



## Our works prove our faith...

Today's Gospel is concerned with the question at the very heart of our faith: who is Jesus? As Christians, we follow St Peter in giving a unique and wonderful answer: He is the Christ, the Son of God. This is why we follow Him. But as the Lord then goes on to explain, to follow Him means to take up our cross – to follow the path of love He Himself takes. This means that our faith in Jesus must be expressed in the way we live our lives. It's not enough simply to believe (or say we believe); we have to try to follow Him in the way we live. Sometimes we will fail, of course, which is why we need His mercy. But we must try! St James makes a similar point in the second reading. Faith without works is dead, he says. Our good works help to prove our faith and become a sign to others. St Paul, writing to the Corinthians, reminds us of this link too: faith, hope and love go together, he teaches. These three things last (1 Corinthians 13:13).



Our pilgrims pictured before the Blessed Sacrament procession in Liverpool last weekend. It was wonderful that so many parishioners were able to take part in this prayerful event.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 132

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 24, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6pm (vigil)	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	May & Bill Hargreaves RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:30am		John Dean RIP
	6pm		Jack Burton RIP
Monday	9:15am		Marjorie Southworth RIP
Tuesday	7pm		Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Wednesday	9:15am		Ints Rev. Stephen Talbutt
Thursday	9:15am	Korean Martyrs	Mary Ryan RIP
Friday	12noon	<b>St Matthew</b>	Jean Cullerton RIP
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	10am	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Jack Burton RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Ann Singleton RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	9:30am		Joseph, Mogul and Arke Swamy RIP
	6pm	Pauline Fairhurst RIP	

**LATELY DEAD:** Please remember in your prayers all 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 September will go to our Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) appeal.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frederick Wilson, Lena Bernie, Veronica Greenhalgh, Susan Sharples, Lilian Woodward, James Pye, Clare Smith, Rosalina Lawlor, Bob Holden, Jeanne Cook.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2018-9:** Introductory letter and enrolment forms now available in the narthex for First Confession/Communion (school year 3 and above) and Confirmation (school year 6 and above). Any queries, contact the parish office. Deadline for First Communion forms is this Friday (21<sup>st</sup>) and for Confirmation, next Friday (28<sup>th</sup>).

**XAVERIAN OPEN DAY:** at the Xaverian Spirituality Centre (formerly 'Tabor') across the road. Come and see what's on offer for you. Next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>), 12noon-4pm. Storytelling, food for all tastes, garden games and more. All are very welcome.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** The next Journey in Faith group will begin in a few weeks' time. If interested, contact the parish office.

**HOSPITAL MASS:** Please note, no hospital Mass this week or next (17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>).

**CTS BOOK CLUB:** Next meeting on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The booklet is on Blessed Oscar Romero, who will be canonised next month.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION:** this weekend. Please leave items in house porchway.

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

**SPUC CAMPAIGN:** against 'buffer zones' around abortion clinics. Please take a card (available in narthex), sign and send it to the Home Secretary.

**RWANDA GROUP TRUST:** Celebration for all (no commitment required), Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm at St Gregory's Social Centre on Blackpool Road. See poster.

**CARMELITE PRAYER EVENINGS:** 7-8:30pm this Wednesday (19<sup>th</sup>), then 17<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> November at the Carmelite Monastery, St Vincent's Road.

**FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET:** with Fairtrade, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road.

**VATICAN ASTRONOMER** Br Guy Consolmagno SJ will speak at the Xaverian Centre (formerly Tabor), Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7-9pm. See poster for more details.

**HOW DO WE HEAL THE WORLD?** Prayer, reflection and sharing ideas on care of creation. St Bernadette's, Lancaster, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7:15-8:30pm. See poster.

**NORTHERN SCRIPTURE FESTIVAL:** at Salford Cathedral, 10am-5pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Speakers, workshops, resources. [www.scripturefestival.org](http://www.scripturefestival.org) / see poster.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** This week for Home Mission Sunday; next week for Bishop's Administration Fund.

**LAST SUNDAY:** At Mass: 522; Collection: £968.73; Catholic Education: £270.71; Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Food Bank Collection</b>	House porch
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Youth Groups	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:15pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	<b>Baptism Preparation (3)</b>	Chapel
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

### Advance Diary Dates

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Launch of ACN Iraq appeal, 7pm Mass and presentation

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October: School Harvest Festival, 2pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Diocesan Education Mass, Cathedral 7pm

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Day of Renewal with Barbara Mason

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Talk on the English Martyrs by Chris Robson

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October: Blackpool lights coach trip

### Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Autumn Holiday:

#### An invitation to St Clare's parishioners

29th October to 2nd November 2018, based in the Cumbria Park Hotel, Carlisle for the North Lake District. Some twin rooms available (sorry, no singles left) if booked before 17th September. £269 per person. All travel, excursions, dinner, bed and breakfast. Please contact Hilary Smith 01772 863479, or 07504 096 853, or email [Hilarybsmith@aol.com](mailto:Hilarybsmith@aol.com). This group have been arranging holidays for parishioners since 2000 and you are very welcome to join us.

#### **BRAVE OF HEART - A Weekend Journey for Men**

Next weekend (22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU).

This is a donation-only event. To book or for more information:

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