

Franciscan of the Week: Chiara Lubich

Born in 1920 in Trento in Italy, Chiara Lubich is known throughout the world as the founder of the 'Focolare' movement. Named Silvia at her baptism, she changed her name to Chiara (Clare) when she joined the Third Order Franciscans on 7th December 1943, a moment which is also considered to be the beginning of Focolare. The movement is formed of small lay communities who seek to promote unity in the spirit of the Gospel. Today Focolare has more than 140,000 members in 180 countries, and it's estimated that over 4.5 million people are involved more broadly with the movement's work. Chiara died in 2008 and her cause for beatification was opened by her diocese in 2015.



FOCUS ON... All Saints and All Souls

At the end of this week we keep two important days which remind us of those who have gone before us. On Friday, All Saints' Day, we celebrate those who are already with God in the glory of eternal life. Then, on Saturday (All Souls' Day) we remember in prayer all of the faithful departed who are still making their journey to heaven. These important days remind us of our future hope: that, after a time of purification (purgatory) we may be called to eternal happiness with God. Throughout the month of November we pray for all of our loved ones who have died, asking God to grant them the fulness of life and joy, and remembering that we will see them again.



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 155

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 30

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 26 th Oct	6pm (vigil)	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Betty Dickinson RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 27 th Oct	9:30am		Fred Newsham RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am		Sts Simon & Jude	Holy Souls
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Holy Souls	
Wednesday	9:15am		Holy Souls	
Thursday	9:15am		Mary RIP (Natalie's gran)	
	7pm (vigil)	ALL SAINTS	Joyce Aspinall RIP	
Friday	9:15am		People of the Parish	
	7pm		For the return of lost savings	
Saturday	10am		ALL SOULS	Holy Souls
Saturday 2 nd Nov	6pm (vigil)	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving (TL)	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 3 rd Nov	9:30am		John Grace RIP	
	6pm		Arockiasamy Richard RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Stella Shore, Bishop Brian Noble**, originally a priest of our diocese and former Bishop of Shrewsbury, 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: October wall box donations will go to Missio (Red Box appeal).

ANNIVERSARIES: Fred Newsham, Dorothy Finch, Moira Butler, Monica Jackson, Kathleen Murphy, Wendy Charleson, Mollie Earnshaw, Mary-Ann Murphy, Noel Hogan, Annie Woods.

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

ALL SAINTS' DAY: This Friday is All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. There is a vigil Mass on Thursday at 7pm, and on Friday at 9:15am (with school) and 7pm. Although Friday it's a major feast day, so not a day of abstinence or penance. Please note: there will be no 12noon Mass on Friday.

ALL SOULS' DAY: Next Saturday. On this day especially we remember and pray for all the Faithful Departed. Mass is celebrated at 10am.

ST CLARE'S CHURCH - 40th ANNIVERSARY MASS: Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass on Sunday 10th November at 6pm, to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of our church. We will also be joined by some of the priests who have served here over the years. Please come along to this celebration. After the Mass there will be a Jacob's Join in the parish hall. Sign-up sheets are now in the narthex. Thank you.

RADIANT 2019: An inspiring day of talks, testimonies, uplifting music and prayer in the presence of Jesus. Centred on the Eucharist, 'Radiant' takes place at Corpus Christi Catholic College on Saturday 30th November. The Franciscan sisters will be there and the Bishop will celebrate Mass. Tickets (£8 per adult; £5 for 14-17 y/o) are available online at www.eventbrite.co.uk (search 'Radiant 2019 Preston') and are also available via the parish. Don't miss this great event, taking place so nearby!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Our 'Journey in Faith' group meets on Monday evenings, 7:30pm in the side chapel. If you're interested in becoming Catholic or just curious about our faith, this is for you. Come and join us!

ACN CHRISTMAS CARD SALE: Next weekend after all Masses there will be cards and other Christmas gifts on sale, for our Aid to the Church in Need Iraq appeal.

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.

BETHLEHEM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY: A design for the stable has been agreed and work will commence soon. If you'd like to help, please contact the parish office.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting 17th November after evening Mass. The booklet is "Words of Wisdom from the Church Fathers". Copies available from Fr Andrew.

PNE BIG SLEEP OUT: Rita Hunter is taking part in the sleep out at PNE next month to raise money for the Foxton Centre, who work to combat homelessness in Preston. If you'd like to sponsor her, visit www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/ritahunter or make a contribution in a marked envelope and hand it in at the church.

SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend (26th /27th) for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 424; Collection: £967.57. World Missions: £370.10. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 27 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:50pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Church
	7:30pm	Journey in Faith Group	Chapel
Tue-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Wednesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sunday 3 rd	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Reconciliation Preparation (4)	Parish Hall
	11am	Reconciliation: Parents' session	Chapel
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (yrs 7-11)	Parish Hall

Diary Dates

Monday 4th November: Parish fireworks display and barbecue

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

Tuesday 26th November: Annual Mass for those who have died in the last year, 7pm

Further ahead and further afield...

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

Covenant Books: Nativity Crib Festival

November 21st-24th at Covenant Books on Whitby Avenue, Ingol. Open 10:30am-3:30pm each day, with refreshments. Come and see many different types of cribs on display.

Can you lend a crib? If so, or for more information, call 712933 or email covenantbooks@talktalk.co.uk

Don't forget to have a crib in your home at Christmas!

You can bring your home cribs to be blessed at church on Tuesday 17th December after the 7pm Mass.

