

**Diary Events This Week:**

**SUN 15<sup>th</sup> March.** 9.30am: Children’s Liturgy; 10.30am: First Communion (6)

**MONDAY:** 9.00am: Pre-School Club\*; 3.20pm: After-School Club\*

6.00pm: Cubs; 6.45pm: Scouts;

**TUESDAY:** 6.00pm: Seekers & GFF Youth Groups; 7.30pm: Prayer Group

**WEDNESDAY:**

**THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: Beavers; 7.45pm: RCIA

**FRIDAY:** Soup Lunch; 7pm: Porch Fund Raising;

**SATURDAY:** 7.30pm: AA Meeting

\* These events each day Mon – Fri.

**Advance Diary: March: 23<sup>rd</sup>**>Social Committee; **April: 11<sup>th</sup>**>Fabric & Finance

**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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES: 2015**

26<sup>th</sup> April; 11<sup>th</sup> Nov:

Tel Barbara Ryan - 01772 717131

**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 of food.

**PRESTON FOOD BANK** Thanks for last time; **Next Coll: 21/22 March**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** to help with the youth groups on Tuesday evening. If you are able to spare a couple of hours each week in term time please see Fr. D. after Mass or email [frdarren@saintclares.co.uk](mailto:frdarren@saintclares.co.uk) Age range school years 4-6 & 7-11.

**PRESTON INTERFAITH DIALOGUE:** First Thursdays. See poster.

**LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July See Poster in porch.

**EASTER RETREAT:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April, Savio House, Macclesfield. *‘But our homeland is in heaven, and it is from there we are expecting a Saviour, Jesus Christ.’* Poster in porch

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**ST CLARE’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2015**



Nicodemus is to be found in today’s Gospel; he was the one who came to see Jesus ‘by night,’ because he was embarrassed and fearful of being seen with Jesus. Many today hide away their Christianity. The good news that Jesus imparts to Nicodemus is most encouraging: ‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.’ The sad and shocking part is that Jesus also says that (despite this love) men and women prefer the dark, that is to live apart from God. Lent is a time for turning back.

**LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

**Mon. to Fri.** Exposition 7am – 8am with Morning Prayer at 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 noon

**Sun.** Stations of the Cross: 3pm

**Eucharistic Ministers Afternoon Reflection –**

Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup> 2-4pm:

Led by Sister Mary Julian Ekman RSM

**LENT SOUP LUNCHES:** To raise funds for the Hodovo Project. Following the Friday 12 noon Mass in the Parish Hall: soup, roll & hot drink.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** for Parish Funds. *Prizes* – Easter Eggs, Chocolates, wine etc. Tickets £2 Envelopes available in the porch This will be drawn after the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Donations for prizes greatly welcomed.

**Priests:** Frs. Christopher Loughran & Darren Carden. Deacon: Fred Sanderson. (Ret’d)

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**MASSES THIS WEEK: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015. – Mass Book Page: 162**

Office: Psalter Week 4: Sunday: Cycle B: Weekdays: of Lent

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

6.00pm: Romeo Pereira RIP

7.00pm: Holy Mass with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: People of the Parish

6.00pm: Deceased Members Turner Family.

**Monday Lent week 4**

9.00am: Frances Connolly RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Tuesday ST. PATRICK**

7.00pm: Neil Byrne

**Wednesday Lent week 4**

9.00am: Gladys Worsley

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Community

**Thursday SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH**

7.00pm: Eileen McCrory

**Friday Lent week 4**

12.noon: Holy Souls on November List

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

**Saturday Lent week 3**

10.00am: In Thanksgiving (JM)

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

6.00pm: Gregory & Juliana D'Sousa RIP

7.00pm: Holy Mass with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: John Baines RIP

6.00pm: People of the Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Frances Connolly

**ANNIVERSARIES:** May Wilkinson, Theresa Howarth, Frank Dickox, Rita Morris, Baby Greenwood, Angela Holt, Anne Noblett, Robin Day, Douglas Middlemiss, Alice Barker, Robert Wilkinson.

**EXPOSITION:  
7am-8am Mon-Fri in Lent**

Morning Prayer 7.45am

**Sat 10.30am-Noon**

Intention: for priestly vocations

**CONFESSIONS:**

Sat 11-12noon.

Or by appointment

**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

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for March**

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human race.

That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognised always.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD)'16:** Krakow, Poland July 2016. See poster

**MEDJUGORJE 2015:** A visit to the Shrine – Sept 5- 12<sup>th</sup>. Details on poster.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** The latest edition is available in the porch.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** These are available in the porch for those who use them. If you are a Tax Payer and have not yet joined the Gift Aid Scheme (which means the parish can recoup 23% on every £1 you give), please consider joining the scheme. Forms are available in the porch.

**CAR PARKING:** Please ensure when parking your vehicle that you do not overhang the footpath.

**PILATES:** A class will be offered in the parish hall for 6 weeks from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-10.30am run by Cathy Greenwood BSc Physiotherapist, to raise funds for our Hodovo Project. Cost £30. Flyers and sign-up sheet in porch.

**PORCH LOTTERY:** March draw – this Sunday after the 9.30 Mass in the Hall.

**CHURCH PORCH:** £100K left to raise! Have you sponsored a 'Porch Plot?' – see the leaflet in the porch. We have raised £50K. Future fund raising events include: Parish Lottery, Sportsman's Dinner, Golfing Event. Substantial donations would help enormously for the longer we take the higher the cost!

**EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:** 1) Family Weekend at Castlerigg 22-24<sup>th</sup> May. 2) Youth Retreat 29-31<sup>st</sup> May at Castlerigg. 3) World Youth Day, Krakow 2016 only 22 places left! Posters in porch for details.

**CENACOLO:** celebration Mass with Bishop Campbell 3pm Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar (Next Week) at Dodding Green, all welcome.

**LIVING WATER:** Organised by the Metanoia Project each Thursday 7-9pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. See poster

**REP REQUIRED:** for Faith & Justice Commission. See notice on board.

**FILIPINO MASS:** St Mary's, Brownedge, 5pm 21/3/15. Info: 07931 776401

**PRIESTLY VOCATION?** *The Beda Experience* 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> April. Stay at this College in Rome and explore the possibility of Priesthood. Poster in porch.

**LENTEN VIGIL:** Cardinal Newman College–Mon.16<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm in the College Chapel.

**IRISH COMMUNITY MASS:** 17<sup>th</sup>. March at 7.30 pm at Alston Lane church.

**PRESTON FOOD BANK:** monthly collection next weekend. They are seeking: tinned rice, tinned meat, nappies and baby care products, long life milk, as well as all the usual donations. They offer thanks for our donations

**FASHION SHOW:** By *Tallulah Rose Fashion* Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> March at Our Lady's High School. Tickets £3 –Contact Alison 07720677406. More details on poster.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended : 429; Offertory: £887.37; Thank you.