

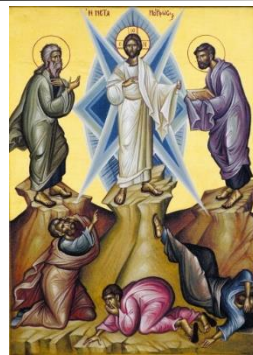
St Clare's Catholic Church

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6<sup>th</sup> August 2017



Today's feast celebrates the brief unveiling of the glory of Jesus to three of His disciples: Peter, James and John. These same three Apostles would see Jesus suffering in the garden of Gethsemane, but first they were given a glimpse of the glory that is really His. We hear an account of this event in the Gospel, and in the second reading St Peter writes about his experience of seeing Jesus' glory on Mount Tabor. We too, through prayer, can glimpse something of the glory of Christ.



### FOCUS ON... Feast of St Clare

This Friday we celebrate our patronal feast. St Clare is an inspiring patron saint for our parish: a woman completely devoted to Christ, giving up her riches to live a life of poverty in a community she founded.

Clare spent most of her life in the convent, devoting herself to prayer. She didn't travel the world, yet during her lifetime around 150 convents and monasteries were founded as a result of her example and prayers. Our prayer is powerful! Many influential people, including the Pope, came to seek her wisdom and advice.



On Friday we will celebrate her feast day with Mass at 12noon, and at 7pm the 'Transitus of St Clare' – a service of prayer from the Franciscan tradition, celebrating Clare's entry into heaven. Please come and celebrate this wonderful feast, and help to make it a day of celebration and prayer for our parish.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 173

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year I, Week 18

| Date                                | Time        | Occasion                                      | Intention/Details              |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Saturday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> August  | 6pm (vigil) | <b>The Transfiguration<br/>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           |
| Monday                              | 9:15am      | Lancaster Martyrs                             | George Oldcorn RIP             |
|                                     | 5:15pm      |   | <i>Mass in hospital chapel</i> |
| Tuesday                             | 11:15am     | <b>Requiem</b>                                | Kathleen Earley                |
|                                     | 7pm         | St Dominic                                    | Iris Flynn RIP                 |
| Wednesday                           | 9:15am      | <b>St Teresa Benedicta</b>                    | Ints of Sue Lawrenson CSU      |
| Thursday                            | 9:15am      | <b>St Lawrence</b>                            | Mary Robinson RIP              |
| Friday                              | 12noon      | <b>ST CLARE OF ASSISI</b>                     | Special Intention (JM)         |
| Saturday                            | 10am        |   | Ints of Eileen Cywinski        |
| Saturday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> August | 6pm (vigil) | <b>Nineteenth Sunday<br/>in Ordinary Time</b> | Kathleen Lees RIP              |
|                                     | 7pm (vigil) |   | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>     |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>             | 9:30am      |   | Andrew & Joyce Nimmo RIP       |
|                                     | 6pm         |   | Special Intentions (SL)        |

**LATELY DEAD:** Please remember in your prayers all who have died, especially **Kathleen Earley**, whose Requiem will take place on Tuesday at 11:15am, and **Andrew Stephen Bhatti**, who died last weekend.

### 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:** Giovanna Ghiselli, Margaret Eaton, Francis Parker, David Callon, Maria Fairclough, Mary Jacob, Harry Dawson.

**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 Friday. Mass as usual at 12noon. In the evening, the 'Transitus' of St Clare will be celebrated, followed by food – outside or in the hall, depending on weather. Please come and celebrate our parish feast day. See front page for more information. This Friday is a feast day in our parish – so **not** a day of abstinence.

**NARTHEX (CHURCH EXTENSION):** Thank you for your patience during the current work. The preparatory works are expected to continue for another couple of weeks, before the demolition of the porch in early September. The pre-start meeting with the contractor will take place this week.

**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.

**CENACOLO:** collection next weekend (13<sup>th</sup> August). **FOOD BANK:** 20<sup>th</sup> August.

**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 Friday 22 September – not to be missed!

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** If you have recently moved to St Clare's, or moved to a new address in the parish, please fill in a parish register form (available in the porch) so that we can update our records.

**COVENANT BOOKS:** during August, only open Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm.

**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.

**CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE:** **Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom**, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Mass and Blessing of the Sick, 3pm. Celebrant: Bishop Campbell OSA. Details on the poster.

**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.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES:** Helps single Catholics meet each other. See the poster in the porch for more information.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 420; Collection: £1017.56. Thank you for your generosity.

## Events this week

| Day                     | Time   | What?                        | Where?      |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 4:30pm | Young Adults Group           | Chapel      |
| Wednesday               | 7:30pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word      | Chapel      |
| Friday                  | 7pm    | <b>Transitus of St Clare</b> | Church      |
| Saturday                | 9am    | Pilates                      | Parish Hall |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> | 4:30pm | Young Adults Group           | Chapel      |

## Advance Diary Dates

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

