

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>At Mass</b>	<b>Cenacolo Collection</b>	<b>Garage</b>
Sunday	4:30pm	Young Adults' Group	Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>NeoCatechumenate Way – Penitential Service</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>At Mass</b>	<b>Food Bank collection</b>	<b>Garage</b>

**Please note that most of the parish groups break for the school half term. They will be back next week!**

**Advance Diary Dates:**

1<sup>st</sup> March: Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent

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.

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

**THINKING SCRIPTURE 2017:** holiday 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, near Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria. See poster in the porch.

**On the parish webiste:**

Check the website for details of events, plus news from St Clare's. This week you can see a couple of photos of the church while work on the altar has been taking place. Visit [www.saintclares.co.uk](http://www.saintclares.co.uk)

**St Clare's Catholic Church**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

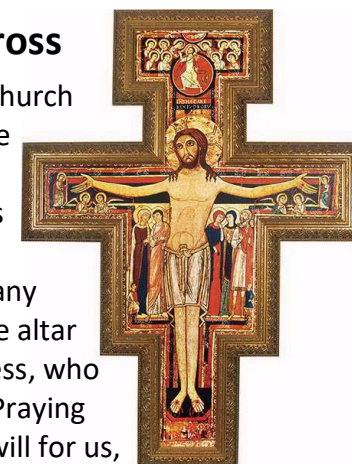
**12<sup>th</sup> February 2017**



There was a time when people used to talk about 'the God of the Old Testament', who was angry and strict, and the 'God of the New Testament', who is somehow kinder and more forgiving. But to talk like this implies there are two Gods! Of course, there is only one God, and Jesus makes this clear in the Gospel today. He has not come to do away with the commandments, but to fulfil them – to give them their fullest meaning, and to live them perfectly. God wrote the commandments out of love for us, to show us the best way to live. And the same God came to earth as Jesus, our Saviour.

**FOCUS ON... the San Damiano Cross**

The original version of this cross hung in the church of San Damiano (St Damian) in Assisi. While he was praying in front of the cross St Francis received his vocation from the Lord. The cross was later taken to the Basilica of St Clare in Assisi, where it still hangs today. There are many replicas around the world, including above the altar here at St Clare's, to remind us of our patroness, who was a close follower and friend of St Francis. Praying before the cross, may we too find the Lord's will for us, and the strength to respond to our own vocation.



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Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year 1

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6pm (vigil)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Joan Foster RIP
	6pm		Jimmy & Peter Whelan RIP
Monday	9:15am		Patrick Gormley (sick)
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	Sts Cyril and Methodius	Terry Cairns RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Thomas Wilson RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Holy Souls November List
Friday	12noon		Mary Traynor RIP
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am		Thanksgiving
	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	

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:** Anne Dias, Dorothy Hayes, Maureen Rooney, Rhoda Myerscough, Georgette Mullen, Peter Newsome, Eva Marie Sergeant, Eleanor Mangan, Patrick Eager, Helen Hesketh, Richard Counsell, Jean Kirby, George Livesey.

### 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.

**CENACOLO:** collection now takes place monthly and is this weekend (11/12 Feb). Please leave items in the garage.

**FOOD BANK:** collection next weekend (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:** A further meeting of the design team took place on Monday. At present we are finalising the costs, with a view to appointing contractors next month. A start date is yet to be agreed.

**FLAME:** Event for young people. Wembley Arena March 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Last session on 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Michelangelo – see poster in porch.

**CARING FOR CARERS: *Retreat Day at Tabor*** This Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am-3pm. Suggested offering £10. Contact Cathy York: 01772 723568. This is open to anyone who finds themselves in a difficult life situation.

**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.

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

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

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY BRIEFING:** This Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>), 1:30pm-3pm at St Mary's, Brownedge. All welcome.

**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: 507; Collection: £1074.68. Thank you.