

Diary Events This Week:

SUNDAY 1st Jan: 9.30am: No Children's Liturgy; 2pm: No Indian Dance Class. 4.30pm: No Young Adults Group (20-30+); **MONDAY:** 9am: No Pre-School Club*; 3.20pm: No After-School Club* 6pm: No Cubs; 7.30pm: No Scouts; **TUESDAY:** No Seekers or GFF Youth Group; 7.30pm: No Prayer Group; **WEDNESDAY:** **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: No Beavers; 7.30pm: Journey in Faith; **FRIDAY:** **SATURDAY:** 9am: No Pilates; 10.30am: No Spanish Class; 7.30pm: AA Meeting. * These events each day Mon – Fri. **Advance Diary Dates:**

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. D. or email fdarren@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!

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ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY
MOTHER OF GOD
1st January 2017



At the gateway of a New Year the Church place the sign of a woman, Mary the Mother of God. This is an extraordinary title, for how can anyone be 'Mother of God?' Yet it is all God's doing; he took the initiative and became man in Jesus Christ. To accomplish his plan he required a human collaborator, Mary. She gave birth to Christ who was God and thus became, Mother of God. The Greek word for this is: Theotokos – God bearer. And this is also what every Christian is called to be, a bearer of God to others. Our resolution should be to carry God to others in our thoughts, our words and our deeds.

Friday 6th January at 7pm

There will be a
Mass of Thanksgiving
for the work of Fr. Loughran and Fr. Darren in the Parish during their time here. This will be followed by a Presentation and 'Jacob's Join' in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

*The Clergy wish you a
happy and prosperous
New Year*



Mary, Mother of God – Pray for us.

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MASSES THIS WEEK: 1st Jan: – Mass Book Page

Office: Psalter Week 1; Sunday: Cycle A; Proper of the Season

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

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

9pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way

9.30am: Esther Naylor. RIP

Noon: Parish Benefactors

Monday SS Basil & Gregory

10am: John Masheter RIP

5.15pm: **No Mass** in RPH

Tuesday The Holy Name of Jesus

7pm: Clare Sweeney RIP

Wednesday of Christmas season before Epiphany

9am: Harry Magee RIP

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word: NeoCatechumenal Way

Thursday: of Christmas season before Epiphany

7pm: Nellie Pemberton

Friday: of Christmas season before Epiphany

12.00: Souls in Purgatory

5.15pm: **No Mass** in RPH

7pm: Thanksgiving

Saturday of Christmas season before Epiphany (Novena Mass)

10am: Special Intention (JM)

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

LATELY DEAD: John Knowling

ANNIVERSARIES: Annie Rawcliffe, Michael Swift, Lois Swarbrick, Jean Hull, Mark Cartmell, Madge Collard, Mary Judge, Cesare Innocenzi, Thomas Rutter, Derrick Sharpe, Stanley Turpin, Walter Wilson, Carole Thompson, Lucille Flaherty, Richard Harvey, Vin Miller, Elizabeth Willacy.

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 Hyning, Carnforth. Visit: www.bernardine.org see poster

FLAME: Event for young people. Wembley Arena March 11th 2017. Join Fr. Darren for this weekend away, 10-12 March. Details on poster in porch

Rosary for Life Challenge - The Mysteries of Light will be prayed each day after the 9am 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.

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

PRIESTS: As announced, the bishop is transferring both 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: List of intentions by the statue of Our Lady.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2017: Available in the porch £3 each

CAROL SERVICE: The retiring collection raised £216 for Mary's Meals. Thank you.

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 Prisca Lepcha; 2nd prize No 73 £93 Robert Thompson; 3rd prize No 27 £62 Mr & Mrs Carden. See the list on notice board for other Special Christmas Draw prize winners. The draws have raised £3,512 for the Porch Fund this year and the same amount has been paid out in prizes.

CENACOLO COMMUNITY: Thanks to those who regularly put items of providence in the porch box. From January 9th this will now be collected once a month around the second Sunday.

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.

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: 718; Christmas Offerings: Thank you.