

Diary Events This Week:

SUN 27th Nov: 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; **8pm:** Parish Council; **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:** Nov: **Dec:4th**>Christmas Fair; **18th**>Carols by Candlelight

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 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

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!

St. Clare's School

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ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Year A)

27th November 2016



Welcome to the Church's New Year – the First Sunday of Advent. Our Lord's admonition in today's Gospel is to 'stay awake,' in other words to be alert and active in our faith. New years are times for resolutions, perhaps one such could be to make sure that we use well this season of Advent to become spiritually close to God.

ADVENT

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

FIRST FRIDAY – 2nd Dec.

HOLY HOUR – 7pm
Especially for Eucharistic Ministers,
Readers, Musicians & Catechists.

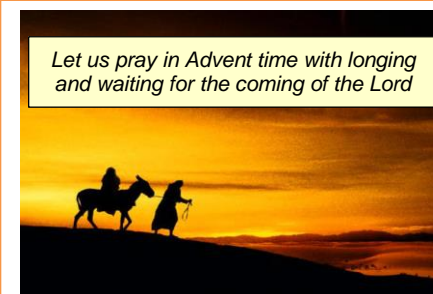
All welcome

FIRST SATURDAY – 3rd Dec.

Novena to Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal – **Mass 10am**

**FAMILY CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT:**

Sunday 18th Dec 4pm
Followed by seasonal refreshments
in the Hall.



CHRISTMAS DRAW: Books of tickets (£2 a book of 4) are available in the porch. Please do your best to sell them. The Draw will take place at the **CHRISTMAS FAIR next Sun 4th Dec (from 10.30am.)** Donations for the Christmas Raffle gratefully received (sign-up list in porch). Also, donations for stalls and Tombola. The school are collecting **Bottles** this week.

Priests: Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. **Deacon:** Fred Sanderson.

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MASSES THIS WEEK: 27th Nov: – Mass Book Page 82

Office: Psalter Wk. 1; Sunday: Cycle A; Weekdays of Advent

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

6pm: Jane & Brian Bower (Golden Wedding) **Vigil**

7pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Way

9.30am: People of the Parish

6pm: Porch Benefactor

Collection: Diocesan Poor Missions Fund

Monday of Advent wk 1

9.15am: George Oldcorn RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Tuesday of Advent wk 1

7.15pm: Mavis Rogerson RIP

Wednesday ST. ANDREW

9.15am: Marie Brickell RIP

7.30pm: **No** Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Way

Thursday of Advent wk 1

7pm: Porch Benefactors

Friday of Advent wk 1

Noon: WJW

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Saturday St. Francis Xavier

10am: Benefactor (GT)

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

LATELY DEAD:

ANNIVERSARIES: Johanna Christian, Edgar Coupe, Freda Booth, Angela Marcella, Camille Sherriff, Lola Marie Gath, Anne Mulley, Ada Ellis, Ann Thompson, Lucille Flaherty, Richard Harvey, Vin Miller, Elizabeth Willacy.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for November: 1. That the countries which take in great numbers of displaced persons may find support for their efforts. 2. That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in services to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Rosary 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

EXPOSITION:
Each morning:
Mon – Fri: 7 - 8am
Sat 10.30am-Noon
Intention: for priestly vocations.
CONFESSIONS
Sat 11-12 noon.
Or by appointment.

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

ADVENT VIGIL: Tues. 29th Nov 6.30pm at Cardinal Newman College, Preston. Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All welcome.

PORCH UPDATE: Now that we have almost reached our target sum, a couple of meetings have taken place with the architect in which the plans were reviewed and steps taken to identify professionals to take the project to the next phase. After these appointments and the reception of their reports we will move to the tendering phase.

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Mon Dec 19th 7pm St. Clare's.

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 name's 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 on Tues 20th Dec 12noon-2.30pm. Sign-up sheet in the porch – closing date Dec 9th.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: One of our teams requires a new member available on Fridays at 12.45pm (once every 5 weeks or so). See Fr L.

METANOIA PROJECT – Advent Series: 'O Come, O Come.' Thurs evenings, 7.30pm St Wilfrid's Parish Centre continuing Dec 1st, 8th & 15th See poster.

COVENANT BOOKS: November promotion Buy one get one free on all books in stock (excludes educational) Lion Christmas 3 for 2. See flyers.

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

MERCIFUL AS GOD IS MERCIFUL: Mon. 28th Nov – a talk at St. Wilfrid's 7pm-9pm. More details on the 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: 487; Collection: £1,017.51; Youth Services: £301.35. Thank you.