

St Clare's Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Vocations Sunday, 7th May 2017



"He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead..."

Jesus Himself speaks about this in the Gospel: "When the Son of Man comes in glory, escorted by His angels... He will separate men one from another, as the shepherd separates sheep from goats" (Matthew 25:31-32). His judgement is based not only on our faith, but on how we show love to one another, serving Christ in those in need: "What you did to the least of these brothers of mine, you did to me." This week's task: **make an examination of conscience.**



Focus on... **Helping Families in Syria**

Following consultation at the parish meeting and with our school, we have identified a new parish charity project to replace the Hodovo fundraising. We will raise funds for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) to support Christian families driven from their homes in Syria, providing shelter, food and medical supplies. £2000 raised supports a family for a year. Hopefully we can support several families this year, and we will get feedback from them. We will launch fundraising on **Tuesday 30 May (7pm Mass followed by event in the hall)**. There will also be an exhibition of artwork inspired by the Syrian conflict on **Wednesday 12 July**. One of the notice boards in the porch is now devoted to this charity work, and you can also find out more from Andrea Sinnott, the parish ACN rep. Have a think about some fundraising ideas!



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Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: week 4 of Easter

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 6th	6pm (vigil)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Bill Hargreaves RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 7th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Jack Burton RIP
Monday	9:15am		Judith Gregory
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Michael Kelly
Wednesday	9:15am		Gerald Dickinson RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Anne Topping RIP
Friday	12noon		Nellie Pemberton RIP
Saturday	10am	Our Lady of Fatima	Mari Rees RIP
Saturday 13 th	6pm (vigil)	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Marie Bisgrove RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 14 th May	9:30am		John Holden RIP
	11am		<i>First Communion Mass</i>
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please keep in your prayers **Frank Barnish** whose funeral took place this week; also **Gerald Dickinson**, and 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: Barbara McCann, Thomas Lupton, Edna Kiely, Moira Dias, Mary Alice Jackson, Alice Hull.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: Evangelisation: Christians of Africa, witnesses for peace. That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

PARISH CHARITY PROJECT: now that the Hodovo appeal is ended, we will work this year to raise money to support displaced families in Syria. Details on the front of the newsletter. Fundraising will be launched on 30 May at 7pm Mass.

VOCATIONS: today is the world day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Please pray daily for vocations, and do what you can to support and encourage any young person who is discerning God's call.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Sundays during Eastertide. Exposition at 3:30pm with a Gospel reading and reflection, this week on the appearance of the risen Lord by the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-13). At 4pm, sung vespers and Benediction.

ANointed: a new youth group for school years 7-9, meeting on Sundays after the evening Mass. There will be pizza available! Starts this weekend.

MESSY CHURCH next Saturday at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. For young children and their families. Exploring faith through art and activities. Just turn up!

FOOD BANK: Tinned; fish, meat, potatoes and fruit, jars of sauce, noodles, pasta etc. urgently needed. See the full list of food items required on the notice board. We will make an additional food bank collection this weekend.

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION: next course begins 22 May. Please register in advance.

200 CLUB: The next draw will take place on the Sun 21st May. The prizes will be £165, £99 and £66. Join now and you could be a winner! Forms in the porch.

URGENTLY REQUIRED: Collectors for Christian Aid Week (14-20 May). Our local churches collaborate on this annual act of mercy and witness. St Clare's "patch" is the Sherwood Way estates. Please call 719157 if you can help.

MAY PROCESSION here at St Clare's, 1:30pm on Friday 26th May.

CENTENARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA at Ladyewell, next Saturday Sat 13th May Mass 12noon followed by devotions, including Rosary. See poster in porch.

CARMELITE MONASTERY, St Vincent's Rd, are celebrating 100 years in Preston next Saturday (13th May) at 11am. Mass with the Bishop. See poster.

OLSE LADIES GROUP: beetle drive this Thursday, at 8pm. Admission £2.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note that there is no hospital Mass on 15 or 29 May.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: Study sessions on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*. 7th and 14th May at Our Lady & St Edwards, 7-8pm.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 437; Collection: £984.04. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank collection	Garage
Sunday May 7 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	Communion Prep (7)	Parish Hall
	3:30pm	Exposition and Gospel Reflection	Church
	4pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (years 7-9)	Parish Hall
Monday- Friday	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	Social Committee	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7.30pm	Fabric & Finance Committee	Presbytery
	7.30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis	Chapel
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Confirmation Prep (7)	School
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo collection	Garage
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Communion Prep (8)	Parish Hall
	1:30pm	Messy Church	Parish Hall
Sunday May 14 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
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	4pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
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	7pm	Anointed Youth Group (years 7-9)	Parish Hall

Further ahead and further afield:

ENCOUNTER: at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, 21st-23rd May. Input and prayer to help us encounter the risen Lord. More details at www.coretlumenchristi.org

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: (20s and 30s). 'Discerning God's Call in my life' 26 – 28th May, Broadstairs, Contact: lynnefcj@hotmail.com

OPEN HEALING SERVICE: for all who need healing or want to experience God's love. Wednesday 24th May, 7:30pm at St Joseph's, Lancaster. All welcome.