



## *A brief life of... St Clare*

St Clare was born in Assisi on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1193. Her mother taught her importance of faith and prayer, and of doing good for others. As a teenager, Clare was deeply impressed by the preaching of St Francis, who had begun living a life of total poverty in service of the Gospel. She decided to follow Francis, but met with stern opposition from some of her family, who were part of the town's nobility and very wealthy.

On the night of Palm Sunday 1212, Clare escaped from her family home by a back door; she made her way through the woods to a small chapel where she met Francis and his brothers. Here she exchanged her fine clothes for a simple habit and entered religious life. A community of women (known as the 'Poor Ladies') came to join her, amongst them, her sister Agnes and later, her own mother. They established a house at San Damiano, just outside of the walls of Assisi.

Here the sisters devoted themselves to a life of prayer and service. Clare herself, although in charge of the community, always took the lowest place and took on the jobs that nobody wanted to do. She spent long periods of time in prayer, especially before the tabernacle, and had great devotion to the Eucharist.

Clare worked a number of miracles, especially of healing; but she is mainly remembered for her love of poverty, prayer, humility and service, and this is a great example to us all. Now she intercedes for us in heaven!



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## MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter Week 3; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 19, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6pm (vigil)	<b>SAINT CLARE, patroness of our parish</b>	People of the Parish
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	9:30am		Thanksgiving (TM)
	6pm		Bridie Whelan RIP
Monday	12:30pm	<b>Requiem</b>	Marie Doreen Dilworth RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm (vigil)	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</b>	Sheila Gahan RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Ted Gasiewski RIP
	7pm		People of the Parish
Thursday	9:15am		Special Intentions
Friday	12noon		Irene and Bill Tatlock – Golden Wedding
	1:30pm	<b>Requiem</b>	Margaret Harrison RIP
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am		Margaret Holden RIP
	6pm (vigil)	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	People of the Parish
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		William Hamilton RIP
	6pm	Doreen Dilworth RIP	

**LATELY DEAD:** Please remember in your prayers **Doreen Dilworth**, whose Requiem will take place here on Monday at 12:10pm; **Margaret Harrison**, whose Requiem will take place here on Friday at 1:30pm, 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:** David Callon, Maria Fairclough, Lucy Bond, Elizabeth Donovan, Wilfrid Skingsley, Francis McMorrow, Patrick Keefe, Edith Rossiter, Mark Walmsley, Dominic Gallagher, Hugh Martin O'Malley, Eleanor Pemberton, John Stewart, Sophia Morris, John Leonard, Mary Jacob, Harry Dawson.

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

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY:** This Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation, on which we attend Mass as on a Sunday. Mass on Wednesday is at 9:15am and 7pm; there is also a vigil Mass of the feast on Tuesday at 7pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION:** On the streets of Liverpool, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September, as part of the 'Adoremus' Eucharistic congress. Transport will be provided from the parish – adults £5; children £2.50; please sign up in the narthex.

**MONDAY MASS:** Please note, no 9:15am Mass this Monday. There will be a Requiem for Doreen Dilworth at 12:30pm, and Mass in the hospital at 5:15pm.

**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 this weekend (11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>). Food Bank collection is next week (18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>). Please leave items in house porchway.

**PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE:** 27<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> June 1994)? Please speak to Fr Andrew if you can help with this appeal.

**CTS BOOK CLUB:** Takes a break in August. Next meeting on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The booklet will be "Meeting Christ in the Eucharist", to coincide with the Eucharistic congress. 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.

**CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September, run by Tabor. A retreat in daily life, prayer each day and meeting with a prayer guide. See leaflets in narthex.

**SVP JOBS:** The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) currently have two job vacancies for managerial/leadership roles: see vacancies section at [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

**LAST SUNDAY:** Attended: 428; Collection: £1066.91. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall

### Advance Diary Dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Social Committee, 7:30pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Parish Council, 7:40pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Whole school Mass, 9:15am

## Adoremus Eucharistic Congress

**Liverpool, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

