

Friday: Day of Prayer for the Renewal of our Parish



On Friday this week we have a day of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, to ask for God's grace in rebuilding our parish after the disruption of the pandemic. Please come and join in the prayer, even if you can only stay for a couple of minutes. Together, our prayers will be powerful in asking for God's help in the challenges of the coming months. Most of the time will be spent in silent prayer, and you can come at any time to spend a few peaceful moments with the Lord. The time of prayer begins with **Mass at 12noon**, then **silent prayer** until sung **Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction at 7pm**, followed by more **silence** until **Compline (Night Prayer) and Benediction at around 9:45pm**, ending at 10pm. Let's make this a day of prayer involving our whole parish community. Please take part!

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 23

The first Mass each day is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bernard Breslin RIP
Sunday 5 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	11:30am		Holy Souls
	6pm		Holy Souls
Monday	9:15am		Deceased family (MW)
Tuesday	7pm		Eileen Woodhead RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	Nativity of Our Lady	Kath Wilding RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Judy Scott RIP
Friday	12noon		Monica S. (health and ints)
Saturday	10am	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fran Coveny RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Holy Souls
Sunday 12 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	11:30am		Bernie Darwen RIP
	6pm		Holy Souls

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11am-12noon and by appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is also open Monday-Friday morning-6pm; Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm.

ROSARY: After 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass on Fridays.

ANNIVERSARIES: Leonard Dean, Dunstan Melling, Claude Lawton, Winifred O'Reilly, Michael O'Callaghan, Eileen Woodhead, Brian Sidwell, Gerard Christian, Teresa Hodges, Laureen May, John Patten, John Dean, Teresa Lingard, Jane Martin.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: We pray that all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR REBUILDING OUR PARISH: Taking place this Friday. Every member of the parish is invited to take part. See front page for full details.

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS: Seekers (school years 4-6) begins again in the parish hall on Wednesday 15th September. The Anointed and Sent groups (years 7-11) restart next Sunday, 12th September. For more details contact Fr Andrew or Ruth and Joe.

FIRST CONFESSION AND COMMUNION 2021-22: Children from school years 3 and 4 (and older children who haven't already received these sacraments) are invited to join the programme for the coming year. Registration forms will be available from church next weekend, and should be returned by Friday 1st October.

CONFIRMATION 2021-22: This will cover all young people in school years 6 and upwards who have not yet had the opportunity to be confirmed. The programme will run January-March 2022 with the sacrament due to be celebrated in May 2022. Full details and sign-up information will be published before Christmas.

CANDLES AND FLOWERS: Donations are welcome until Wednesday. A list of intentions for prayer will be displayed during Friday's day of prayer.

NCW CATECHESIS: An invitation to hear the Gospel anew, receiving its powerful message of hope and relating it to daily life. Monday and Thursday evenings, 7:30pm in the narthex, beginning 20th September. Led by members of the NeoCatechumenal Way. All are very welcome to come along.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Due to the pandemic the trip has been postponed by twelve months, so that we will now travel in October 2022. In the coming weeks we hope to be able to confirm the exact dates and other details.

METANOIA PROJECT is looking for volunteers. We have a wide range of ministries including our children/youth work, adult groups, homeless drop in and music ministry. We also have administrative or technology tasks. If you could spare a little time and this sounds like a fresh, new opportunity for you to grow in your relationship with God, learn to share your faith and reach out to people, please contact Jen (Community Coordinator) 07957566741 or jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: this weekend (4th/5th September). Please leave any items on the doorstep of the presbytery (priest's house) over the weekend.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Meeting for the first time in 18 months this Thursday, OLSE Parish Centre for a social evening, beginning at 8pm. Admission £2.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: next Sunday (4th/5th September) for CATEW, which supports the national work of the Church and the running costs of the Bishops' Conference.

LAST SUNDAY: At Mass: 287 (figures for individual Masses: 58/83/58/58 (NCW 30)) Collection: £550.58. Online giving in August: £2151.00. Thank you.

COVID SAFETY MEASURES IN CHURCH: You are welcome to sit in groups if you wish, but please be mindful of those who would like to keep a safe distance from others. Face coverings should be worn when you are in church for any service, unless you are exempt. It is no longer necessary to book for any services.

RWANDA GROUP TRUST, a Catholic charity based in Preston, is seeking to help the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. The situation is very serious due to Covid 19, lack of vaccine and severe food shortages. Our charity has no employees or overheads. Trustee Michael Donlan is seeking sponsorship to raise money for fishing nets and help rebuild housing after serious flooding. For details or to donate, see: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fishingnetsforrwanda> or www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com, email rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com or call Michael on 07864 990941. Thank you for your support.

EDUCATION SERVICE VACANCY: The Diocesan Education Service is looking to appoint a Deputy Schools Commissioner who will support the development and implementation of its strategic plans for education. 35 hours/week with the ability to locate and work flexibly according to the needs of the service. Competitive salary and pension package. For further details of the role and how to apply, see the poster or contact hew@lancasterdiocese.org.uk or call 01524 841190.

“Unlocking” the Parish: our plan

The plan below gives some sense of how the parish may move towards normality in the coming months. It is subject to change!

This autumn

- Further steps back towards normality at Mass, including an offertory procession and intercessions.
- We hope to resume Children’s liturgy sometime in October.
- A normal year of sacramental preparation is planned, including for children whose confessions, first Communion and Confirmation have been delayed – see inside for more details.
- A full programme of parish social life will take place, if permitted.
- Other parish groups should be able to resume.
- We hope to be able to hold some events to mark the 50th anniversary of our parish and school, in November 2021.

We plan to continue to livestream Mass each day, for the benefit of those who are housebound; everyone who can is strongly encouraged to attend Mass and rebuild our community. We will also continue with some other online output to assist with catechesis, evangelisation and outreach work in the parish.