

A Prayer for our Parish

Following the day of prayer for our parish on Friday, let's continue to pray that the Lord will bless our parish community and help us as we rebuild, growing together in faith and seeking to follow Him with all our hearts:

Lord Jesus Christ, present before me in the tabernacle,
I thank You for making this church Your home.
May our parish always be blessed by Your presence and Your grace.
Give us Your Spirit,
that we may rejoice in Your presence and grow in virtue.
To those who doubt, grant faith;
to those who fear, grant courage and reassurance;
to those who find life hard,
grant a deep awareness of Your loving presence here.
Call those who have drifted from You to return
and discover in You the source of life and love.
Come to the aid of the sick and those who care for them,
be the consolation of those who suffer and the hope of those who grieve.
Bless our parish community,
that together we may be strengthened in faith, hope and love.
Show us the way forward, that we may be renewed
as a community of faith, ever more clearly formed in Your likeness.
Be with the sick and the housebound,
the children and families of our parish,
those who have particular needs,
those who are alone and all who struggle.
Bless our diocese, the whole Church and all Your creation,
and grant Your peace, help and strength to all Your people. Amen.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 24

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Holy Souls
Sunday 12 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	11:30am		Bernie Darwen RIP
	6pm		Holy Souls
Monday	9:15am	St John Chrysostom	Neil Byrne RIP
Tuesday	7pm	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Wilson family RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Monica S. (health and ints)
Thursday	9:15am	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian	Mary O’Gara RIP
Friday	12noon		Mary O’Gara RIP
Saturday	10am		Jack Mounsey RIP
	6pm (vigil)	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For a house
Sunday 19 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	11:30am		Lawrence and Lilian Culshaw RIP
	6pm		Gladys Worsley RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Norah Elizabeth Clarkson, Janet Eastham**, and 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: Anne Shaw, Rosemary Over, Sheila Rowlands, Frederick Joseph Wilson, Lena Bernie, Veronica Greenhalgh.

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: Thank you to everyone who took part in the day of prayer. May the Lord allow this time to bear much fruit. Special thanks to the ladies who worked so hard to prepare the sanctuary, and to all who made donations towards flowers and candles.

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS: Seekers (school years 4-6) begins again in the parish hall this Wednesday. The Anointed and Sent groups (years 7-11), which were due to restart today, have been delayed and will now relaunch next Sunday (19th).

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 are now available from the narthex. These should be returned to the presbytery by Friday 1st October.

CONFIRMATION 2021-22: For all young people in school years 6 and up who have not yet had the opportunity to be confirmed. The programme will start January 2022 with Confirmation in May 2022. Full details will be published before Christmas.

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, 7pm in the narthex, starting 20th September. All are very welcome to come along.

ST CLARE'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY: Wednesday 6th October until 5:30pm. Come and discover our primary school. Please contact the office to book a slot for your visit or for more information. Call 787037 or email bursar@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk

FOREST SCHOOL: Our primary school are looking for volunteers to help tidy our Forest School area ready for all our children to use this year. Monday 13th September 12:45pm-3pm Please let Mrs Wiggins know you will be coming by emailing bursar@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk, and bring garden tools and gloves!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Now taking place 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 admin/tech tasks. If you could spare a little time, please contact Jen (Community Coordinator) 07957566741 or jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk.

FOOD BANK: next collection is on the weekend 2nd/3rd October.

FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET with Fairtrade: Saturday 25th September 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church PR2 8EA. All welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION this Sunday for Catholic Education Services.

LAST SUNDAY: At Mass: 307 (figures for individual Masses: 60/89/71/58 (NCW 29)) Collection: £570.33. 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@lancasterrcdioocese.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.