

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	At Mass	<b>Food bank collection</b>	Garage
Tues-Fri	9am	Preschool	Parish Hall
Tues-Fri	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	7pm	<b>Baptism Preparation</b>	Chapel
Monday	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Monday	7:30pm	Scouts	Hall
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
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Saturday	10.30am	<b>Confirmation Prep (3)</b>	School Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	10:30am	<b>First Communion Prep (3)</b>	Parish Hall

### Advance Diary Dates:

7<sup>th</sup> March: Social Committee 7.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> March: Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> March: Race Night

31<sup>st</sup> March: Parish Open Meeting – all parishioners welcome.

### Further ahead and further afield:

**WALSINGHAM:** Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady, 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September 2017. £265 full board and sharing. See poster.

**CALLED TO GLORY IV:** At the old convent, Wigton, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Speakers include Jenny Baker. More details on flyers in the porch.

**THINKING SCRIPTURE:** rest and study time, 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July (long weekend) 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October (full week) at Boarbank Hall. Poster in the porch.

St Clare's Catholic Church

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19<sup>th</sup> February 2017



Today's readings speak powerfully of our duty to love others, but what Jesus teaches is both surprising and demanding. In the first reading we are taught: "Love your neighbour as yourself" – a hard enough task at times, perhaps! But Jesus goes much further: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". People sometimes try to reduce Christian faith to a general kindness to others, but today's readings remind us of the radical, demanding nature of the love that Jesus teaches. Already He has shown this love to us; now it's our turn.

### FOCUS ON... Preston Food Bank

Once a month the parish has a collection for the Preston Food Bank, which was established in 2006 by local churches. Across the country food banks are being used more and more, and Preston is no exception: the bank needs around 8000 items a month to meet the demand. Helping those in need is a concrete sign of love inspired by our faith, so let's do what we can. Donations may be left in the presbytery garage this weekend, and on the third weekend of each month.



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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 139

Office: Psalter Week 3; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year 1

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm (vigil)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sheila Flood RIP
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Joan Foster RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Michael & Margaret Holleran RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Maureen Morton RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	<b>Chair of St Peter</b>	Deceased - Meek Family
	2:15pm	<b>Requiem</b>	Agnes Maureen Chessell
Thursday	9:15am	St Polycarp	Joan Burton RIP
Friday	12noon		George Holden RIP
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Traynor RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Barney Alfano RIP
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Gerald Darwin

Please keep in your prayers **Agnes Maureen Chessell**, whose Requiem will take place on Wednesday at 2:15pm, and also **Margaret Davis**, who has died recently. Please pray also for those who are ill at this time.

### 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:** Maud Melling, Maria Jakimovicz, Jack Bennett, Thelma Gavell, George Green, Bill Walmsley, Anne Lovell, Norma Douds.

### 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.

**FOOD BANK:** collection this weekend (18/19 Feb). Items may be left in the garage as usual. Next Cenacolo collection is 11/12 March.

**THANK YOU:** to those who organised and those who supported the Bingo last weekend. £375.51 was raised for the Youth Lourdes Fund. Don't forget the Race Night, coming up on 24<sup>th</sup> March, also in aid of Lourdes.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** If any of the ministers are willing to take on one or two additional home visits, please speak to Fr Andrew. These ideally take place after one of the Sunday Masses, but if you can only manage a different time of the week, please come forward.

**ALTAR UPDATE:** Work on the altar and recladding the lectern has been completed this week. The sanctuary carpet will be sorted this week.

**200 CLUB:** Draw this Sunday after 9.30am Mass. 1<sup>st</sup> prize: £158; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £105; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: £63.

**PORCH UPDATE:** Work continues behind the scenes to finalise plans and costings for the porch. We hope to be able to provide a full update on progress next month.

**SACRAMENTS:** preparation is currently taking place in the parish for baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist and marriage. Please keep in your prayers all those preparing to meet the Lord in these sacraments.

**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*. St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, 7:30pm. Last session this Thursday: Michelangelo.

**LENT** begins on Ash Wednesday, 1 March. It's probably time to start thinking about how to mark this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**OUR LADY & ST. EDWARD'S;** Ladies Group, Thurs Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be a Quiz in the Parish Centre at 8pm. Admission £2.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 1:30pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. Soup & Bread served from 12:30pm, refreshments later.

**CONNECTED BY COFFEE:** a film for *Fairtrade Fortnight* Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 'The Continental' Hotel, South Meadow Lane. Details on the poster.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 423; Collection: £1009.25. Thank you.