

Diary Events This Week:

SUN 4th Dec: 9.30am: Children’s Liturgy; 2pm: Indian Dance Class. 4.30pm: Young Adults Group (20-30+); **MONDAY:** 9am: Pre-School Club*; 3.20pm: After-School Club* 6pm: Cubs; 7.30pm: Scouts; **TUESDAY:** Seekers or GFF Youth Group; 7.30pm: Prayer Group; **WEDNESDAY:** **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: Beavers; 7.30pm: Journey in Faith; **FRIDAY:** **SATURDAY:** 9am: Pilates; 10.30am: Spanish Class; 7.30pm; AA Meeting. * *These events each day Mon – Fri.*
Advance Diary Dates: 18th>Carols by Candlelight; **19th**>Service of Reconciliation.



ST CLARE’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Year A)
4th December 2016



In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist makes his first Advent appearance. His message is forever the same: Repent! To repent means to turn, to change, to enter a new way of living. In this season Confession is a must, it is the best way to begin to change, to become the man or woman that we are called to be.

PARISH PETITION BOOK
near Our Lady’s statue. For your intentions which will be prayed for at the Sunday Masses and at other times.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:
First Saturday - 10.00am Mass.
Blest medals available.

ABORTION RECOVERY HELPLINE Arch can help: 0845 603 8501- Poster

SAFEGUARDING
Parish Safeguarding Officers are Mike Simpson and Brenda Scales

NEW TO THE PARISH? Or if you have changed: email, phone or address? Please complete the *Details Update Form* available in the porch.

CENACOLO COMMUNITY:
Thank you for your support with gifts

PRESTON FOOD BANK Thanks for last collection. **Next: Dec-17/18**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help with the Youth Groups on Tues evening. If you are able to spare a couple of hours each week in term time please see Fr. D. or email fdarren@saintclares.co.uk Age range school years 4-6 & 7-11.

FROM THE PTFA
Used Batteries / Mobile Phones please place in box in porch. Funds to Bosnia

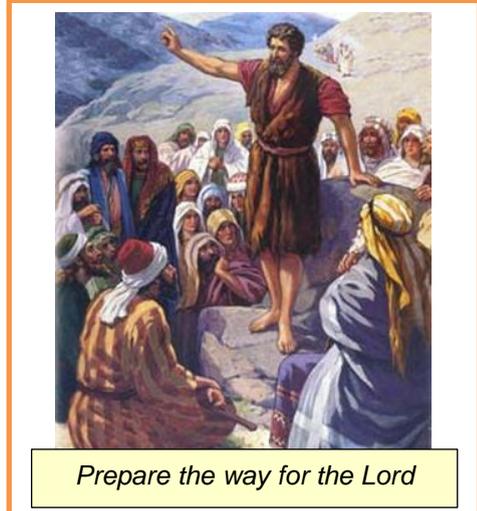
ON-LINE SHOPPING: ‘Christmas is coming.’ Before you shop visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and look for St. Clare’s New Porch Fund. **£411.00** raised so far – can you help increase this amount? It costs you nothing!

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Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9HH Tel 01772 787037 Fax 01772 787016
Email: head@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk Headteacher: Mrs A Charnley.

ADVENT
Mon-Fri, 7- 8am each week
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Morning Prayer at 7.45am
In the side-Chapel,

FAMILY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:
Sunday 18th Dec 4pm
Followed by seasonal refreshments in the Hall.

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:
Monday
December 19th
7pm
at St. Clare’s.



Prepare the way for the Lord

CHRISTMAS FAIR
Today Sun 4th Dec
from 10.30am.

Priests: Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. **Deacon:** Fred Sanderson.
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MASSES THIS WEEK: 4th Dec: – Mass Book Page 85

Office: Psalter Wk. 2; Sunday: Cycle A; Weekdays of Advent

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A

6pm: Vincent & Sandra Nicklin RIP **Vigil**

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way

9.30am: Claire Addington RIP

6pm: People of the Parish

Monday of Advent wk 2

9.15am: Sheila Gahan RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Tuesday of Advent wk 2

7 pm: Bert Ainscough RIP

Wednesday St. Ambrose

9.15am: Morris Family

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Way

Thursday: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7pm: Molly Ward RIP

Friday of Advent wk 2

Noon: Benefactors

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Saturday of Advent wk 2

10am: James Reilly RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A

6pm: Jim & Margaret Brown Golden Wedding **Vigil**

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way

9.30am: Fr. Vincent Baron RIP

6pm: People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Helen Gorham, Harry Slater, Tom Davies, John Masheter.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Slater, Sheila Gahan, James Ryan, Teresa Cunniff, Arthur Beesley, Thomas Calverley, Dorothy Higgins, Ken Tuson, Evelyn Spiro.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December: **1.** That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. **2.** That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life

MEDJUGORJE 2017: a visit to the Shrine - from 22nd – 29th August 2017. £580 per person (sharing). All details on the poster.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: Fri 27th –Sun 29th Jan 2017 at the Monastery of Our Lady of Hyning, Carnforth. Visit: www.bernardine.org see poster

EXPOSITION:

Each morning:
Mon – Fri: 7 - 8am

Sat 10.30am-Noon
Intention: for priestly vocations.

CONFESSIONS

Sat 11-12 noon.
Or by appointment.

ˆRosary for Life Challenge- The Mysteries of Light will be prayed each day after the 9am Masses and before the Friday noon Mass, for this intention

CONGRATULATIONS: to the 26 boys and girls who made their First Confession here last Sunday and warm thanks to our catechists team.

PORCH UPDATE: A further meeting has taken place this week with the architect, the Diocesan Property Manager and members of the Finance Group. Good progress was made towards appointing the professionals for the design team.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: if you wish to make a donation for these in memory of a loved one, write the name on an envelope, add your donation and hand it in. Your loved ones names will be displayed in church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: We still have a few packs of these available in the church porch, £4 pack of 10 or 3 packs for £10.

READERS & MINISTERS – CHRISTMAS: Sign-up sheet for volunteers on the notice board.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY: at Corpus Christi Tues 20th Dec 12noon-2.30pm. Sign-up sheet in the porch – closing date Dec 9th. Own transport.

FLAME: Event for young people. Wembley Arena March 11th 2017. Join Fr. Darren for this weekend away, 10-12 March. Details on poster in porch.

200 CLUB: Nov - 1st prize No. 96 £160 Mike Simpson; 2nd prize No.4 £96 Anne Connolly; 3rd prize No. 110 £64 Ellen Earnshaw. Congratulations to the winners.

MARRIAGE COURSE: will be offered here for those planning to marry in 2017 (or simply to take another look at the teaching on marriage) beginning Thursday 19th January. To book on the course contact: sian_martin@btinternet.com

HODOVO PROJECT: Thanks to you £2,000 was sent for winter fuel. We are now scaling back on this project; we will continue to send winter fuel support. The PPC is looking into a new project for outreach.

METANOIA PROJECT – Advent Series: ‘O Come, O Come.’ Thurs evenings, 7.30pm St Wilfrid’s Parish Centre continuing Dec. 8th & 15th. See poster.

CHRISTMAS BINGO: Corpus Christi High School 9th Dec. 6 for 6.30pm. Poster.

THINKING SCRIPTURE 2017: holiday and study time, 14th-17th July (long weekend) 14th-21st October (full week) at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. See poster.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 499; Collection: £1,073.74; Poor Missions: £352.06. Thank you.