



Panis angelicus...

Many people are familiar with this beautiful hymn, especially the famous setting by Cesar Franck. The words – linked to today's Gospel – point us to the Eucharist: "Panis angelicus fit panis hominum" – the bread of angels becomes the bread of man; "Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum" – the heavenly bread puts an end to foreshadowings; "O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis!" – O wonderful thing! The poor, humble servant is nourished by His Lord.

FOCUS ON...

The Transitus of St Clare

There is a Franciscan tradition of celebrating the 'Transitus' – the passing from this world to the next – of the order's great saints. This Friday at 7pm we will celebrate the Transitus of St Clare, not a celebration of her life on earth, but a celebration of her entry to the eternal reward she has been granted by God.

What happens? We celebrate Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church), which consists of psalms, a scripture reading, the Magnificat and some intercessions. During this, we hear an account of the last days of St Clare's life. A candle symbolising the saint is carried and placed by the tabernacle, a sign of St Clare coming into the presence of Jesus in heaven. We say together a short recommitment to our faith – an act of renewal for our parish, and we receive God's blessing, invoking also the blessing of St Clare, using words that she herself wrote. Afterwards, there are refreshments in the parish hall.



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 115

Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 18, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 4 th	6pm (vigil)	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 5 th August	9:30am		Doris & Jim Mattinson RIP
	6pm		Baby Colpman
Monday	9:15am	Transfiguration of the Lord	Mariyakutty Mathew RIP
Tuesday	7pm	Lancaster Martyrs	For vocations
Wednesday	9:15am	St Dominic	Ben Hunter RIP
Thursday	9:15am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Thanksgiving (definitive promise for secular order of Carmel)
Friday	12noon	St Lawrence	Fr Abberton (sick)
Saturday 11 th	10am	SAINT CLARE, patroness of our parish	Mr M P Philip RIP
	6pm (vigil)		People of the Parish
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 12 th	9:30am		Thanksgiving (TM)
	6pm	Bridie Whelan RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Doreen Dilworth**, whose funeral will take place here on Monday 13th August, **Margaret Harrison**, and 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 August will go to local people in need of financial help.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Wilson, Giovanna Ghiselli, Gerry O'Neil, Margaret Eaton, Francis Parker, Marie Winifred Ward, Mary Jordan, Anne Sanderson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

FEAST OF ST CLARE: We celebrate our patronal feast next weekend. Friday at 7pm, the 'Transitus' (see front page) followed by refreshments in the hall; then St Clare's feast will be celebrated at all the Sunday Masses.

NOVENA TO ST CLARE: continues all week. Novena sheets are available from the narthex. Please join in this time of prayer in preparation for our patronal feast.

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel Turner, Jacob and Joshua Dickinson, Rudy Augustine, and Grace, Eva and Teddy Keeney, Archie Strettle, baptised here in June and July.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note, there will be no hospital Mass this week.

ST CLARE STATUE: Thanks for your generous donations and to all those who have sponsored Rita for her walk. We are still collecting, so please sign up to sponsor Rita or make a donation if you can. Sponsor forms in the narthex.

CENACOLO COLLECTION: Monthly food collection next weekend (11th/12th). Food Bank collection this month is 18th/19th. Please leave items in house porchway.

PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: 27th May-1st June 2019. A great opportunity to visit this beautiful town, home to St Clare and St Francis. For more details pick up a leaflet from the narthex/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)? Please speak to Fr Andrew if you can help with this appeal.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting on Sunday 9th September. The booklet will be "Meeting Christ in the Eucharist", to coincide with the Eucharistic congress taking place that weekend (see back page). Copies now available from Fr Andrew.

YOUNG LEADERS' PROGRAMME: for young people in Year 11 or above, run by Metanoia Project. A chance to grow in faith and in confidence, learning leadership skills and sharing faith with others. If interested, please speak to Fr Andrew.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED: Do you know of any accommodation in the area that a Catholic family could rent from September? There are two children aged 4 years and 3 months. Contact Richard and Helen Doherty on 07859 844454.

LANCASTER MARTYRS PILGRIMAGE: This Tuesday, feast of the Lancaster Martyrs. Mass at 12:15pm in the Cathedral, then a walk to the site of the martyrs' execution on the outskirts of Lancaster. Booking not required. See poster in narthex.

CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE: 2nd September, diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator (West Cumbria). Mass at 3pm. See poster in narthex.

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.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 495; Collection: £1192.26. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Friday	7pm	Transitus of St Clare	Church
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th August: Feast of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation

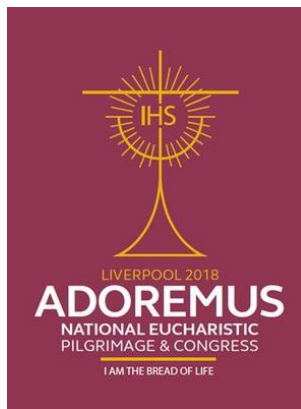
Adoremus Eucharistic Congress

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, to give us all opportunity to pray before the Eucharistic Lord.

If you are interested in taking part in the Eucharistic procession on the streets of Liverpool, please speak to Fr Andrew. We will arrange transport if there is sufficient interest. It should be a wonderful time of prayer and witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



CAFOD Job Vacancy

CAFOD is recruiting a Community Participation Coordinator to work 14 hours per week in a job-share arrangement alongside an existing member of staff, based at the volunteer centre in Preston. For more information visit cafod.org.uk/work-with-us or contact John Woods via jwoods@cafod.org.uk (closing date: 10th Aug).