

St Clare's Catholic Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY

4th June 2017



"I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church."

It's week 14 of 15 on our journey through the Creed, and having spent the first thirteen weeks on the nature of God, now we turn to the way we live out our faith, and what it promises us. Today we focus on the Church. The fact that it is included in the Creed reminds us that we cannot be Christians in isolation: we cannot have Christ without the Church. St Paul uses the image of husband and wife to describe Jesus and His Church (Ephesians 5:21-32), or elsewhere describes the Church as the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27-30). We need each other! This week's task: **Say a prayer for someone who no longer practices their faith. Ask God to call their heart to return to Him.**

FOCUS ON... the Company of St Ursula

The Company (also called the 'Secular Institute of St Angela Merici') was founded on 25th November 1535. St Angela wrote a rule which provides a way of life for women who wish to consecrate themselves totally to God, under the patronage of St Ursula, by living the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience, but without entering religious life. This was a daring innovation at a time when women were expected to marry or enter a convent. After St Angela's death, some of the Company formed a religious branch under the guidance of St Charles Borromeo – this branch became the Ursuline order. Today both the Ursulines and the Company are still active in the world, and on Friday 16 June at 7pm one of our parishioners, Sue Lawrenson, will make her first vows as a member of the Company. Please keep her in your prayers, and do attend the Mass if you can.



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Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 9

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 3 rd June	6pm (vigil)	PENTECOST SUNDAY	David Wilkinson RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 4 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Special Intention
Monday	9:15am	St Boniface	Special Intention (RZ)
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Special Intention
Wednesday	9:15am		Terry Hughes RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Thanksgiving (Menezes)
Friday	12noon		Clifford Hughes RIP
Saturday	10am		Rachel Wilson RIP
Saturday 10 th	6pm (vigil)	TRINTY SUNDAY	Kathleen Haydock RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 11 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Holy Souls

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturdays 10:30am-noon (for vocations); there is also Exposition with Benediction on Sundays 3:30-4:30pm during Eastertide.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon.

SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): Sundays 4pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before 12noon Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

REGINA CAELI: Sung at 12noon on Fridays during Eastertide, at the start of Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES: David Wilkinson, Winifred Murtagh, Kathleen McMorrow, John Jennings, Marjorie Miller, Kathleen Haydock, Bishop John Brewer.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: That a culture of dialogue, listening, and mutual respect may prevail among peoples, and that where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization.

PARISH SYRIA PROJECT launched on Tuesday. Info and pictures on the website.

LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: please see the back of the newsletter.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Exposition on Sunday at 3:30pm with reflection, this week on Jesus conferring the Holy Spirit on the Apostles (John 20:19-23). At 4pm, sung vespers and Benediction. Last chance this Easter – do come along.

CONGRATULATIONS to Elspeth Pantin and Mary Fetherston, who were baptised in the parish in May; and to Michael Jerstice and Rebecca McAuley, who were married here last Monday. Please remember them all in your prayers.

COMPANY OF ST URSULA: Friday 16 June, 7pm, parishioner Sue Lawrenson will make her first vows in consecrated life. More details on the front page.

MUSIC PRACTICE for the Mass mentioned above, and for Confirmation, taking place this Wednesday at 6pm in the church. All welcome.

CENACOLO COLLECTION next weekend. Please leave items in the garage.

ANNUAL CATECHESIS: A great opportunity to hear afresh the news of salvation. Led by the NeoCatechumenal Way. Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30pm in the chapel.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Sunday 18 June, 2pm beginning at St Walburge's. Please make every effort to attend. More details to follow.

GENERAL ELECTION: If you haven't yet done so, please take of copy of the Bishops' letter about the election, and have a read of it before voting.

GIFT AID: A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify us if you are no longer a tax payer or if you paid insufficient tax during 2016/17 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year. 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated.

MAY PROCESSION: thanks to all who took part. There are pictures on the parish website: www.saintclares.co.uk

SPUC PETITION: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a petition asking the Health Secretary to remove Marie Stopes' licence to carry out abortions, following a CQC report showing serious failings in the care of women using their clinics. The petition can be signed in the porch.

OLSE LADIES GROUP: Next meeting on Thursday 8th June, 8pm. Admission £2. Presentation by Bill Hedley entitled, "Wildlife in the Garden". All welcome.

CTFB: pilgrimage to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Saturday 9th September. Cost £26 including transport and lunch. Book early – forms available in the porch.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 436; Collection: £979.16. Special: £157.48 Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 4 th June	3:30pm	Exposition and Gospel Reflection	Church
	4pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (years 7-9)	Parish Hall
Mon -Fri (not Thurs)	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:45pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Chapel
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	6pm	Music Practice	Church
	7.30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis	Chapel
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo Collection	Garage
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday 11 th June	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (years 7-9)	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

16 June: Parish Blessed Sacrament Procession, 1:30pm

18 June: Confirmations, 6pm Mass

23 June: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mass at 12noon

24 June: Day of Renewal with Gary Stephens

29 June: Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation

30 June: Parish/School Summer Fair

13-16 July: 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration (Quarant'ore)

Diocesan Youth: Lourdes Pilgrimage

There are still vacancies for young people (school year 11+) who wish to travel to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage (19-29 July). The parish may be able to help with funding. If interested, please speak to Fr Andrew.

National Catholic Youth Survey

For young people aged 13-29. The Church wants to hear your views! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> to participate. Feedback will be helpful to the Pope and bishops meeting for a Synod on youth next year.