



“Live a life worthy of your vocation”

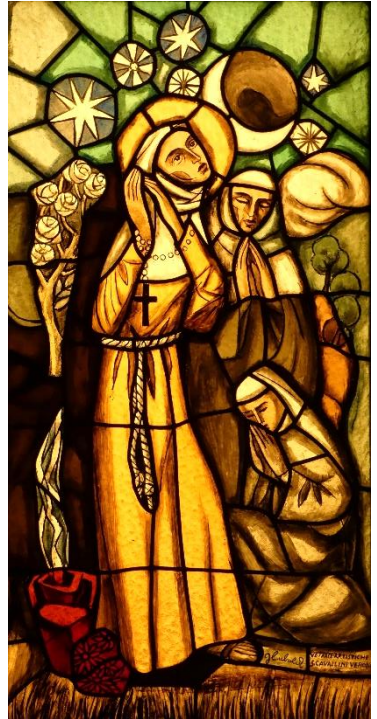
St Paul encourages us to do just this. And he means all of us! Each of us is called by Jesus to be His follower – this is our first, our basic, vocation, which we receive in baptism. Paul teaches that we should live a life worthy of this calling, which means trying to model ourselves on Christ rather than on the world, preserving unity, and living as the one Body of Christ, united in one faith under the one God.

FOCUS ON... Parish Novena to St Clare

We will soon celebrate the feast of St Clare, our patroness (this year, 12th August). To prepare, each of us is invited to pray a novena, asking her intercession for various needs. It runs 3rd-11th August, and has a simple format:

Sign of the Cross, then the novena prayer;
The Our Father, Haily Mary and Glory be;
A short scripture verse
and prayer for that day's intention,
followed by the Sign of the Cross.

The ideas is that we pray this in our homes, and so invite St Clare to be part of our day to day lives. The intentions vary each day, and include praying for the sick, the poor, families, vocations, peace, humility and for our parish. It will only take 3-4 minutes each day. Will you take part in this prayerful preparation for St Clare's feast day? Pick up a sheet from the narthex. The novena begins this Friday. St Clare, pray for us.



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 112

Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 17, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 28 th	6pm (vigil)	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Teresa McGarrell RIP	
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 29 th July	9:30am		Andrew and Joyce Nimmo RIP	
	6pm		Freda Burgess RIP	
Monday	9:15am		Andrew Stephan Bhatti RIP	
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>	
Tuesday	7pm		St Ignatius of Loyola	Theresa and John Topping RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		St Alphonsus	Maggie Siggs RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Sheenagh Scott RIP	
Friday	12noon		Frank Madden: 90 th Birthday thanksgiving	
Saturday 4 th August	10am	St John Vianney	For priests	
	6pm (vigil)	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 5 th	9:30am		Doris & Jim Mattinson RIP	
	6pm		Baby Colpman	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all those who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon and on request.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass.

ST ANTHONY: money donated in the wall box during July will go to local people in need of financial help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Andrew Bhatti, Cyril Hall, Olive Dunn, Jeff Hodson, Lily Robinson, Jean Laking.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY: That priests who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

NOVENA TO ST CLARE: begins this Friday, in preparation for her feast day. Pick up a sheet from the narthex and pray at home. More details on front page.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: If you are interested in attending the talks and workshops (Saturday 8th September) please speak to Fr Andrew this weekend. More details about the congress on the back page of the newsletter.

HOLY HOUR: Please note, there will be no First Friday Holy Hour this month.

FEAST OF ST CLARE: This year we celebrate St Clare's day on the weekend 11th/12th August. There will be the 'Transitus' (recalling Clare's death and entry to heaven) on Friday 10th at 7pm, followed by refreshments; then St Clare's feast will be celebrated at all the Sunday Masses.

ST CLARE STATUE: thanks to those who have already signed up to sponsor Rita to walk the final part of the 'Camino' later this year (see front page), and to those who have made donations towards the statue. Further donations are welcome; please place in a marked envelope. Sponsor forms for Rita's walk and a picture of the statue are in the narthex.

PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: 27th May-1st June 2019. A great opportunity to visit this beautiful town, home to St Clare and St Francis. For more details pick up a leaflet from the narthex/speak to Fr Andrew. Booking forms from the parish office.

PHOTOGRAPH APPEAL: Do you have any photos of the consecration of the church (1st June 1994)? These are totally missing from the parish archive; we would be really grateful if you could share your photos of that day with us.

200 CLUB: Winners for July – Marie Burton £158.25; Paul and Jean Smallshaw £95.25; Robert Thompson £63.50. £11,158 raised so far for parish development.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Takes a break in August. Next meeting on Sunday 9th September. The booklet will be "Meeting Christ in the Eucharist", to coincide with the Eucharistic congress taking place that weekend (see back page).

YOUNG LEADERS' PROGRAMME: for young people in Year 11 or above, run by Metanoia Project. A chance to grow in faith and in confidence, learning leadership skills and sharing faith with others. If interested, please speak to Fr Andrew.

LANCASTER MARTYRS PILGRIMAGE: 7th August, feast of the Lancaster Martyrs. Mass at 12:15pm in the Cathedral, then a walk to the site of the martyrs' execution on the outskirts of Lancaster. Booking not required. See poster in narthex.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: 9th-14th September, run by Tabor. A retreat in daily life, prayer each day and meeting with a prayer guide. See leaflets in narthex.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 448; Collection: £900.05. Good Shepherd Fund: £272.19. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

Monday 6th August: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Mass at 9:15am

Wednesday 15th August: Feast of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation

Adoremus Eucharistic Congress

Liverpool, 7th-9th September 2018

This national event is aimed at deepening our awareness of the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and our love for the Eucharist. Representatives of parishes from across the country will be present, and over the weekend there will be talks, discussions and opportunities for prayer. On the Sunday there is a Eucharistic procession (open to all) through the streets of Liverpool, beginning at 1pm.

Within each parish there will be extra opportunities for prayer over these days. As St Clare's, we will hold the First Friday Holy Hour as usual on Friday 7th at 7pm; then on Saturday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:30am until 6pm, to give us all opportunity to pray before the Eucharistic Lord.

If you are interested in taking part in the Eucharistic procession on the streets of Liverpool, please speak to Fr Andrew. We will arrange transport if there is sufficient interest. It should be a wonderful time of prayer and witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

