

St Clare's Catholic Church

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

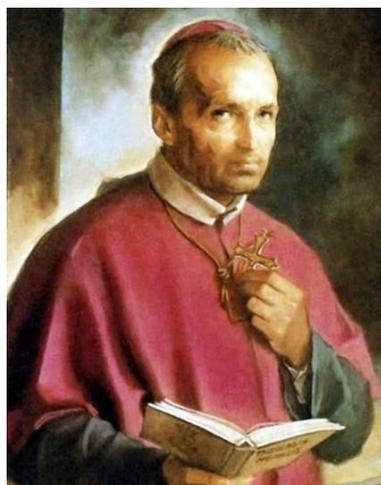


### “Intended to become true images of His Son...”

God wants us to be images of His Son – Christ-like in our thoughts, words and actions. So St Paul teaches in today's second reading. On Tuesday this week, we celebrate the feast of a saint who has a lot to teach us about this: St Alphonsus.

### FOCUS ON... St Alphonsus Liguori

It's fair to say that St Alphonsus is not the most famous of saints, and not the sort of saint to attract devotion from lots of people, like St Anthony or St Francis do. But we all have reason to be grateful to him, and most of us will be familiar with some of his work. He wrote probably the best-known reflections on the Stations of the Cross, including the famous prayer, “I love You, Jesus, my love above all things...”; he is also the author of some well-loved hymns, including ‘O Bread of Heaven’ and ‘O Mother blest’.



Alphonsus was born near Naples in 1696 and spent his whole life in Italy: first as a lawyer, then a priest. He founded the Redemptorist Order, who are still very active today, and was made a bishop. He died in 1787. His greatest contribution to the Church is his moral theology: he understood and taught that the Church's moral teaching is not just a set of rules, but an aid to help us become like Christ. This is our goal – to become Christ-like. Alphonsus is honoured as a Doctor of the Church – one of those saints whose message is considered universally important and relevant.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 108

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 17

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm (vigil)	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Cecelia Lonsdale RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Freda Holdsworth RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		St Ignatius of Loyola
	5:15pm	<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>	
Tuesday	7pm	St Alphonsus	Catherine Burns RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Dec'd Family Members (MW)
Thursday	9:15am		Mavis Dobson RIP
Friday	12noon	St John Vianney	Cecelia Lonsdale RIP
Saturday	10am		Jack Burton RIP
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	6pm (vigil)	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>	Sheila Donaldson RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		William Hamilton RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Please keep in your prayers all who have died recently and especially **Kathleen Earley** who died this week.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturday 10:30am-noon.

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

**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.

**ANGELUS:** said at 12noon on Fridays, at the start of Mass.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Cyril Hall, Olive Dunn, Jeff Hodson, Lily Robinson, Jean Laking, John Wilson, Marie Ward, Mary Jordan, Anne Sanderson, John Leonard.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

**GOING ON HOLIDAY?** Don't forget to find details of the local church for Sunday Mass before you go. If you need help finding out where and when Sunday Mass is celebrated, please get in touch – we can look it up for you.



**FEAST OF ST CLARE:** Our patronal feast takes place on 11 August. This year it falls on a Friday, so there will be Mass as usual at 12noon. In the evening, the 'Transitus' of St Clare will be celebrated (this is a Franciscan tradition celebrating Clare's entry into heaven) followed by food – outside or in the hall, depending on weather. Please make a note in your diary and come to celebrate our feast day.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, 7-8pm in the church.

**NARTHEX (CHURCH EXTENSION):** There has been a lot of activity on site this week, including improvements to disabled access routes on the south side of the church, and diverting the electricity supply so that it does not run under the footprint of the new narthex. Thank you for your patience during the work.

**NARTHEX 'PLOTS':** sponsor a plot for £50 – details in the porch.

**PARISH VISITING GROUP:** Do you know of someone who might appreciate a home visit? They need not necessarily be 'housebound'. Please let us know if someone you know might be grateful of a bit of company from time to time. Or perhaps you yourself would welcome a chat with someone in the parish now and then. Speak to Mike Simpson or to Fr Andrew.

**ACN SYRIA APPEAL:** The total continues to climb, thanks to further donations. We have now raised a little over £6700. Further donations and fundraising ideas are gratefully received – speak to Andrea Sinnott or Fr Andrew. The Indian dinner evening is now confirmed for 22 September – not to be missed!

**200 CLUB:** July Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> - £162 No 19 Ennis O'Donnell; 2<sup>nd</sup> - £97 No 60 Pauline Embery; 3<sup>rd</sup> - £65 No 130 Pauline Devine. To the Narthex Fund so far: £6,489.

**CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES:** A training course for school governors, teachers, parish catechists and others, run by the diocese. Details and application forms in porch.

**LEADERSHIP POSTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** Diocesan course, 9<sup>th</sup> November in Kendal. For experienced Catholic teachers, primary or secondary, considering Headship or senior leadership posts in Catholic schools. Details on notice board.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** If you (or a relative/friend) are going into hospital and would like a chaplaincy visit, please let us know. In an emergency always ask the ward staff to contact the on-call priest via the hospital switchboard.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** helps single, separated, widowed or divorced Catholics (ages 18+) to meet other single Catholics. More information on the poster, or visit [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) email: [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk); 0161 9413498.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 391; Collection: £990.58; Good Shepherd Fund £271.78. Thank you for your generosity.

## Events this week

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Friday	7pm	<b>First Friday Holy Hour</b>	Church
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel

### Advance Diary Dates

6 August: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

15 August: Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, Holy Day of Obligation

### Parish Website – visit [www.saintclares.co.uk](http://www.saintclares.co.uk)

For news and photos, including the 40 Hours, ACN exhibition, youth groups and work on the narthex. Also plenty of information about parish life!

#### The storm before the storm



It's not exactly the calm before the storm - more like the little storm before the big storm.

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#### End of term Celebrations!



To end our term and celebrate all that we have done together over the last year, both the Seekers and Anointed groups had celebrations.

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#### And so it begins...



Many people will have today walked past these markings on the church car park without thinking anything of them, but they mark the first physical signs of a dramatic transformation

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#### A beautiful time of prayer



#### 40 Hours Devotion



#### Portraits of Faith

