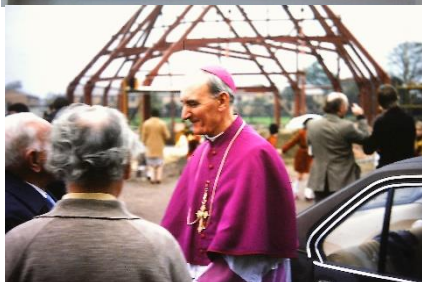
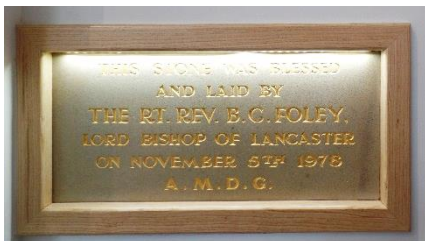


## **Franciscan of the Week: Blessed John Duns Scotus**

Blessed Duns Scotus was born in Scotland c. 1266. He joined the Franciscan friars and studied at Oxford and Paris, becoming one of the greatest theologians of his time. Nicknamed 'Subtle Doctor' for his ability to subtly overcome difficulties and divisions, his writings had a great influence in the Church and in wider society. His teaching emphasised especially the absolute love and freedom of God, and he was a strong defender of the Immaculate Conception. He died at Cologne on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1308 and was beatified in 1993.

## **FOCUS ON... the Foundation Stone**

This Monday it will be 40 years exactly since Bishop Foley came to bless the Foundation Stone of our church. We'll mark the anniversary by blessing the new statue of St Clare, which will stand by the Foundation Stone as a sign of the presence and intercession of our patron saint. It will also be a place of devotion to her, a place where we can stop and ask her prayers for our parish, and our own particular needs and intentions. From this weekend there is a display in the narthex, showing pictures of the day the Foundation Stone was blessed, and our



new (free) parish magazine, *Portiuncula*, is available. And don't forget to join us on Monday at 6:45pm for the blessing of the statue, followed by barbecue and fireworks, marking this wonderful anniversary.

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Office: Psalter Week 3; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: Week 31, Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	6pm (vigil)	<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Theresa & John Topping RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Arockia Samy & Richard
Monday	9:15am		Christina Skerritt RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	Amanda Harlow (birthday)	
Wednesday	9:15am	Philomena Rigby RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	Holy Souls	
Friday	12noon	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>	Holy Souls
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	10am	St Leo the Great	Barrie Cliff RIP
	6pm (vigil)	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Thanksgiving (cancer cure)
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9:30am	(Remembrance Sunday)	People of the Parish
	6pm		Baby Fiona 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:** Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. Mondays: Joyful; Wednesdays: Glorious; Thursdays: Luminous; Fridays: Sorrowful mysteries.

**ST ANTHONY:** November wall box donations go to our ACN Iraq appeal.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anne Taylor, James Van Parys, Bert Brooks, Ron Cornah, Barrie Cliff.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:** That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

## **THIS MONDAY: FOUNDATION STONE ANNIVERSARY AND NEW STATUE:**

Join us at 6:45pm this Monday for the blessing of the new statue, marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church's Foundation Stone, followed by barbecue and fireworks. For more details, see the front page.

**'PORTIUNCULA' PARISH MAGAZINE:** our new, free, annual parish magazine is now available. Pick up your copy this weekend. And why not take one for a friend who no longer comes to Mass? Share a little bit of parish life with them!

**SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON:** 2-6pm this Tuesday in St Clare's school. Come and meet the school community, and discover the wonderful work being done here.

**NOVEMBER ENVELOPES:** Available in the narthex. Please return your envelopes to the presbytery or in the collection basket. Include names of loved ones to be placed before the altar during November, and any donation for Holy Souls Masses.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP** continues this Tuesday. A chance to explore our faith. New members welcome. Please speak to Fr Andrew if you are interested.

**CTS BOOK CLUB:** Meeting next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. The booklet for this month is "Prayer made simple". Copies available from Fr Andrew.

**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the parish hall. A chance to put your knowledge to the test! Tickets available after Masses this weekend.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** will be sold after all Masses on 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> November, with proceeds going to our Aid to the Church in Need Iraq appeal.

**'ONE BODY' TALKS:** Exploring the many faces of the Church in Preston. Thursdays, 7:30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. This week: the NeoCatechumenal Way. More information: see poster/visit [www.metanoiaproject.co.uk](http://www.metanoiaproject.co.uk) or call 07957 566741.

**FOOD BANK TOY APPEAL:** The Food Bank is now collecting toys to give as Christmas gifts to every family who receive food parcels. Donations can be left with the next food collection (18<sup>th</sup> Nov.) or taken directly to Harrington Street.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY FROM CROATIA:** with two small children, coming to Preston early 2019 for six months and looking for accommodation/host family. Can help with jobs, babysitting etc. If you may be able to help, please speak to Fr Andrew.

**LONDON MARATHON:** St Wilfrid's parishioner Shirley Russo is running to support Jesuit Missions projects. For details, or to support her, see poster in the narthex.

**OLSE LADIES' GROUP:** Mass for deceased members of the group will be at Our Lady and St Edward's, 7:30pm this Thursday. Followed by supper.

**LAST SUNDAY:** At Mass: 459; Collection: £1059.40; Sick and Retired Priests' Fund: £345.99. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>Reconciliation Preparation (4)</b>	Parish Hall
	11am	<b>Reconciliation: Parents' Session</b>	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:45pm	<b>Blessing of new St Clare statue, followed by BBQ and fireworks</b>	Starts in Church
Tuesday	2-6pm	<b>St Clare's School Open Afternoon</b>	School
	6pm	<b>Journey in Faith</b>	Chapel
	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
	7:40pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	Presbytery
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Cenacolo Collection</b>	House porch
Saturday	8:30am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>Reconciliation Preparation (5)</b>	Parish Hall
	4:30pm	<b>Confirmation Preparation (2)</b>	Parish Hall
	7pm	<b>CTS Book Club</b>	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

## Advance Diary Dates

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Annual parish Mass for the dead, 7pm

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Parish/School Christmas Fair, 10:30am

## PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: 27<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019

Are you thinking of coming? Please register your interest soon – if we do not fill all the places from the parish, we will need to offer places to other parishes, but we'd like St Clare's parishioners to have first refusal. Even if you can't commit at this stage, speak to Fr Andrew to register interest or to find out more.

