

Diary Events This Week:

SUNDAY 8th Jan: 9.30am: No Children's Liturgy; 2pm. 4.30pm: Young Adults Group (20-30+); **MONDAY:** 9am: Pre-School Club*; 3.20pm: After-School Club* 6pm: Cubs; 7.30pm: Scouts; **TUESDAY:** Seekers or GFF Youth Group; 7.30pm: Prayer Group; **WEDNESDAY:** **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: Beavers; 7.15: Special Scout Meeting; 7.30pm: Journey in Faith; **FRIDAY:** **SATURDAY:** 9am: Pilates; 10.30am: Spanish Class; 7.30pm; AA Meeting. * *These events each day Mon – Fri.*
Advance Diary Dates: January: 27th> Lourdes Prize Bingo; **March: 24th**> Race Night.

PARISH PETITION BOOK

near Our Lady's statue. For your intentions which will be prayed for at the Sunday Masses and at other times.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:

First Saturday - 10.00am Mass.
Blest medals available.

ABORTION RECOVERY HELPLINE Arch can help: 0845 603 8501- Poster

SAFEGUARDING

Parish Safeguarding Officers are Mike Simpson and Brenda Scales

NEW TO THE PARISH? Or if you have changed: email, phone or address? Please complete the *Details Update Form* available in the porch.

CENACOLO COMMUNITY: Thank you for your support with gifts of food.

PRESTON FOOD BANK Thanks for last collection. **Next: Jan-14/15**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help with the Youth Groups on Tues evening. If you are able to spare a couple of hours each week in term time please see Fr. A. or email enquiries@saintclares.co.uk Age range school years 4-6 & 7-11.

FROM THE PTFA

Used Batteries / Mobile Phones please place in box in porch.

ON-LINE SHOPPING: 'Shopping in the sales!' Before you shop on line visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and look for St. Clare's New Porch Fund. **£439.00** raised so far – can you help increase this amount? It costs you nothing!

St. Clare's School

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ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8th January 2017



The word 'epiphany' (the feast we celebrate today) means to reveal something or to recognise something. Jesus was revealed to the Jewish people through the shepherds. Today he is revealed or recognised through the wise men to all the nations of the world. Jesus is in fact the universal Saviour. The wise men were changed by their encounter with Jesus Christ. Our prayer today should be that we too can be changed by an encounter with Jesus Christ.

NEW PARISH PRIEST

This coming week (Monday) we welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr. Andrew Allman. It is our duty to support him firstly, with our prayers and then in the practical ways that he seeks.



*'We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do him
homage.'*

Fr. Loughran & Fr. Darren
wish to thank all of you who
attended the
Mass of Thanksgiving.

Thank you too, for your kind words and generous Presentation. We are grateful to God for being allowed to spend these years with you. You will be remembered in our Masses and prayers.

DAY OF RENEWAL:
Sat 4th Feb in St. Clare's Hall
'Our Hope is in Christ.'
The foundation and the future'
Led by Jenny Baker

Priests: Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. **Deacon:** Fred Sanderson (Rtd)
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MASSES THIS WEEK: 8th Jan: – Mass Book Page 115
Office: Psalter Week 1; Sunday: Cycle A; Weekdays: Year 1.
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6pm: Mary Ryan RIP **Vigil**
7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way
9.30am: People of the Parish
6pm: Balasamy & Jacob RIP

Monday THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Feast)

9.15am: Parishioners' Intentions
5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Tuesday of Week 1

7pm: Neil & Manus Byrne RIP

Wednesday of Week 1

9.30am: Sr. Mary Lucy School Mass

11am: Michael Frost **Funeral Service**

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word: NeoCatechumenal Way

Thursday: of Week 1

7pm: Terry Cairns RIP

Friday: of Week 1

12.00: John & Jennie Kane RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Saturday of Week 1

10am: Claire Addington RIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6pm: People of the Parish **Vigil**

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way

9.30am: Sheila Gahan RIP

6pm: Special Intention (EK)

Today is the Day of Prayer for Peace

LATELY DEAD: Michael Frost.

ANNIVERSARIES: Niamh Face, Janusz Cichy, Agnes Gavaghan, Nora Jones, Anne Gray, Gerald Turner.

Pope's Prayer Intentions: January: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: Fri 27th –Sun 29th Jan 2017 at the Monastery of Our Lady of Hying, Carnforth. Visit: www.bernardine.org see poster

FLAME: Event for young people. Wembley Arena March 11th 2017. (Weekend away: 10-12 March) Speak to Fr. Darren after Mass **this** weekend Details on poster.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2017: Available in the porch £3 each

Rosary for Life Challenge - The Mysteries of Light will be prayed each day after the 9.15am Masses and before the Friday noon Mass, for this intention

EXPOSITION:
Sat 10.30am-Noon
Intention: for priestly vocations.
CONFESSIONS
Sat 11-12 noon.
Or by appointment.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING: Thursday 19th Jan 6.30pm for children who made their First Confession in December. School Hall. Session 1: 22nd Jan.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING: Thursday 19th Jan 7.30pm School Hall. For those in Year 6 or above. Young people should attend. Session 1: 28th Jan.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS: would be gratefully accepted for the Lourdes Prize Bingo on 27th Jan. Please bring your items as soon as you can.

THANK YOU: from the priests for all your kind Christmas Greetings, gifts and generous offerings.

PRIESTS: Fr. Loughran and Fr. Darren to new appointments. Fr. Andrew Allman is posted here as the new Parish Priest and Hospital Chaplain. Moves take place January 9th.

GRACIAS: to the Spanish Class who recently raised £312 for Aid to the Church in Need and donated £300 for the Church Porch Fund; and to the Pilates Class who raise funds for Youth Activities.

PORCH UPDATE: A further meeting has taken place with the architect, the Diocesan Property Manager and members of the Design Team. Good progress was made.

200 CLUB: Dec. 1st prize No 51 £155 P Lepcha; 2nd No 73 £93 R Thomson; 3rd No 27 £62 A Carden. List in porch also Extra Draw winners. £3,512 has been raised for the Porch Fund this year and the same amount has been paid out in prizes.

CENACOLO COMMUNITY: Thanks for the regularly items of providence in the porch box. From Jan 9th this will now be collected once a month around the 2nd Sun.

MARRIAGE COURSE: will be offered here for those planning to marry in 2017 (or simply to take another look at the teaching on marriage) beginning Thursday 19th January. To book on the course contact: sian_martin@btinternet.com

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS: Presented by *Metanoia* Thursday evening from Jan 12th Francis of Assisi; Thomas Aquinas; Catherine of Sienna; John Henry Newman; G K Chesterton; Michelangelo – see poster in porch.

LIFE GROUP: Next meeting is at St Clare's, Mon, 16th Jan, 6pm for 6.30pm. LIFE's Chief Education Officer (North West) will offer an evening's training on how to speak on Life issues in conversation. Refreshments will be provided.

CASTLERIGG MANOR: volunteers needed to join Gap-Year team from January. See poster in porch or team@castleriggmanor.co.uk for more details.

ST. EDWARD'S: Ladies Group Thurs. 12th Jan 8pm. A presentation by Malcolm Tranter "Gardens of the North West."

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

LAST WEEK: Attended: 365; Collection: £931.38. Thank you.