

Diary Events This Week:

SUN 6th Dec: 9.30am: Children's Liturgy; 1.00pm: Indian Dance Class.
MONDAY: 9.00am: Pre-School Club*; 3.20pm: After-School Club* 6.00pm: Cubs; 6.45pm: Scouts; 7.45pm: 7.30pm: Social Committee; **TUESDAY:** Seekers & GFF Youth Groups 7.30pm: Prayer Group; **WEDNESDAY:** 6.30pm: Irish Dance Class; **THURSDAY:** 6.15pm: Beavers; 7.45pm: Journey in Faith. **FRIDAY: SATURDAY:** 9.00am: Pilates; 10.00am: 10.30am: Spanish Class; 1.30pm Messy Church; 7.30pm; AA Meeting. * *These events each day Mon – Fri. Advance Diary: Dec: 18th>Advent Service of Reconciliation. 2016 Jan: 11th>PPC: 16th> Confirmation (2);*

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 of food.

PRESTON FOOD BANK Thanks for last collection- **Next: 19/20 Dec**

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 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: 1) Carols RPH 19th Dec; 2) *Christian Unity Service:* Jan 18th 2016 7.30pm St Clare's; 3) *Pentecost Songs of Praise* May 15th 2016 3pm Christ Church.

St. Clare's School

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ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6th December 2015



As if on cue, onto the stage of history steps John the Baptist in today's Gospel passage. In contemporary terms, he is the 'warm up act,' the one who makes others ready for the important one to come. His message, as ever, is to make smooth the path for the one who is to follow, 'hills shall be laid low, valleys filled in.' Our duty in Advent is to prayerfully prepare a way for the Lord to enter anew into us.

CHRISTMAS FILM

Miracle on 34th Street

Dec 13th at 2pm

at the Longridge Cinema.
 Tickets £5, Concessions £4
 available after Mass Refreshments
 - transport available.
 Proceeds- Porch Fund.

IN ADVENT Side-Chapel,
Mon-Fri, 7-8am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer at 7.45am

**Fulwood Parishes
 ADVENT SERVICE OF
 RECONCILIATION**
 at St Clare's- **Fri 18th Dec. 7pm.**

Individual Confession with various Confessors.

FAMILY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:

Sunday 20th Dec 4pm

Followed by seasonal refreshments in the Hall.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The latest edition is available in the Church Porch

MESSY CHURCH

Next Saturday 12th Dec 1.30-3pm

In St. Clare's Hall

All ages - children & adults welcome- more details from anettebarrowcliff@gmail.com

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

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MASSES THIS WEEK: 6th Dec. – Mass Book Page: 84

Office: Psalter Week 2; Sunday: Cycle C; Weekdays: of Advent

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

6.00pm: Jack Burton RIP **Vigil**

7.00pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: People of the Parish

6.00pm: For Recovery

Monday St Ambrose

9.00am: Teresa, Eddy & Paul Drake RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Tuesday THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7.00pm: Special Intention (CB)

Wednesday of Advent Wk 2

9.00am: Special Intention (WJW)

7.30pm: Liturgy of the Word with the NeoCatechumenal Community

Thursday of Advent Wk 2

7.00pm: SVP Festival Mass – all welcome

Friday of Advent Wk 2

12 noon: Fr. Vincent Baron RIP

5.15pm: Mass in RPH

Saturday of Advent Wk 2

10.00am: Special Intention (EC)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

6.00pm: Mary Sinnott RIP **Vigil**

7.00pm: Holy Mass – with the NeoCatechumenal Community

9.30am: Asylum Seekers & Syrian Peace

6.00pm: People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Winifred Walmsley, Alfredo Fernandez.

ANNIVERSARIES: Teresa Cunniff, Arthur Beesley, Thomas Calverley, Dorothy Higgins, Ken Tuson, Evelyn Spiro, Muriel Hubbersty, Marie Hughes, Thomas Tubberfield, Catherine Bradley.

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.
Also **Sat 10.30am-Noon**
Intention: for priestly
vocations
CONFESSIONS:
Sat 11-12noon.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.
That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a
sign of certain hope.

HOSPITAL INFO DESK: Volunteers needed, see notice in porch.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Inaugurated by Pope Francis will begin on Tuesday 8th December, the
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

The Mass, the Sacramental celebration of what Jesus did on Calvary, is central
to God's Mercy. It goes hand in hand with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Holy Mass on Tuesday will be at 7pm
A Service of Reconciliation will be celebrated
at St Clare's on Fri 18th Dec. 7pm.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: thank you to all those who worked so hard to produce an
excellent Fair despite the weather. Thanks too, to those who supported the event
£2,508 was raised to be shared between school and church. The list of our
Christmas Draw winners is on the notice board in the porch.

WELL DONE: to our boys and girls in KS2 who led us in our annual Advent
Service.

THANK YOU: To the Pilates Class and Cathy Greenwood in particular; £287.00
has recently been raised for the Youth Pilgrimage Fund. Plus the further £240.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS: available in the porch. Cards £4 pack
of 10 – Calendars £4 each. Also **DO YOU SHOP ON LINE?** at *Amazon, Argos,*
John Lewis, Next etc If so you can raise funds for the new porch at no cost to you.
Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for *St Clare's New Porch Fund*

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

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY: Inauguration of the **Diocesan Shrine of Divine
Mercy** on Fri. 11th Dec. 3.30pm at Our Lady & St. Joseph's Church, Carlisle by
Bishop Campbell. Followed by Afternoon Tea. See poster for details.

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: A parish representative is required.
See Fr L.

YEAR OF MERCY – School of Mission: A practical response to the call for the
New Evangelisation. See posters in porch.

CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS: See poster in porch

CAROLS: 1) at PNE Mon. 7th Dec 7pm; 2) Thurs 17th Dec, 7pm: Lancashire
Sings Christmas - the Radio Lancashire event

LAST WEEK: Attended: 416; Collection: £929.03. Poor Missions: £293.69
Thank you.