gerry O'Neil RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 8 th	9:30am		Ian & Emma Waddingham	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am		Blessed John Henry Newman	Sophia Morris RIP
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Anderton Family	
Wednesday	9:15am		Catherine & Michael Brophy & Hugh Gilsham RIP	
Thursday	9:15am		Holy Souls	
Friday	12noon	St Edward the Confessor	Holy Souls	
Saturday	10am		Special Intention	
Saturday 14 th	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Bean RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 15 th	9:30am		People of the Parish	
	6pm		Jack Burton RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died especially **Fr. Kevin Lowry** Parish Priest of Holy Family, Freckleton who died last weekend.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

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: Lilian Collum, Alice Donlan, Miriam Green, Hannah Walmsley, Ellen Comer, Theresa Heaps, Ann Whittle, Hugh Gilshan, Anne Hall, Sophia Corbett.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



NARTHEX WORK – PARKING: Please leave the spaces nearest the chapel for those who find it harder to walk. Additional parking is available at the weekends on the school playground.

DAY OF RENEWAL: Next Saturday (14th). Led by Fr Frankie Mulgrew, a priest of Salford Diocese; theme: "What the Holy Spirit does in the life of a believer". Starts with Mass at 10am, followed by talks, praise and worship, and opportunities for confession and healing prayer. All welcome.

CALLED BEYOND: 15th-22nd October

A week of vocations-themed evening events, looking at different ways of living out our faith. Everybody has a vocation, a call from God, so this week has something for you! In the evening, opportunities to explore different vocations:

Monday 16th: Marriage

Tuesday 17th: Living the baptismal vocation

Thursday 19th: Religious Life – an event at Carmel with the sisters

Friday 20th: Consecrated Life

We will also explore the meaning of the word 'vocation' at Mass on the two Sundays at each end of the week. Please take part in these important events.

ACN - HOPES FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW: *Iraq's Nineveh plains & Northern Nigeria* Monday 9th October at the Catholic Chaplaincy Lancaster University, 7.30-9.30. Visit: www.acnuk.org/event/lancaster

A WEEK OF PRAYER for prisoners begins today. It is a week of prayer to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children.

BLACKPOOL LIGHTS: This Friday. If you have signed up, meet in the car park ready for 6pm departure. Bring money for the coach and for your fish and chips! There are a couple of spare places, so please contact us if you want to come.

CENACOLO COLLECTION: Next weekend (14th/15th); **Food Bank:** 21st/22nd.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: For anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic human life at Our Lady and St Edward's, 7pm this Friday (13th). All welcome.

FAITH IN ACTION Information Morning & Lunch: at St Andrew's, Hoyles Lane, Cottam Saturday 14th October after the 9.15am Mass. Led by Raymond Daley, National Trainer for the St Vincent De Paul Society. For catering purposes please indicate your attendance by 13th October to Ela on 07957 563303

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA Bingo & Raffle Wednesday 18th October 7.30 in St. Gregory's Social Centre. Proceeds to send sick people and helpers to Lourdes.

LIFE GROUP TABLE-TOP SALE: Next Saturday (14th), 10am-1pm, at Our Lady & St Edward's Hall. Tables cost £6-£8. Donations of children's toys, games and books, cakes/biscuit, and raffle prizes welcome. Leave at OLSE or tel: 712891.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 459; Collection: £1,054.35; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	First Confession prep (2)	Parish Hall
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-9)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Finance and Fabric Committee	Presbytery
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	Social Committee	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	6pm	Blackpool Lights Trip (only for those who have already signed up)	Meet on car park
Saturday	10am	Day of Renewal	Church/Hall
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Advance Diary Dates

20th October: School Harvest Service, 2pm

1st November: All Saints' Day – Holy Day of Obligation

2nd November: All Souls' Day

Further ahead and further afield

ROMERO PLAY: Friday 10th November at St Wilfrid's, RISE Theatre present a play about Blessed Oscar Romero. Tickets £10/£8 for under-18s. For info or to book tickets contact Joe or Ruth on 07957 566741. Hosted by Metanoia Project.

PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR: Concert next Saturday (14th) at the Salvation Army on Harrington Street. A programme of all things American – stirring spiritual music with a touch of Jazz. Tickets are £10 (under 18s free), available on the door or by calling 01772 73519