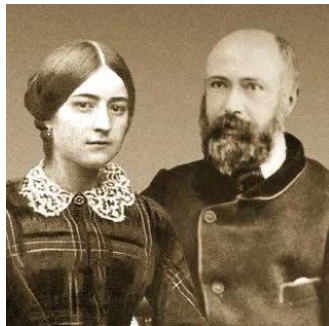


Franciscans of the Week: Saints Louis and Zélie Martin

In October 2015 Pope Francis declared Louis and Zélie to be saints. It was the first time that a married couple had been canonised by the Church. They were no ordinary couple! Louis had earlier considered a vocation to priesthood, and Zélie to religious life, but God was calling them to marriage. Blessed with nine children in total, their five daughters who survived infancy all went on to become nuns, amongst them St Thérèse of Lisieux.



Thérèse herself stated, "God has given me parents more worthy of heaven than of earth." Louis and Zélie spent much time with members of the secular Franciscan order in Alençon, and Zélie is believed to have been a member herself. She died in 1877 and Louis in 1894.

FOCUS ON... The Year of the Word

Last Monday, the feast of St Jerome, the Church in England and Wales officially announced the forthcoming 'Year of the Word'. Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, this special year will invite us to grow in our love for God's Word – the Bible – and to pray with Scripture more regularly and more deeply. This can be difficult! If you find it hard to pray with the Bible, you are not alone. What makes it difficult?

What are the obstacles? What might help you to listen more attentively to God's Word? Please consider these questions and speak to Fr Andrew if there is anything we can do at a parish level to help you to appreciate and love the Bible during the forthcoming year.



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Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 27

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 5 th Oct	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	May & Bill Hargreaves RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 6 th Oct	9:30am		Frank Madden RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am		Our Lady of the Rosary	Ints Canon Cooper
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Joe and Alice Donlan RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am	Blessed John Henry Newman	James and Mary Morgan RIP	
Thursday	9:15am		Fr Michael Lakeland RIP	
Friday	12noon		Betty Dickinson RIP	
Saturday	10am		Maureen Wootton RIP	
Saturday 12 th Oct	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 13 th Oct	9:30am		Fr Bernard Woods RIP	
	6pm		Ann and Joseph Singleton RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Betty Dickinson**, whose Requiem will take place here on Monday 14th October at 10am, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am, Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for vocations).

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: Frank McLaughlin, Lilian Collum, Alice Donlan, Miriam Green, Hannah Walmsley, Ellen Comer, Theresa Heaps, Ann Whittle, Hilda Robinson, Hugh Gilshan, Anne Hall, Clare Smart, Jack McEntee, Molly Chanter.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary 'spring' in the church.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Our 'Journey in Faith' group will meet on Monday evenings (7:30pm), beginning 14th October. 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 more details.

DAY OF RENEWAL: Next Saturday, 10am-4pm (beginning with 10am Mass). 'Inner Healing', led by lay preacher John Hesketh. All are very welcome.

SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE: This Friday at 1:45pm, in the church. All are welcome to come and give thanks for the harvest with our school community.

BETHLEHEM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY: Could you help to construct a new crib for our church? There is a meeting for anyone interested on Tuesday 15th October at 7:30pm in the side chapel. Please consider coming to be part of the team! If you can't come to the meeting but are interested in helping, please let us know.

ACN BENEFACTORS' PILGRIMAGE: Saturday 19th October at Fernyhalgh. Mass at 12noon followed by a walk to the shrine, lunch break, Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A special welcome is extended to all parishioners in recognition of our parish fundraising efforts.

FIRST CONFESSION PREPARATION: Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of the Lord's mercy.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Meeting next Sunday (13th) after evening Mass. The booklet is on the great 16th century Carmelite saint, Teresa of Avila. Teresa is one of the Church's greatest teachers of prayer. Copies available from Fr Andrew.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Please return your envelopes this weekend.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: October is a month of particular devotion to this beautiful prayer. Maybe make some extra time in the coming month to pray the Rosary, meditating on the mysteries of Jesus' and Mary's life.

BLACKPOOL LIGHTS TRIP: Meet in the car park this Friday at 6pm. Please bring your coach money (£5 adults/£2.50 children) and money for your fish and chips!

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF WINCKLEY SQUARE: An exhibition in the narthex at St Wilfrid's church (Chapel Street), open 8am-6pm until 18th October.

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING DAYS: In the art studio at Hying Monastery near Carnforth, 10am-4pm on October 8th and November 5th. £18 including all materials and hot lunch. Contact hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk or call 01524 732684.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Next meeting this Thursday at 8pm, a presentation by Jimmy O'Donnell, "Reminiscence through Old Objects and Film". Cost £2.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 467; Collection: £1083.07. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 6 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Reconciliation Preparation (2)	Parish Hall
	11am	Reconciliation: Parents' Session	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:45pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Fabric & Finance meeting	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
OFriday	1:45pm	School Harvest Service	Church
	6pm	Blackpool Lights trip (only for those already booked)	Meet on car park
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Day of Renewal	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
	10:30am	Reconciliation Preparation (3)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Chapel

Diary Dates

Saturday 26th October: Messy Church, 1:30-3pm

Friday 1st November: Feast of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday 2nd November: All Souls' Day – Mass at 10am

Monday 4th November: Parish fireworks display and barbecue

Tuesday 5th November: St Clare's School open afternoon, 2-6pm

Retreats and conferences at Stonyhurst

The following upcoming events take place at the new Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst (BB7 9PT). More information: www.christianheritagecentre.com

Kerygma Bible Retreat. £50 (non-residential) £75 (sharing) £90 (single room);
Led by Barbara Mason. Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October. Meals included.