

## Diary Events This Week:

**SUN 6<sup>th</sup> March:** 9.30am: Children's Liturgy; 1.00pm: Indian Dance Class. 4.30pm: Young Adults Group (20-30+); **MONDAY:** 9.00am: Pre-School Club\*; 3.20pm: After-School Club\* 6.00pm: Cubs; 6.45pm: Scouts; 7.30pm: 7.45pm: PPC; **TUESDAY:** Seekers & GFF Youth Groups; 7.30pm: Prayer Group; **WEDNESDAY:** 6.30pm: Irish Dance Class; **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: Beavers; 7.30pm: Journey in Faith. **FRIDAY:** 6.30pm: Porch Fund Raising; **SATURDAY:** 9.00am: Pilates; 10.30am: Spanish Class; 7.30pm; AA Meeting. \* *These events each day Mon – Fri.* **Advance Diary: Mar: >:11<sup>th</sup>** >School Quiz Night; **13<sup>th</sup>**>1<sup>st</sup> Communion (4) **19<sup>th</sup>** > Messy Church; **Apr: 2<sup>nd</sup>**>Car Wash.

### 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 -19/20 March**

**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 [frdarren@saintclares.co.uk](mailto:frdarren@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

**Churches Together News) Pentecost Songs of Praise** May 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 3pm Christ Church.

### St. Clare's School

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## ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016



Today's Gospel reading presents us with the parable of the Prodigal Son or, more appropriately in this Year of Mercy, the parable of the Merciful Father. God's mercy is like an ocean that never runs dry. He is always on the 'look out' for those who would return to him. This Lent allow God to do the thing he most wants to; go to Confession and let him welcome you home.

### YEAR OF MERCY DEANERY PILGRIMAGE

Pope Francis has called us during this Year of Mercy to renew our love of God and be more deeply reconciled to him. Each Deanery is called to a Pilgrimage to the **Lancaster Martyrs' Shrine & Cathedral**. For our Deanery this will be on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> March 1.30-3pm. See sign-up sheet in the porch so that we have an idea of numbers. A coach will be available, indicate on sign-up sheet if you wish to travel on it. (£5) - Poster

**LENTEN VIGIL** Newman College  
This Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.  
Confessions, Refreshments after.

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### MASS FOR ALL NATIONS

To celebrate the many nationalities that worship at St Clare's we will have an *International Mass* on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm** followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall.  
See the poster in the porch.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Afternoon  
Reflection March 12<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm

### LENTEN ACTIVITIES

**Mon. to Fri.** Exposition 7 – 8am  
with Morning Prayer - 7.45am  
**Tues.** Prayer Group 7.30pm.  
**Wed.** Liturgy of the Word: 7.30pm  
**Fri.** Lent Soup Lunch: 12.30pm.  
**Sat.** Exposition: 10.30am – 12  
**Sun.** Stations of the Cross – 3pm

**Priests:** Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. Deacon: Fred Sanderson.  
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**MASSES THIS WEEK: 6<sup>th</sup> March: – Mass Book Page 168**

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sunday: Cycle C; Weekdays of Lent

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

6pm: Freddy D'Sousa RIP

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: People of the Parish

6pm: Deceased Members Whelan Family

**Monday of 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

9am: Sheila Gahan RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Tuesday of 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

7pm: Marion Gasiewski RIP

**Wednesday of 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

9am: Jan & Teresa Michnowiew

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Community

**Thursday of 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

7pm: Charles & Susan RIP

**Friday of 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

12 noon: Holy Souls November List

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Saturday of 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent**

10am: Theresa & John Topping RIP

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

6pm: Theresa Bristow RIP

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: People of the Parish

6pm: Tommy Sheridan RIP

**LATELY DEAD:** Gerard Droulers.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack Farnworth, Elizabeth Duffy, Ted Boulton, Mary Hickson, Joseph Moss, Violet Donnelly, Ron Smith, Louise Ross, Ella Grall.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for March**

1. That needy families may receive support and that children may grow up in health and peace environments. 2. That Christians who are discriminated against or persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

**BLESSED BE THE MERCIFUL:** Lancaster University Chaplaincy - a talk by Fr. Gabriel Kyte CFR, 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30pm. 'Mission in Mercy' what St. Francis would say to our 21<sup>st</sup> century world

**MEDJUGORJE VISIT:** Aug 27<sup>th</sup> to Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> See poster

***THIS IS THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY***

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Rose Emilia Turner baptised here last Sunday.

**THANK YOU:** To our Indian parishioners who organised the 'Indian Night' last Sunday. It was a roaring success; £560 was raised for World Youth Day travel.

**SECURITY:** In the past year the collection boxes in church have been attacked several times. Still we think that access to the church is important and so we are installing some security cameras so we can better monitor events.

**YOUNG FAMILY:** Seeking rental accommodation in St. Clare's. See Fr. L.

**200 CLUB:** Next draw- Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £137. Numbers still available for March Draw. Membership forms in the porch.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** Next: first 3 Mondays in March. See Fr Darren.

**MESSY CHURCH:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 1.30-3pm. Theme: Lent and Easter.

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** If you are interested in a monthly Sunday Lunch in the Parish Hall see sheet in porch.

**FAVOURITE SCRIPTURE:** St Clare's school invite parishioners to share with the children your favourite Bible reading on Mar 24<sup>th</sup>. Between 10:00 - 12:30.

**PRIEST VISIT:** In the porch there are slips of paper to request a pastoral visit from the priest during Lent. He will call at a mutually convenient time, pay a visit and pray a blessing on your home and family.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** March 31<sup>st</sup> see one of the priests.

**COR ET LUMEN CHRISTI EVENTS:** See poster in porch.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** with the *Lancaster Diocese* 22<sup>nd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> July led by Bishop Campbell. Brochures and further details in the porch.

**AN EASY WAY TO RAISE MONEY!** If you are booking a holiday/renewing Car or Home Insurance or Tele/Broadband contracts many companies will make a donation to *St Clare's New Porch Fund* visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

**CASTLERIGG ITEMS:** 1. Easter Retreat; 2. Staff to join team; 3. Lourdes Pilgrimage. [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk) Posters in porch.

**LENT IN THE MINSTER:** 'Mercy' Details & dates on the poster.

**BOARBANK HALL EVENTS:** See literature in porch.

**TABOR EVENTS:** See posters in porch.

**ST. EDWARD'S:** Ladies Group – Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm - £2. Canon Robert Brunswick will speak about 'Strange things in Medieval England.'

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:** 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – 13<sup>th</sup> March. See posters.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 496; Collection: £1,125.17; Thank you