

New Organ Scholarship Scheme: free tuition available

The parish is launching an organ scholarship scheme offering free tuition to successful applicant(s). This is a great opportunity to get experience of the “King of the Instruments”, develop musical skills and confidence in public playing. As a parish, it’s good that we support the next generation of church musicians. Lessons will be with an experienced organist and teacher who plays regularly for Mass in another local parish. Applicants need to have intermediate keyboard skills (equivalent to Grade 5 piano) and must be willing to assist regularly at Mass. Please help spread the word! For more details, pick up an information sheet/form from the narthex or download it from www.saintclares.co.uk



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Today's Readings

James and John are seeking glory in today's Gospel. They decide to get ahead of the other disciples and request the seats of honour in the Lord's Kingdom. Jesus warns them that glory comes through suffering and invites them to “drink the cup that I must drink” – a reference to His Passion, which is foretold in the first reading. As with all the mistakes and misunderstandings of recent weeks, Jesus uses this moment as an opportunity to teach the apostles – yet again – what it means to be great in the Kingdom. We must be humble servants, modelling ourselves on Him, for He “came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Hebrews today speaks of Jesus as the High Priest who has lowered Himself to share our nature, in all its weakness, but has resisted sin.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 29

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Liam McArdle RIP
Sunday 17 th	9:30am		Donor's Intention
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Donor's Intention
Monday	9:15am	St Luke	Holy Souls
Tuesday	7pm		Thomas Clarkson RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Iris Bellas RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Holy Souls
Friday	12noon	St John Paul II	Donor's Intention
Saturday	10am	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Irene Stewart RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Henry and Kathleen Haydock RIP
Sunday 24 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Jeff Poole RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Irene Stewart, Bernadine Greenhalgh, Iris Bellas** 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, Wednesday and Thursday: morning-6pm; Tuesday 9am-4pm; Friday 12:30pm-6pm; Saturday 11am-12noon.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine and Michael Brophy, Ted Bateson, Winifred Taylor, Thomas Clarkson, Iris Myles, Violet McEvoy, Ann Teehan, Molly Nixon, Anne Patricia Lawson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

PARISH ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP: We are launching an organ scholarship scheme, with free tuition on offer and opportunities to play in public. See front page.

11:30am MASS: Please note that there will be no 11:30am Mass next Sunday 24th October, due to a pre-booked wedding. All other Masses will take place as normal.

NOVEMBER LIST ENVELOPES: Available for collection this weekend. Please return them with names of any deceased relatives and friends you wish to pray for. The names will be left in a box by the altar throughout November. Donations for Holy Souls Masses are also welcome – please include these in the envelopes.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS are welcome. Anyone who couldn't make the introductory session last Tuesday, please contact Fr Andrew to find out more.

CTS BOOKS: We now have some new CTS booklets on sale in the narthex – the first new batch in 18 months! Why not pick something up to deepen your faith?

SCHOOL BINGO: Year 6 are organising a bingo on Wednesday morning from 10am. All welcome, but please contact school in advance on 787037.

PARISH SOCIAL? For the 40th anniversary of the parish there was a meal at PNE, and it's suggested that we do something similar for our 50th. Given these uncertain times, we need to gauge interest – please let Fr A know your thoughts!

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: For the next few months we will need to revise the opening times for the church, to allow some heat to be conserved. The new times will be: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: morning-6pm; Tuesday 9am-4pm; Friday 12:30pm-6pm; Saturday 11am-12noon.

CAFOD CLIMATE PETITION: Calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, ahead of the COP26 conference in Glasgow next month. Please take a look and sign it if you can: cafod.org.uk/climate.

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. All are very welcome to come along.

ADVENT RETREAT: Open to Year 10 and above and young adults (up to age 25), at Castlerigg Manor, 10-12 December. Details at www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/advent

DAY BY DAY BOOKS contain readings and prayers for daily Mass. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy each month (£1/month) please contact the office.

FOOD BANK: collection this weekend, 16th/17th October. Next one: 6th/7th Nov.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: £656.86 was collected. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY: At Mass: 324 (figures for individual Masses: 73/80/59/72 (NCW 40)) Collection: £734.52. Thank you for your presence and your generosity.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 17 th	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Mon-Fri	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Catechesis (9)	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:40pm	Social Committee	Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Catechesis (10)	Narthex
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates*	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class*	Parish Hall
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church

Events marked * are open only to members or those who have booked ahead.

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. They are not needed when you come for silent, private prayer. It is no longer necessary to book for any services.

Marriage Care: Certificate in Relationship Counselling

Marriage Care have just launched a Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) recruitment route. This is an exciting moment for those who would like to be a part of what we do as this route will enable those who do not hold any previous counselling qualifications to train with us and join our counsellor teams. The CRC course, which has received funding from the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal Fund, will train and equip selected volunteers to safely and effectively counsel couples. They will then be able to join one of our local centres and support our mission to provide donation-based counselling services to those in need – volunteering just two sessions a week and helping make a huge difference to couples and families.

There will be an online CRC Open Event for anyone who would like to know more about this role, the training and Marriage Care. The event will be held on Monday 25th October (1-2pm) via Zoom. Anyone interested in joining the open event can contact Rachael Obrien at rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk