

St Clare's Catholic Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

12th March 2017



"...the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things, visible and invisible..."



The first reading we will hear at the Easter Vigil is the story of creation. God created the world out of nothing, but motivated by love. As a loving Father, He watches over us and calls us into relationship with Him. How will we respond? This week's task is simple: **pray the 'Our Father' each day.**

Focus on... **Aid to the Church in Need**

It's hard to imagine a life where you are forced to pray in secret and live in fear that you, your church or your priest could be attacked at any moment. Sadly, this is a reality for many Christians. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) provides aid to persecuted Christians in more than 130 countries around the world. From building churches to supported persecuted families, or simply providing bicycles for priests and nuns in remote areas - wherever the Church needs help, ACN will try to support. Andrea Sinnott is the parish rep for ACN; please feel free to contact her for more information. We are currently working with ACN to identify a new charity project for the parish, to be discussed at the open meeting on 31 March. Find out more about ACN at www.acnuk.org



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 155

Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: of Lent

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 11 th March	6pm (vigil)	Second Sunday of Lent	Jack Burton RIP
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 12 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Ted McMahon RIP
Monday	9:15am		Harry O'Brien (sick)
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Theresa and John Topping RIP
Wednesday			Stella Dean RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Charles, Susan & PJ Gordon RIP
Friday	12noon	St Patrick	Mary Traynor RIP
Saturday 18 th March	10am		Mary Nolan
	6pm (vigil)	Third Sunday of Lent	Thanksgiving
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 19 th	9:30am		Eileen McCroary RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently, and all those who are ill at this time.

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for priestly vocations)

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Monday-Friday 7:45am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, or by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sundays 3pm during Lent.

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

ANGELUS: Friday 12noon.

ANNIVERSARIES: Louise Ross, May Wilkinson, Theresa Howarth, Frank Dickox, Rita Morris, Baby Greenwood, Angela Holt, Emily Chibulu, Anne Noblet.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

LENT: some good ideas for Lent on our website: www.saintclares.co.uk

FAMILY FAST DAY: In aid of CAFOD. Box in the porch for your envelopes.

PARISH MEETING: There will be an open meeting on Friday 31st March at 7pm in the parish hall. A chance to find out more about what's going on in the parish and to offer your ideas for development in the parish. Note it in your diary!

LENT – READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Quiet afternoon with prayer and a brief meeting, Saturdays 2-4pm. For readers: 25th March; for Eucharistic Ministers: 1st April. Please make every effort to attend.

MESSY CHURCH for children and parents: fun, games and activities based on Bible stories. Next Saturday, 1:30-3pm in the parish hall. All welcome.

LENTEN LUNCHESES each Friday after Mass. Soup and a roll. Donations to ACN.

PARISH RACE NIGHT in aid of Youth Lourdes Fund. Friday 24th March, 7pm in the hall. Tickets just £2, available after weekend Masses.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2017-18 available in the porch from this weekend. If you pay tax and have not signed a gift aid declaration, please let us know. It costs you nothing and brings a lot of extra income to the parish.

CORPUS CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL: Mass is celebrated each Thursday during term time, at 3:15pm. All welcome. Please sign in at reception. Car parking available.

LENTEN VIGIL: Tues 14th March, 6:30pm, Cardinal Newman College. See poster.

IMPACT YOUTH: open night at Our Lady and St Edward's, Monday, 7:30-9pm.

TABOR 24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL: Mon/Tue this week. Programme in the porch.

ART & RELIGION- Journey to Easter: Monday, 7:30-9pm, St Wilfrid's. See poster.

TOWARDS A CONTEMPLATIVE VIEW OF LIFE: Talk by Fr Matthew Power SJ, with Katherine Daniels. St Wilfrid's, next Saturday 3:30-5pm. See notice board.

CARING FOR CARERS; Are you caring for someone? Have you recently been a carer for someone? Mini-retreat, Thursday 16th March, 10:30am-12:30pm at Tabor. Information and bookings: Cathy York 01772 723568.

THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM: Lenten series of Prayer & Bible Study, each Thursday, until 6th April, 7:30pm, St Wilfrid's centre. See www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: at St Joseph's church, 11-19 March, 7pm, in preparation for his feast day, celebrated this year on March 20th. See poster.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 450; Collection: £1145.37. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo Collection	Garage
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	10.30am	First Communion prep (4)	Hall
Sunday	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Sunday	4.30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel
Mon-Fri	7:45am	Morning Prayer of the Church	Church
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Scouts	Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (School Years 4-6)	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	GFF (School Years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Confirmation prep (5)	School Hall
Saturday	1.30pm	Messy Church	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	Garage
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Advance Diary Dates:

21st March: Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm

Further ahead and further afield:

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS: Easter Retreat, 13-16 April; Family Weekend 28-30 April (both at Castlerigg); Lourdes pilgrimage 19-29 July. See posters.

WALSINGHAM: Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady, 26th-29th September 2017. £265 full board and sharing. See poster.

CALLED TO GLORY IV: Old Convent, Wigton, 18th-19th March 2017. See poster.

THINKING SCRIPTURE: rest and study time at Boarbank. Poster in the porch.

POLAND: Pilgrimage & holiday. 10th-19th Aug. More information on the poster.