

Franciscan of the Week: John Bradburne

John was born at Skirwith, Cumbria in 1921. The son of an Anglican clergyman, he converted to Catholicism in 1947 and in time became a Third Order Franciscan. John moved to Zimbabwe, where he told a Franciscan priest he had three wishes: to serve lepers, to die a martyr and to be buried in the Franciscan habit. Working at a leprosy centre in Harare and later at Mutemwa Leprosy Settlement, he faced opposition to his efforts to allow the leprosy patients better care and more dignity. Committed to his Franciscan vows, his life centred on prayer and service. During the civil war in Zimbabwe John encountered further hostility as he tried to prevent exploitation of the lepers he served. He was abducted, and shot dead on 5th September 1979. Mutemwa is now a place of pilgrimage, and there is a growing movement supporting the cause of his path to sainthood.



FOCUS ON... World Day of Prayer for Creation

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Creation, instituted by the Holy Father to encourage us to recognise the value and dignity of God's creation, and to take more seriously our role as stewards of our common home. We are very aware of the many challenges facing our planet, and as Christians we seek to do all we can – however small – to play our part in protecting creation. Please pray for a deeper respect for our world and for all who are affected by climate change, especially those most in need.



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 130

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 22

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 31 st August	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Louise Leigh (née McNulty) RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 1 st September	9:30am		Ray and Tina Monk – Golden Wedding
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:30am		Holy Souls
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St Gregory the Great	Special Intention (TM)
Wednesday	9:15am	St Cuthbert	John and Veronica Baines
Thursday	9:15am		Deceased family members (MW)
Friday	12noon		David Wilkinson RIP
Saturday 7 th August	10am		Holy Souls
	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Teresa Hodges RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 8 th September	9:30am		Fr Michael Lakeland RIP
	6pm		Amose Masilamani RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Fr David Elder**, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 8am-9am; Tuesday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, and on request.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

ST ANTHONY: September wall box donations are for local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Worden, Leonard Dean, Dunstan Melling, Claude Lawton, Winifred O'Reilly, Michael O'Callaghan, Brian Sidwell, Isabel Billington, Peter Grall, Michael McDonagh.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the worlds seas and oceans.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION: This Sunday. See front and back pages.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Children in school year 3 and above who have not made their first Confession or first Communion are invited to do so in the coming year. Registration forms and details available in the narthex.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Please note that Mass on Monday will be a little later than usual, at 9:30am, as Fr Andrew has an earlier commitment that day.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: This Friday, 7pm. Come and pray before the Lord.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Our 'Journey in Faith' group begins again in the autumn. If you're interested in becoming Catholic or just curious about our faith, this is for you. Contact the parish office or speak to Fr Andrew for details.

AUGUST 200 CLUB WINNERS: 1st prize, no. 14 £164 Steve Greenwood; 2nd prize, no.96 £99 Mike Simpson; 3rd prize, no. 123 £66 Frank Gahan. To date the 200 club has raised £15,363 for parish funds. Numbers are still available, £5 per number per month. If you would like to join please contact Anthony Donlan 07768 684861

BLACKPOOL LIGHTS: The annual trip takes place on Friday 11th October. Coach through the lights, then fish and chips on the way home. £5/adult and £2.50/child, not including your meal. Sign up sheet is in the narthex this weekend.

CTS BOOK CLUB: The next meeting will be on Sunday 13th October. The booklet will be available from next weekend.

YOUTH MEETING WITH BISHOP PAUL: Saturday 14th September at Our Lady's school, Lancaster. Giving young people (15-mid twenties) a chance to speak to Bishop Paul about their hopes and concerns for the Church. Speak to Fr Andrew.

FOOD BANK APPEAL: Demand for the Food Bank is very high at present, due to school holidays. Particularly needed are tinned food and toiletries. If you are able to help, you can drop any additional supplies at the presbytery this weekend, or take them directly to the Food Bank (at the Salvation Army, Harrington Street).

JOB VACANCY – DIOCESAN SCHOOLS COMMISSIONER: This involves managing the Diocesan Education Service. Details on poster in the narthex.

CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE: The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady at Cleator (West Cumbria) takes place next Sunday, 8th September. Mass and blessing of the sick at 3pm. There is no transport arranged, but if you can make your own way you are very welcome to attend. See poster in narthex for details.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next Sunday (7th/8th) for the Catholic Education Services.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 428; Collection: £890.06; Catholic Trust: £265.09. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
Monday	7pm	Baptism Preparation (1)	Chapel
Tuesday	7:40pm	Parish Council	Presbytery
Wed-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Penitential Liturgy	Chapel
Friday	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo Collection	House porch
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall

Pope Francis on care of God's creation:

As Christians we wish to contribute to resolving the ecological crisis which humanity is presently experiencing. In doing so, we must first rediscover in our own rich spiritual patrimony the deepest motivations for our concern for the care of creation. We need always to keep in mind that, for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for our sake, “the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us” (*Laudato Si'*, 216). The ecological crisis thus summons us to a profound spiritual conversion: Christians are called to “an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them” (*ibid.*, 217). For “living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (*ibid.*).



From the letter of Pope Francis
to Cardinal Koch and Cardinal Turkson,
6th August 2015