

St Clare's Catholic Church

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

30<sup>th</sup> April 2017



**"...and is seated at the right hand of the Father."**

At the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday, we heard Jesus tell the High Priest: "I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Matthew 26:64). They regarded this as blasphemy, because in these words Jesus claimed equality with God. So this statement of the



Creed comes from the words of Jesus Himself: He is seated at the right hand of God the Father. This week's task: **pray these words of the Gloria: "You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us!"**

### FOCUS ON... 'Anointed'

Our new youth group, 'Anointed' launches next Sunday. The young people themselves chose as an inspiration some words of St Paul: "Let no one disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, your faith and your purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).



The title 'Anointed' comes from the fact that the members are anointed in baptism and confirmation, to be Christ-like (the word 'Christ' means 'anointed one'). Sharing each other's company, faith and a slice or two of pizza, Anointed is a great opportunity for young people to deepen their faith in a fun and engaging way. This group (replacing GFF) is for school years 7-9, and meets after Sunday evening Mass, beginning next weekend.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 258

Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: week 3 of Easter

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	6pm (vigil)	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Bill Hargreaves RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Ellen Catterall RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am	St Joseph the Worker	Steve and Helen Breakell
Tuesday	10:30am	Requiem	Frank Barnish
	7pm	St Athanasius	Tom Price RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	<b>Sts Philip &amp; James</b>	Jeremy Fletcher RIP
Thursday	9:15am	<b>The English Martyrs</b>	Mr and Mrs Kenny
Friday	12noon		Bill Rowland RIP
Saturday	10am		Special Intention (Amelie)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm (vigil)	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Bill Hargreaves RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Jack Burton RIP

**LATELY DEAD:** Please keep in your prayers **Tom Price** whose funeral took place this week, and **Frank Barnish** whose Requiem will be on Tuesday at 10:30am, and **Margaret (Nellie) Pemberton** who died this week.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturdays 10:30am-noon (for vocations); there is also Exposition with Benediction on Sundays 3:30-4:30pm during Eastertide.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 11am-12noon.

**SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER):** Sundays 4pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**ROSARY:** Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before 12noon Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

**REGINA CAELI:** Sung at 12noon on Fridays during Eastertide, at the start of Mass.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret Smith, Patricia Tallat, Rita Medway, Geoffrey Pike, Cliff Jackson, Mary Clague, Marie Wilson, Elizabeth Ketchell, Monica Harrison.

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**PARISH MEETING FEEDBACK:** a sheet with comments made at the meeting is available this weekend. The parish council has begun to discuss how to act on the feedback; there will be information on new initiatives in the coming weeks.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** this Friday at 7pm in the church. All welcome.

**HOLY WEEK PHOTOGRAPHS** available on our website: [www.saintclares.co.uk](http://www.saintclares.co.uk)

**ANNUAL CATECHESIS:** A great opportunity to deepen your faith by hearing anew the message of salvation, of God's love and mercy. Led by members of the NeoCatechumenal Way. On Mondays and Thursdays, 7:30pm in the side chapel.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Paul Soko, Manuel Jimenez, Alfie Wilkinson-Strange and Ivy-Mae Mitchell, who were baptised in the parish in April.

**FOOD BANK:** Tinned fish, meat, potatoes, fruit, jars of sauce, noodle, pasta etc. urgently needed. See the full list of food items required on the notice board. We will make an additional food bank collection next weekend (6/7 May).

**VESPERS AND BENEDICTION:** Sundays during Eastertide. Exposition at 3:30pm with a Gospel reading and reflection, this week on Mary Magdalen meeting the risen Lord in the garden (John 20:11-18). At 4pm, sung vespers and Benediction.

**ANOINTED:** a new youth group for school years 7-9, meeting on Sundays after the evening Mass. There will be pizza available! Starts next weekend (7<sup>th</sup> May).

**SEEKERS** (school years 4-6) now meets on Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm.

**NARTHEX PLANS:** The architect's plans for the new narthex are now on display in the porch. These give a good impression of how the new building will look, and show clearly how much extra space will be available for parish use. Don't forget that you can raise money when you shop online, at no cost to you! Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stclaresnewporch/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stclaresnewporch/) to help the cause.

**200 CLUB:** April Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> prize: £165 No.38 Christine Burgess; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £99 No. 5 Janet Metcalf; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: £66 No. 122 Philip Wilcock. Narthex Fund £5,433.90 to date. If you are not already a member please consider joining.

**CARMELITE MONASTERY,** St Vincent's Rd, are celebrating 100 years in Preston on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Mass with the Bishop. See poster.

**HOSPITAL MASS:** Please note that there is no Mass in hospital this Monday, as it is a Bank Holiday. There will also be no Mass there on 15 or 29 May.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:** Study sessions on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*. 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May at Our Lady & St Edwards, 7-8pm.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 443; Collection: £979.47. Thank you.

## This Week (one-off/occasional events are listed in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	3:30pm	<b>Exposition and Gospel Reflection</b>	Church
	4pm	<b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b>	Church
Monday-Friday	9am	Pre-school (not Thursday)	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club (not Thursday)	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	<b>NCW Catechesis</b>	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Wednesday	6pm	<b>Seekers (school years 4-6)</b>	Parish Hall
	7.30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	7:30pm	<b>NCW Catechesis</b>	Chapel
Friday	7pm	<b>First Friday Holy Hour</b>	Church
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>Confirmation Prep (7)</b>	School
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Food Bank collection</b>	Garage
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	<b>Communion Prep (7)</b>	Parish Hall
	3:30pm	<b>Exposition and Gospel Reflection</b>	Church
	4pm	<b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b>	Church
	4:30pm	<b>Young Adults Group</b>	Chapel
	7pm	<b>Anointed Youth Group</b>	Parish Hall

### Advance Diary Dates:

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May: First Communion Mass, 11am

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: May procession, 2pm

### Further ahead and further afield:

**DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS:** Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage 19-29 July. There are spaces for young people (ages 16-21): if you wish to travel to Lourdes with this group, please see Fr Andrew. You can also visit [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**BRIGHTLIGHTS FESTIVAL:** annual event for young Catholics (16-30), 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June in the grounds of Alton Castle, Staffordshire. Live music, liturgy and worship, stimulating input. From just £56. More info/booking, see poster or visit [brightlights.org.uk](http://brightlights.org.uk), call 0300 075 0115 or on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

**ENCOUNTER:** at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May. Input and prayer to help us encounter the risen Lord. More details at [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org)