

“Brought close by the Blood of Christ”

St Paul writes to the Ephesians that they who used to be “far apart from us” have been “brought very close by the Blood of Christ.” He is teaching us that the Blood of Jesus, shed for us on the cross, brings about reconciliation with God and breaks down the old barriers between Jews and Gentiles, forming one people – the one Body of Christ, which is the Church. Christ’s sacrifice, then, not only offers us eternal life – it also leads us to a deeper unity and love here, bringing reconciliation between old enemies and restoring us to a beautiful friendship with God.

FOCUS ON... Santiago de Compostela

The Apostle St James “the greater”, a fisherman who was brother of John and son of Zebedee, was amongst the first to be called by Jesus. He was present with Peter and John at some of the Lord’s greatest miracles, and was the first to give his life for the Lord, being martyred in 42AD. His relics are contained in the shrine at Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain, where there is a magnificent cathedral. In the middle ages it became a great centre of pilgrimage, with people walking many hundreds of miles to reach the shrine. Today, thousands of people still walk the ‘Camino’ each year, taking several weeks to reach Santiago and pray before St James’ relics. St James’ feast day is this Wednesday.



The cathedral of St James at Santiago de Compostela.

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MASSSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 109

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 16, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 21 st	6pm (vigil)	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary O'Malley RIP
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 22 nd July	9:30am		Jack Burton RIP
	6pm		Ben Hunter RIP
Monday	9:15am	St Bridget	Thanksgiving
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	Cumbrian Martyrs	Special Intention
Wednesday	9:15am	St James	Special Intention
Thursday	9:15am	Sts Joachim & Anne	Deceased members of the Murphy family
Friday	12noon		Ints of Frank Rogerson
Saturday 28 th	10am		Mikey and the Cywinski family
	6pm (vigil)	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Teresa McGarrell RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 29 th July	9:30am		Andrew and Joyce Nimmo RIP
	6pm		Freda Burgess RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Ben Hunter**, whose funeral took place here last week, 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: Alice Lakeland, Neil Prince, Marion Lowe, Jack Burton, Lilian Cherry, Kathleen Cherry, Helena Davies, Margaret Fox.

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.

40 HOURS: Thank you to all those who helped to make the 40 Hours such a beautiful time of prayer in our parish. Special thanks to the flower ladies, sacristans and all those who led times of prayer; also to everyone who came and spent some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This time will have brought many graces to our parish.

FEAST OF ST CLARE: As of this year, we will follow the practice of transferring our patronal feast to the nearest Sunday, to allow more people to be involved in the celebration. So 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.

YOUTH SCRUTATIO: This Sunday, 2-5pm in the parish hall. For teenagers and young adults. Spend time with the Lord through the scriptures and adoration. A beautiful opportunity to discern God's will for your life, with other young Catholics. Finishing with a meal together. Please bring a bible if you have one.

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. More than half the places on the pilgrimage are now taken. This is a great opportunity to visit this beautiful town, home to St Clare and St Francis. For more details please pick up a leaflet from the narthex or 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.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Meeting in the chapel after 6pm Mass this Sunday.

FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET WITH FAIRTRADE: next Saturday, 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, and enjoy a chat over a drink and a snack. All welcome.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: this Sunday, 22nd July, for the Good Shepherd Fund.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 503; Collection: £1108.07. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 22 nd July	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	2pm	Youth Scrutatio	Parish Hall
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Chapel
Monday	7:30pm	Fabric and Finance Committee	Presbytery
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sunday 29 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	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

Monday 10th September: Social Committee 7.30pm

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.

If you are interested in taking part in the Eucharistic procession in Liverpool, please speak to Fr Andrew. We will arrange transport if there is sufficient interest.

