



“My power is at its best in weakness”

In today's second reading, St Paul reports that he is suffering physically and has “pleaded with the Lord three times” to be cured, but he receives from God this answer: “My grace is enough for you; my power is at its best in weakness.” He is being encouraged to rely completely on the Lord's grace, not on his own power, strength or ability. This takes great humility, but it can open for us a fountain of grace from the Lord. Let's try to live in the same way, not seeking to resolve everything ourselves, but relying on the Lord's grace and strength, putting all our trust in Him. This week we have a great opportunity to lay all our hopes, needs, joys, sorrows and worries before the Lord, in our annual 40 Hours devotion.

Focus on... 40 Hours (Quarant'ore)

One of the high points for the life of our parish is the '40 Hours' (or *Quarant'ore*) devotion, in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for this extended period. Here we can come before the Lord, telling Him whatever is in our hearts. We also take this opportunity simply to adore the Lord, and increase here our love and respect for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. No one should miss this opportunity – it is a time of real grace. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament makes a real difference, if only we reach out to the Lord and spend a few minutes before Him.



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 103

Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 13, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 7 th	6pm (vigil)	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Lyn Bamber RIP
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 8 th July	9:30am		Bernard Keaveny RIP
	6pm		Intentions of Janet Metcalf
Monday	9:15am		George Oldcorn RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Memmina Scappaticci RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		St Benedict
Thursday	9:15am		Marie Waring (Sick)
Friday	12noon		Andrew Walsh RIP
Saturday 14 th	10am	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Kathleen Murphy RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Gregory and Juliana D'Souza RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 15 th July	9:30am		Sophia Morris RIP
	6pm		Michael Foreman RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all those who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; From Thursday until Sunday, the 40 Hours Devotion takes place – see back cover for a full timetable.

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: Bernard Keaveny, Chris Walker, Ann Walmsley, Freda Robinson.

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: Thursday-Sunday this week. Come and pray! See front and back pages. If you can commit to a half-hour slot to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, please fill in one of the gaps on the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

ST CLARE'S BIRTHDAY: Monday 16th July, some devotional prayers at 7pm followed by a parish social on the 'piazza' and the lawn outside the narthex. A chance to celebrate 825 years since the day St Clare was born!

ST CLARE STATUE: thanks to those who have already signed up to sponsor Rita on her walk later this year, 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.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting on Sunday 22nd July, 7pm. The booklet this month is "Finding God when prayer doesn't work". Copies now available from Fr Andrew.

CENACOLO COLLECTION this weekend 8/9 July. **FOOD BANK** next weekend 14/15.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION: "Aladdin" by Year 6 children at St Clare's, this Tuesday at 2pm and 6:30pm. Tickets are free, available now from the school office.

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S, LEYLAND: A time of prayer and evening meal, this Wednesday, starting at 6pm at St Ambrose (C of E) church in Leyland, then at La Corte restaurant. Includes two brief talks on living out our baptismal vocation. For more information, please speak to Fr Andrew.

WEDNESDAY TEA/COFFEE now pauses for the summer; it will resume in September.

LANCASTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE to Ladyewell, next Saturday, Mass at 11am, Eucharistic procession to the Shrine and Benediction. Led by the Bishop.

SPIRITUALITY FOR SUMMER: Saturday 21st July, 10:30am-4pm at Tabor. A time to refresh ourselves by drawing closer to God's love. Cost £20. See poster.

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, for the Apostleship of the Sea.

ARCH - ABORTION RECOVERY HELPLINE offers **non-judgemental, confidential support** for those struggling in the aftermath of an abortion experience – open each evening, 7pm-10pm – if you are struggling, call 0845 603 8501.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 417; Collection: £980.33; Peter's Pence: £499.36; Thanks.

40 Hours Devotion (Quarant'Ore) - Timetable

Thursday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 9:45am-9pm

9am Mass (Votive Mass of the Eucharist)

10am-10:30am – School visits

12noon Rosary (mysteries of light)

8pm Holy Hour (led by members of the NeoCatechumenal Way)

Friday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 7am-8pm except during Mass

7:45am Morning Prayer

9-10am Mums and Toddlers (all welcome, but there may be some noise!)

11:30am Rosary (sorrowful mysteries)

12noon Mass (for peace)

7pm Holy Hour – for vocations

Saturday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 10:30am-6pm

10am Mass (Votive Mass of Our Lady)

10:30am Rosary (joyful mysteries)

11am-12noon Confessions available

3pm Holy Hour – prayer for those in need

6pm First Mass of Sunday

7pm Mass with the NeoCatechumenal Way

Sunday – Blessed Sacrament exposed 10:30am-6pm, 7-9pm

9:30am Sunday Mass

11am Rosary (glorious mysteries)

3pm Holy Hour – prayer for the parish

3:40pm Sung Vespers and Benediction

6pm Sunday Mass

8:15pm Anointed Youth Group – praise and worship

9pm Blessed Sacrament reposed

Other events this week

Children's liturgy, Pre-school and after-school club, Cubs, Scouts, Beavers, Seekers, Anointed, Pilates and Spanish class all **meeting as usual**; in addition:

Year 6 Production – Aladdin (school hall, Tuesday 2pm and 6pm; please get free tickets from school office in advance – tel: 787037).

Parish Council meeting on Tuesday at 7:40pm in the presbytery.