

Franciscan of the Week: St Catherine of Bologna

Catherine (1413-1463) was raised in luxury in Bologna, but at fourteen persuaded her whole family to become Franciscan tertiaries. Granted visions of Jesus and Mary, yet also plagued by demonic thoughts, Catherine endured much spiritual suffering. She became a Poor Clare and was abbess of the convent in her home city, a role in which she was noted for her kindness. A writer, poet and painter, she is a patron saint of artists. She was canonised in 1712.



FOCUS ON... Preparing for Assisi

It's just two weeks until the parish pilgrimage to Assisi. There are opportunities for the whole parish to take part in the event. If you are not travelling yourself, you can still be part of the pilgrimage:

- Take a petitions sheet from the narthex and hand it in, with your prayer intentions for the pilgrimage. We will take these to Assisi.
- Pilgrimage booklets will be available for parishioners who wish to follow the pilgrimage from home.
- There will be updates online, so you can follow us during the week.
- The parish will remember the pilgrimage prayer intentions each day at Mass.



Whether or not you are travelling, you are invited to a **post-pilgrimage social in the parish hall on Tuesday 11th June at 7:30pm**. We will share some photos and stories of the pilgrimage. Everyone is invited!

For those who are travelling, you should have received information in the post at around Easter time. Please be sure to take a good look at this useful material.

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Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: Week 4 of Easter

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 11 th May	6pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Eddie & Mary Sinnott RIP
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 12 th May	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Holy Souls
Monday	9:15am		Holy Souls
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St Matthias	Mary Freeland RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Florence Johnson RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Brian RIP
Friday	12noon		Holy Souls
Saturday 18 th May	10am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Jack Burton RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Mary & Eddie Sinnott RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 19 th May	9:30am		Peter Hampson RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Les Burns**, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 8am-9am; Tuesday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon;
During Eastertide: Sunday 4-5pm, ending with Benediction.

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

SUNG VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Sundays 4:30pm during Eastertide.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

ST ANTHONY: May wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Edna Kiely, Philip Baker, Rosalie Zimny, Jean McCombe, Mary Alice Jackson, Alice Hull.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of her members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: this Sunday is a day of special prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please make this a priority in your daily prayers, and always encourage anyone who is discerning a particular call from the Lord.

CTS BOOK CLUB: meeting this Sunday, 12th May, 7pm. All welcome. This month's booklet is on Our Lady, and is based especially on Pope Francis' teaching.

CONGRATULATIONS to Niamh Woodhead and Ada McVeigh, baptised here in March, and Mattia Saccucci, baptised in the parish in April.

SUNG VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Don't forget, on Sundays during Lent we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm, then sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction, beginning at 4:30pm. Come and pray with the risen Lord.

NCW CATECHESIS: Continues Monday and Thursday, 7:30pm in the side chapel. A great opportunity to hear anew the Gospel and discover new ways to live it.

FLOWER FESTIVAL: 14th-16th June 2019. In aid of ACN Iraq appeal. Many thanks to those who have sponsored displays. If you haven't yet paid or sent in your inscription, please do so as soon as possible. All the large displays are sponsored; a small number of window/plinth displays are left (£25 each). Forms in the narthex. **Sign up sheets for anyone able to help over the weekend** are now in the narthex. We would be very grateful to anyone who can help over the weekend.

IRAQ TALK: Caroline Hull, ACN's North West Manager, recently visited Iraq. She will give an update on the situation there on Tuesday 4th June, 7:30pm in the hall.

SUMMER FAIR: Friday 7th June, 5pm. Donations of cash, bottles of wine or spirits, etc. for raffle prizes are welcome. School will collect toys, sweets and bottles.

SUMMER DRAW: Two books of tickets are included in this bulletin. Please do your best to sell these to help our school and parish. More available if needed!

FOOD BANK: next Sunday 18th/19th May. Please leave items in house porchway.

EASTER RAFFLE: Winners' list in narthex. Please collect prizes from the sacristy. This raised £329.08 for the Youth Lourdes Fund. Thank you for your support.

ACN JOBS: ACN is looking to hire two part-time Area Secretaries to give parish appeals in our diocese. If you are a confident public speaker with a driving licence and want to help suffering Christians, this could be the post for you! Deadline: 12th May. More online: <https://acnuk.org/about/jobs-and-volunteering/>

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: 7th-9th June at Liverpool Hope University. All welcome. More information in the narthex.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: this Sunday (11th/12th) for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 452; Collection: £938.91; Mission Appeal: £676.90. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo Collection	House porch
Sunday 12 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Chapel
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (2)	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Fabric and Finance Committee	Presbytery
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (3)	Chapel
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House porch
Sunday 19 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	First Communion Preparation (6)	Parish Hall
	11am	First Communion Parents' Session	Chapel
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	4:30pm	Confirmation Preparation (8)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

Diary Dates

Thursday 30th May: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday 9th June: Pentecost Sunday, end of Easter Season

Sunday 23rd June: First Holy Communions (Mass at 11am)

Sunday 30th June: Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul. Confirmation at 6pm Mass.

Further ahead and further afield...

FCJ Vocations and Discernment Weekend for young women

Liverpool, 24-26 May 2019, organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.