

St Clare's Catholic Church

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th September 2017



“Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.”

St Paul's teaching in today's second reading reminds us that we are always in God's hands. We form one family of faith, which spans heaven and earth: we call it the 'Communion of Saints'. We already belong to this communion, even though we don't yet experience it fully. In the meantime, as St Paul teaches, our life and death has an influence on others, so let us do all that we can to support each other on our journey of faith.

FOCUS ON... **School Mission Statement**

Staff and governors at our primary school recently met to revise the school's mission statement. The school would now like to consult parishioners. The new mission statement is below:

St Clare's is a Christ-centred family where everyone is valued and respected. We learn and grow, whilst strengthening our relationship with God and one another. Together in His love we can achieve our full potential.



And here is a very simple version, for the younger children:

Play, learn and grow together with Christ.

Do you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions? If you feel anything is missing or have suggestions for changes, please speak to someone at school (staff or governor) or to Fr Andrew, or contact the parish or school office.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 128

Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 24

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 16 th	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hilda & Peter McNeela RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 17 th	9:30am		People of the Parish	
	6pm		Jack Burton RIP	
Monday	9:15am			Joseph Swamy RIP
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Lilian Culshaw RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am	Korean Martyrs	Intentions of Joyce Clayton	
Thursday	9:15am	St Matthew	Ian Dickinson (sick)	
Friday	12noon		Sophia Morris RIP	
Saturday	10am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Eddie Bannon RIP	
Saturday 23 rd	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alan & Andrew Stocks RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 24 th	9:30am		Special Intention	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died, especially **Sophia Morris** whose Requiem took place here last week.

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: Lena Bernie, Veronica Greenhalgh, Susan Sharples, James Pye, Lilian Woodward, Clare Smith, Rosalina Lawlor, Bob Holden, Jeanne Cook.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: That our parishes, animated by missionary spirit, may be places where faith in communicated and charity is seen.



NARTHEX WORK - PARKING. Please leave the spaces nearest the chapel for those who find it harder to walk. If the church car park is full, additional parking is available at the weekends on the school playground for the duration of the building work.

LATE FOR MASS? Please don't feel you have to sit in the side chapel. You are very welcome to come into church and find a seat after Mass has started.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2017-18: Preparation begins next Sunday, for children in school year 3 and above. Collect an information letter and enrolment form from the church entrance after Mass.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Today (16th/17th) for Home Mission Day. Next Sunday (23rd/24th) for Bishop's Administration Fund.

CALLED BEYOND: A week of vocations-themed events, looking at different ways of living out our faith. Taking place across the parish 15-22 October. Details soon.

BLACKPOOL LIGHTS TRIP: Friday 13 October, a parish coach trip to see the lights and stop for fish and chips. £5 for the coach (children half price), buy your own food. A fun evening for parishioners of any age. Sign up in the entrance.

INDIAN DINNER EVENING: Friday 22nd September in the parish hall. Tickets are available after Mass: £10 per adult, £5 per child. In aid of the parish Syria project.

SPONSOR A SCHOOL TEAM: Do you (or someone you know) have a local business that would like to sponsor a sports team at our primary school, so that they can get new kit? Business logo/name would be included on the kit. If you are interested, please let us know or call school on 787037.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: This weekend (16th/17th). Please leave items in the presbytery garage, **not in the church entrance**.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Next preparation begins on Monday 25th September. Please register with the parish office before attending.

KEYBOARD PLAYERS: Do you play a keyboard instrument? We will soon be in need of a keyboard player for Sunday 6pm Mass. Please speak to Fr Andrew.

LIFE GROUP TABLE-TOP SALE: Saturday 14 October, 10am-1pm, at Our Lady & St Edward's Parish Hall. Tables cost £6-£8; contact Sally, tel: 712891.

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.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: 1st-7th October. Please contact Fr Ted at St Gregory's (930934) or Fr Peter at St Wilfrid's (555244) for enquiries. Booking forms available in the parish office or to collect from church entrance after Mass.

FARMERS' MARKET with Fairtrade: Saturday 23rd September 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. Supporting small producers locally and globally.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 459; Collection: £1,392.36; Education: £384.29 Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	Garage
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7:30pm	Indian Dinner Evening for Syria	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	First Confession prep (1)	Parish Hall
	10:30am	First Confession/Communion: Parents' Information session	Chapel
	4:30pm	Young adults' group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (yrs 7-9)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

6th October: Diocesan Education Mass, at the Cathedral, 7pm

7th October: Messy Church

14th October: Day of Renewal with Fr Frankie Mulgrew

23rd October: Journey in Faith group begins – for exploring the Catholic faith

Further ahead and further afield

ACN OPEN DAY: Say goodbye to summer in the stunning gardens of Gresgarth Hall near Lancaster and support Christian families in Syria at the same time! Aid to the Church in Need gifts and cards available, along with refreshments. Gresgarth Hall Gardens, Caton, Nr Lancaster (LA2 9NB). Sunday 17 Sept (11am-5pm). Suggested donation of £5 (accompanied children are free).

LET'S CELEBRATE CREATION IN THE FYLDE: 20th September at the St Monica's Church, Blackpool. Presentation, music prayer and reflection followed by refreshments.