



'You must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Today marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and the season of Advent, a time of watching and waiting, of longing and preparation for the Lord.

In the **First Reading** Isaiah presents his vision of a peaceful world, where weapons of conflict are turned into tools to rebuild communities, as people grow together in God's love.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul urges the Romans to wake up; to abandon thoughts and behaviour that keep God in the dark, and to live in the light of his love. He is direct and uncompromising but reassuring that God's salvation is as attainable as putting on new clothes.

The theme of awakening features again in the **Gospel**, as Jesus calls on people to 'be ready' for God's salvation by living in love and faith. Jesus uses examples ranging from the dramatic events of Noah and the flood, the mundane image of workers in the field and at the mill, and the unexpected thieves breaking into a house. All of these highlight that God is constantly inviting us to follow his example in all that we do.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday 82

Office Psalter Week: 1 Sundays: Year A: Weekdays of Advent.

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)	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Arockia, Samy & Richard RIP
	7:15 (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 30 th Nov.	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Hugo Carr-Pollock RIP
Monday	9.15am		Joan Skingsley RIP
	10.30am	REQUIEM MASS	Marie Lupton RIP
	5.30pm RPH		Patients and Staff
Tuesday	7pm		Gerard Waddingham RIP
Wednesday	9.15am	St. Francis Xavier	Kathleen Machin RIP
Thursday	9.15am		John Allen RIP
Friday	12noon		M.P. Joseph RIP
Saturday	10am		Maria Teresa RIP
	6pm (Vigil)	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish
	7:15 (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 7 th Dec.	9:30am		Dorothy Smith RIP
	6pm		Gillian Sanderson RIP

SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE: In Church on Monday Dec. 1st at 5pm. All welcome.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sat. 10.30am-11.30pm and by request.

PLEASE PRAY

For those in our parish and our families who are sick, and we remember especially James Daly, John Allen and Marie Lupton who have died recently. **Envelopes for MASS INTENTIONS** are in the Narthex. Please add your contact details and offering and post through the presbytery door or hand to Fr. John Mark.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Freda Booth, Mary Kelly, Angelo Marcello, Gerard Waddingham, Sr. Patricia Wragg, Lola Marie Gath, Anne Mulley, Ada Ellis, Joan Skingsley, James Ryan, Sheila Gahan, Ann Thompson, James Vaughan, Mary Slater, Frank Machin, Teresa Cunniff.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine up them, may they rest in peace. Amen

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today for the Poor Missions Fund.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Wednesday 10th December at 7pm.

WALK WITH ME: Advent booklets and Children's Advent Calendars, one per family, available in the Narthex.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Will be selling Christmas cards, calendars and gifts at the Masses this weekend and at **all the Masses next weekend, the 6th/7th December.** Please support our ACN project for Nigeria.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: Raised £2028 a great parish event!

A big thank you to all those who organised this event, to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fair and to those who supported it on the day. This was a great parish event, and all the profits will go to the refurbishment of the toilets in the Parish Hall.



MESSY CHURCH – Next Saturday

In St. Clare's Parish Hall on **Saturday 6th Dec 1.30-3.30pm.** Messy Church is 'church' that is fun! It is for children of all ages (and adults.) It celebrates faith with creativity and hospitality! Please come along and join our friendly Group.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION Weekend 6th/7th December. The Salvation Army are asking for **new** toys and other items for Christmas as soon as possible.

USED STAMPS: Please put in the box in the Narthex, St. Gregory's Church are collecting these for charity.

YOUTH 2000 RETREAT PRESTON December 13th at **Corpus Christi Catholic High School.** Join us in this **Year of Jubilee** for a jam-packed, one-day retreat of prayer, teaching, friendship, and fun.

HOSPITAL ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE: Friday 12th December at 4pm in the Hospital Chapel. This includes local churches and choirs and a choir from St. Clare's School. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us in this joyous celebration. Refreshments will be served after the service.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: This Friday 5th December at 7pm. No morning Adoration that day.

LAST WEEK: At Mass 22nd /23rd November 400 (80/182/101 NCW 37). Collections - Last weekend: £690.95. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 30 th Nov.	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
	7pm	Fabric & Finance meeting	Presbytery
	7pm	RCIA	Side Chapel
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:30 6:30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy (2 nd Community)	Side Chapel
Wednesday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	9:45am	No Parish Coffee morning	Parish Hall
	7.30pm	NCW Liturgy (1 st Community)	Side Chapel
Thursday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy (3 rd Community)	Side Chapel
Friday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Saturday 6 th Dec	10:30-	Sacrament of Reconciliation with	Church
	11:30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you have a child who requires the

Sacrament of Baptism,
please speak to Fr. John Mark.

SAFEGUARDING

We currently have a vacancy for a volunteer Safeguarding Officer. If you are interested in this important role in the Parish, please speak to Fr. John Mark.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL: Sunday 21st December 2-5pm hosted by Our Lady & St Edwards. There is a small charge for a charity chosen by Churches Together.

As **Pilgrims of Hope** in this Jubilee year, we reflect on how we might cast off old habits that keep us in the dark and walk in the light and hope of God's eternal love.