

St Clare's Catholic Church

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th October 2017



Isaiah's vision of heaven

Today's first reading presents an image of heaven as a mountain-top banquet, set out by God Himself. Here there is no more death or suffering. This banquet is foreshadowed each time we come to Mass: here too, the Lord feeds His people.

FOCUS ON... 'Called Beyond' Vocations Week

Every one of us has a vocation. At least one vocation, in fact! We are all called to be followers of Jesus (our 'baptismal vocation') and on top of this, we may have other calling(s) too: to marriage, parenthood, priesthood, religious or consecrated life, the diaconate... The list goes on. A vocation is a calling and a gift from God, but needs to be lived out each day. This week the parish takes part in a national initiative entitled, "Called Beyond", in which we are invited to go beyond the call of duty and really live out our call from God. And since everybody has a vocation, this week has something for you! The events this week are as follows:



Monday 16th: Marriage (7:30pm in the homes of some couples in the parish)

Tuesday 17th: Living the baptismal vocation (7:30pm in the Parish Hall)

Wednesday 18th: Religious Life (7pm at Carmel on St Vincent's Road)

Friday 20th: Consecrated Life (7pm in the chapel)

At Sunday Mass, we will have the opportunity to explore the meaning of the word 'vocation' and what it means to live out our vocation as followers of Jesus. You have been called by Jesus! Come to these events and find out more about how to live out that calling. **Full details of the events are on the enclosed flyer.**

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Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 28

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
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	
Monday	9:15am			George Oldcorn RIP
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St Ignatius of Antioch	Sophia Morris RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am	St Luke	Special Int (G Delargy)	
Thursday	9:15am		Tom Clarkson RIP	
Friday	12noon		Gerry O'Neil RIP	
Saturday	10am		Jack Burton RIP	
Saturday 21 st	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Sinnott RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 22 nd	9:30am		Katie Malone RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died recently, especially **Fr Kevin Lowry** (funeral details on next page).

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: Winifred Crangle, Bryan Sharrock, Catherine & Michael Brophy, Ted Bateson, Winifred Taylor, Thomas Clarkson, Iris Myles, Violet McEvoy, Ann Teehan, Maureen Burns, Margaret Whalley, Dorothy Hunnibal, Molly Chanter.

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.

CALLED BEYOND: Vocations-themed events taking place all this week in the parish, inviting everyone to deepen their own sense of vocation. Please take part in some or all of these events – they are for everyone! There is more information on the front page, and a flyer with full details included with this newsletter.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: For anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or simply in exploring the Catholic faith more deeply. On Monday evenings, 7:30pm in the side chapel, beginning on 23rd October. See Fr Andrew for more details.

SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE: This Friday at 2pm, St Clare's school have their annual harvest service. All are welcome to come and thank God for the gift of food, and to pray for those in need.

FR KEVIN LOWRY RIP: Fr Kevin, former Parish Priest at OLSE and also formerly at St Anthony's, died on Sunday 1 October. His funeral will take place this week. There are two Requiem Masses, to which everyone is welcome:

7pm on Tuesday at Holy Family, Warton/Freckleton, where he was Parish Priest.
11:30am on Wednesday at St Joseph's, Ansdell.

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES: The appeal a couple of weeks ago raised £904.77. Many thanks for your generosity.

CENACOLO COLLECTION: Next weekend (14th/15th); **Food Bank:** 21st/22nd. Please **leave all items in the porchway of the presbytery (house)**, not in the garage.

ROMERO PLAY: Friday 10th November at St Wilfrid's, RISE Theatre present a play about Blessed Oscar Romero, an inspiring 20th-century martyr. Tickets £10/£8 for under-18s, available from our parish office. For info, contact Joe or Ruth on 07957 566741. Hosted by Metanoia Project.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA Bingo & raffle Wednesday 18th October 7:30pm in St Gregory's Social Centre. Proceeds to send sick people and helpers to Lourdes.

ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING for Vine House: Wednesday 1st November 10am-12noon OLSE. Crafts, books, tombola etc. Admission £2 including refreshments.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS at CASTLERIGG MANOR, KESWICK:

Young Adults' Retreat, 17-19 November: an opportunity for young people (in year 12 or above), with time for reflection, discussion and prayer, and enjoy meeting other young adults. Cost £65.

Advent Retreat, 8-10 December: This weekend retreat, for young people in year 9 and above, will be a fun occasion to meet other young people and, together, reflect on what Christmas is really about, through games, workshops, discussions and prayer. Cost £65.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 432; Collection: £1,076.72; 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 (3)	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
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	CALLED BEYOND: Marriage	<i>See flyer</i>
Tuesday	7:30pm	CALLED BEYOND: Living your baptismal vocation	Parish Hall <i>See flyer</i>
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers	Parish Hall
	7pm	CALLED BEYOND: Religious Life	Carmel
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	2pm	School Harvest Service	Church
	7pm	CALLED BEYOND: Consecrated Life	Chapel
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	First Confession prep (4)	Parish Hall
	11am	First Confession: Parents' Session	Chapel
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-9)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

1st November: All Saints' Day – Holy Day

2nd November: All Souls' Day

17th November: Parish Quiz Night

Narthex Construction: Update

As you see, the shape of the narthex is now visible, giving some idea of the scale of this new building. So far things are progressing well. Weather permitting, it should be open in time for Christmas. If you want to sponsor a 'plot' in memory of someone, there are still plots available (cost £50). Contact the office.

