



Today we celebrate how Christ Jesus, the source of our life and salvation, transformed all human suffering, by willingly accepting death on the cross.

**‘For God so loved the world...’**

### **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Observed annually on 14<sup>th</sup> September, it marks two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in Jerusalem in AD320 by Saint Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, and Constantine’s dedication of the basilica he built on the site of the crucifixion in AD335.

**More importantly**, the feast also celebrates the saving death and resurrection of Jesus through the cross, summed up in the **Entrance Antiphon**: ‘We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered’.

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**Church is open daily from 8am until 6pm for private prayer.**

**MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday page 191.**

**Office Psalter Week: 4 Sundays: Year C: Weekdays Year 1.**

Sunday morning Mass is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later on our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (Vigil)	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	Kathleen & Edward Swarbrick RIP
	7:15(Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:30am		
	6pm		Alan & Teresa Little RIP
Monday	9.15am	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	Thanksgiving
	<b>12.15pm</b>		<b>Irene Walmsley RIP (Requiem Mass)</b>
	RPH 5.30pm		Hospital patients & staff
Tuesday	7pm	<b>Sts. Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</b>	Lilian Lakeland RIP
Wednesday	9.15am		Mary O’Gara RIP
Thursday	9.15am		Grace McKevitt RIP
Friday	12noon		Michael & Teresa Yates RIP
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10am	<b>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; companions</b>	Roney George RIP
	6pm (Vigil)	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	George & Dorothy Lawrenson RIP
	7:15pm (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9:30am		Thomas Turner RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

**ROSARY:** Is prayed after the 9:15am Mass, and before the 12noon Mass on Fridays.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sheila Rowlands, Frederick Wilson, Veronica Greenhalgh, Lena Bernie, Isaiah Joseph Byrne, Susan Sharples, John Joseph (Joe) Noblet.

**PLEASE PRAY:** For all who have died, especially Irene Walmsley who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are about this time, and for the sick and housebound of our parish.

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:** For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



### **SPECIAL ROSARY SERVICE:**

To celebrate the feast of  
**Our Lady of Sorrows** at St. Mary's, Fernyhalgh on  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** This **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>** is **Education day**, collection for Catholic Education Services, and on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>** collection for Home Mission.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Begins with Mass at 11am followed by a Eucharist procession to the Well for Benediction followed by tea and coffee.

**FAMILY BINGO: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.** Tickets on sale this weekend, adults £1, children free. Volunteers are needed to support us at this event.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Envelopes for Mass offerings are in the Narthex. Please add your request and contact details and give to Fr. John Mark or post through the Presbytery door.

**FOOD BANK:** Collection this week 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September. The Salvation Army have updated the "Items Needed" list – tins of potatoes and fruit, soup, jam, tea and coffee, packets of noodles, toothbrushes and bars of soap.

**FAIRTRADE LANCASHIRE:** AGM on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, followed by guest speakers from Papital Gallery, a Fairtrade jewellery supplier from Iran. Fairtrade refreshments. All Welcome.

**FARMERS MARKET:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

**SPONSORSHIP FOR PARISH MASS BOOKS:** Thank you for your donations already received. Please can you continue to help by sponsoring the Parish Mass Books? There is an explanation sheet in the Narthex together with Sponsor form.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm in St. Clare's Church Hall. All ages welcome. See poster in the Narthex.

**CORPUS CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL:** Congratulations to the staff and pupils who received an '**Outstanding**' Ofsted report last week.

**ST. CLARE'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October for Primary School places for children starting school in September 2026. See poster in the Narthex.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30am**

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September 442 (75/194/118/NCW 55).

Collections - Last weekend: £575.52. Collections via bank and card payment terminal in August £2386. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	Anointed and Sent groups (Age 11-18)	Parish Hall
Monday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:30-6:30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	<del>7.45pm</del>	<del>NCW Liturgy of the Word</del>	<del>Side Chapel</del>
Wednesday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	9:45am	Parish Coffee morning	Parish Hall
Thursday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6.15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>NCW Penitential Liturgy</b>	<b>Church</b>
Friday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side Chapel
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Confirmation Preparation</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>
	10.30-11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church

**ACN PROJECT FOR THE CHURCH IN NIGERIA:** Please help by praying the Rosary, there is also a prayer card provided by ACN in the Narthex, together with an information sheet giving more details about this initiative.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** If you have a child who requires the Sacrament of Baptism, please speak to Fr. John Mark or contact the parish office.

**THANK YOU:** This summer a group of young people from the parish went to Rome for the Jubilee celebrations. They want to thank you for your help with fundraising. A booklet of memories and experiences from the pilgrimage is available in the Narthex.

#### JUBILEE 2025

As **Pilgrims of Hope** in this Jubilee year, we pray for all those who are persecuted or caught up in the injustice and horrors of war. May theirs and all suffering be transformed by the saving love of Christ.