

St Clare's Catholic Church

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21<sup>st</sup> May 2017



### **“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life...”**

The Bible recalls how, at creation, “God’s spirit hovered over the waters” (Genesis 1:2). This is a sign of the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit was active when the world was made. Elsewhere in the Bible we find similar teaching, especially in Psalm 103(4), which is read at the Easter Vigil following the account of creation. This psalm speaks of the life-giving and renewing power of the Holy Spirit. This week’s task: **read Psalm 103(104). Copies are available in the porch.**



### **FOCUS ON... May Procession**

The May Procession is probably one of the best-loved devotional practices of the Church. We honour Our Lady, who was chosen by God to be the Mother of Christ and our Mother too. Just as people often buy flowers for their mother to show their love and appreciation, so we bring flowers to the statue of Mary, to show our gratitude to her for her willingness to accept God’s plan, and to thank her for all the prayers she offers for us. The May Procession takes place on Friday at 1:30pm, beginning in the school hall. All welcome.



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Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: week 6 of Easter

| Date                         | Time        | Occasion                               | Intention/Details          |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|----------------------------|
| Saturday<br>20 <sup>th</sup> | 6pm (vigil) | <b>SIXTH SUNDAY<br/>OF EASTER</b>      | Gregory and Juliana RIP    |
|                              | 7pm (vigil) |  | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>      | 9:30am      |  | Nellie Pemberton RIP       |
|                              | 6pm         |  | People of the Parish       |
| Monday                       | 9:15am      | St. Rita of Cascia                     | Special Intention (J.E.)   |
| Tuesday                      | 7pm         |  | Jimmy McHugh RIP           |
| Wednesday                    | 9:15am      |  | Anne Topping RIP           |
| Thursday                     | 9:15am      | St. Bede the Venerable                 | Jack Burton RIP            |
| Friday                       | 12noon      | St. Philip Neri                        | Bill Hargreaves RIP        |
| Saturday                     | 10am        | <b>St. Augustine of<br/>Canterbury</b> | Queenie Supple RIP         |
| Saturday<br>27 <sup>th</sup> | 6pm (vigil) | <b>THE ASCENSION<br/>OF THE LORD</b>   | Margaret Fisher RIP        |
|                              | 7pm (vigil) |  | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday<br>28 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:30am      |  | People of the Parish       |
|                              | 6pm         |  | Holy Souls                 |

**LATELY DEAD:** Please keep in your prayers all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturdays 10:30am-noon (for vocations); there is also Exposition with Benediction on Sundays 3:30-4:30pm during Eastertide.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 11am-12noon.

**SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER):** Sundays 4pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**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.

**REGINA CAELI:** Sung at 12noon on Fridays during Eastertide, at the start of Mass.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Andrew Keating, Constance McCann, Margaret Cowley, Thomas Thompson, Maureen Middlemiss, Jim Murtagh, Marion Stewart, Mary Josephine O'Neil.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY:** Evangelisation: Christians of Africa, witnesses for peace. That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

**MAY PROCESSION:** takes place this Friday at 1:30pm, beginning in the school hall and processing to the church. More details on the front of the newsletter.

**TABOR:** It was announced this week that Tabor, the Carmelite retreat house across the road from St Clare's, is to close later this year. This is very sad news, so let us keep the staff and all those associated with Tabor in our prayers, whilst thanking God for all that the Carmelite family has given to this city.

**PARISH CHARITY PROJECT:** now that the Hodovo appeal is ended, we will work with Aid to the Church in Need to support displaced families in Syria. Details on the front of the newsletter. Fundraising launch is Tuesday 30 May at 7pm Mass.

**FIRST COMMUNIONS:** please keep in your prayers the children who received Holy Communion for the first time last weekend, and their families. Sincere thanks to the catechists who worked so hard to prepare them. Please also keep in your prayers the young people preparing to be confirmed here next month.

**VESPERS AND BENEDICTION:** Sundays during Eastertide. Exposition at 3:30pm with reading and reflection, this week on the risen Lord's last instructions to His disciples (Matthew 28:16-20). At 4pm, sung vespers and Benediction.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** next Sunday for Catholic Media.

**FOOD BANK:** The regular monthly collection takes place this weekend.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH SURVEY (ages 13-29):** details on the back of this newsletter.

**ANNUAL CATECHESIS:** A great opportunity to hear afresh the news of salvation. Led by the NeoCatechumenal Way. Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30pm in the chapel.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** course begins Monday, 6:45pm. Register in advance.

**200 CLUB:** The next draw will take place this Sunday. The prizes will be £165, £99 and £66. Please consider joining to help the narthex fund. Forms in the porch.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Please remember to let us know if you or a relative are in hospital and would like a visit. In an emergency, always ask ward staff to contact the on-call Catholic priest via the hospital switchboard.

**HOSPITAL MASS:** please note, there is no Mass on the Bank Holiday (29 May).

**FARMERS' MARKET with Fairtrade:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. Supporting small producers locally and globally.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Please do introduce yourself. You are very welcome here!

**OUR LADY & ST EDWARD'S:** Ladies Group, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. A talk "My Life in Radio" by John Clayton from Radio Lancashire. Admission £2.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 649; Collection: £1,272.48. Thank you.

## **This Week** (one-off/occasional/new events are listed in bold type)

| <b>Day</b>                     | <b>Time</b> | <b>What?</b>                            | <b>Where?</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---|---------------|
| Sat/Sun                        | At Mass     | <b>Food Bank collection</b>             | Garage        |
| Sunday<br>21 <sup>st</sup> May | 9:30am      | Children's Liturgy                      | At Mass       |
|                                | 3:30pm      | <b>Exposition and Gospel Reflection</b> | Church        |
|                                | 4pm         | <b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b>     | Church        |
|                                | 4:30pm      | Young Adults Group                      | Chapel        |
|                                | 7pm         | <b>Anointed Youth Group (years 7-9)</b> | Parish Hall   |
| Monday-<br>Friday              | 9am         | Pre-school                              | Parish Hall   |
|                                | 3:20pm      | After-school club                       | Parish Hall   |
| Monday                         | 6:45pm      | <b>Baptism Preparation (1)</b>          | Chapel        |
|                                | 7:30pm      | <b>NCW Catechesis</b>                   | Chapel        |
|                                | 7:30pm      | <b>Parish Pastoral Council meeting</b>  | Presbytery    |
| Wednesday                      | 6pm         | Seekers (school years 4-6)              | Parish Hall   |
|                                | 7.30pm      | NCW Liturgy of the Word                 | Chapel        |
| Thursday                       | 7:30pm      | <b>NCW Catechesis</b>                   | Chapel        |
| Friday                         | 1:30pm      | <b>May Procession</b>                   | School        |
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### **Advance Diary Dates**

30 May: Launch of Syria project, 7pm Mass

16 June: Parish Blessed Sacrament Procession, 1:30pm

18 June: Deanery Corpus Christi Procession, beginning at St Walburge's, 2pm

18 June: Confirmations, 6pm Mass

13-16 July: 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration (Quarant' ore)

### **Further ahead and further afield:**

**OPEN HEALING SERVICE:** for all who need healing or want to experience God's love. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm at St Joseph's, Lancaster. All welcome.

### **National Catholic Youth Survey**

For young people aged 13-29. The Church wants to hear your views! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> to participate. Feedback will be helpful to the Pope and bishops meeting for a Synod on youth next year.