

This Week (one-off events are listed in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	10:30am	First Communion Prep (2)	Parish Hall
Sunday	4:30pm	Young Adults' Group	Chapel
Mon-Fri	9am	Preschool	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (School Years 4-6)	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	GFF (School Years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	7:30pm	NeoCatechumenate Way Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Lourdes Prize Bingo	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	4:30pm	Young Adults' Group	Chapel

Advance Diary Dates:

1st March: Ash Wednesday

24th March: Race Night

31st March: Parish Open Meeting – all parishioners welcome.

Further ahead and further afield:

WALSINGHAM: diocesan pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady, 26th-29th September 2017. £265 full board and sharing. See poster.

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

THINKING SCRIPTURE 2017: holiday and study time, 14th-17th July (long weekend) 14th-21st October (full week) at Boarbank Hall, near Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria. See poster in the porch.

St Clare's Catholic Church

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th February 2017



In today's Gospel Jesus calls us 'the salt of the earth... the light of the world.' He is reminding us of our call to spread His light in the world, so that His salvation might be made known to all. St Paul reminds us that his preaching was 'not with any show of oratory or philosophy' – it is not cleverness that leads people to Christ! Instead, we are to show love, as Isaiah reminds us, and all God's power to work in and through us.

Focus on... Our Lady of Lourdes

In 1858 Our Lady appeared to a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous, just outside the small town of Lourdes. The eighteen apparitions took place from 11th February to 16th July that year, and Lourdes quickly became a place of prayer and pilgrimage, often associated with healing. Our Lady of Lourdes is also patroness of our Diocese. Her feast day is this coming Saturday, Mass at 10am. Let us remember to pray for the sick, and for our diocese, especially as work to choose our next bishop begins.



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Office: Psalter Week 1; Sunday: Year A; Weekdays: Year 1

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention /Details
Saturday 4 th	6pm (vigil)	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lucy Clapham – 90 th Birthday Intentions
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 5 th	9:30am		Teresa Baines RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am	St Paul Miki and Companions	George Oldcorn RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Special Intention (GH)
Wednesday	9:15am		Bob and Teresa Lingard RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Christine Wallace RIP
Friday	12noon	St Scholastica	Teresa Baines RIP
Saturday 11 th	10am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Sheenagh Scott RIP
	6pm (vigil)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
			<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
7pm	Joan Foster RIP		
Sunday 12 th	9:30am		
	6pm		

Please keep in your prayers all the sick of our parish, those in hospital, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for priestly vocations)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, or by appointment.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass and before Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

ANGELUS: Friday 12noon

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Winterbottam, Isobel Loughran, Anne Marie Metcalf, Canon Benedict Ruscillo, Len Stevens, Ann Cobley, Peter Whelan, Veronica Patricia Jolly, Harold Wilson, Mary Hornby.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

THURSDAY MASS: Mass on Thursdays is now celebrated at 9:15am.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: Please note that this group now meets on Mondays at 7:30pm. Please keep all the group members in your prayers.

ALTAR: The altar from the first church is to be installed in St Clare's this week. Due to the work, weekday Mass all this week will be celebrated in the chapel. Sunday Masses are unaffected.

LOURDES PRIZE BINGO: This Friday at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets just 50p, or £2 per family, available after Sunday Masses or on the door.

CENACOLO COLLECTION: Now takes place once a month. Next collection is next weekend (11/12 Feb). Next **food bank** collection 18/19 Feb.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: If any of the ministers are willing to take on one or two additional home visits on a Sunday, please speak to Fr Andrew.

PORCH UPDATE: Preparations are continuing for the work to begin, and there is a further meeting of the design team this week.

FLAME: Event for young people. Wembley Arena March 11th 2017. (Weekend away: 10-12 March). Speak to Fr Andrew. Details on poster.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS: Easter Retreat, 13-16 April; Family Weekend 28-30 April (both at Castlerigg); Lourdes pilgrimage 19-29 July. More details on posters in the porch, or ask Fr Andrew.

CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS: Presented by *Metanoia*. Thursday evenings at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, 7:30pm. This week: G K Chesterton; 23rd February: Michelangelo – see poster in porch.

CARING FOR CARERS: *Retreat Day at Tabor* Thursday 16th Feb 10a.m. – 3p.m. Suggested offering £10. Contact: Cathy York. 01772 723568. This is open to anyone who finds themselves in a difficult life situation.

PIANO RECITAL: in the Catholic Chapel at Lancaster University. Fr Manny Gribben playing works by Beethoven, Rachmaninov and others. Wed 15th February, 7pm. £5 per ticket, in aid of the new fresco for the chapel.

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS: 18th February, 11am-2pm, at Our Lady and St Edward's. Organised by the diocese. All welcome.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY BRIEFING: Next Sunday (12th), 1:30pm-3pm at St Mary's, Brownedge. All welcome.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 508; Collection: £1153.50. Thank you.