



***Blessed are
the poor in
Spirit for
theirs is the
Kingdom of
Heaven***

Today's readings invite us to follow a lifestyle focused on humility, righteousness, integrity and mercy, challenging the worldly ways of success and happiness. They encourage us to trust in God's protection and the promise of reward in heaven.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, revealing his own core attitudes and values. He expects his disciples to have these same qualities which lay out the way to follow him.

The **Psalms** celebrate the Lord's faithfulness and concern for the poor and oppressed.



The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day), Traditionally concludes the celebration of Christmas. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple 40 days after his birth, an occasion when offerings were made and the mother was ritually purified.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday 130

Office Psalter Week: 4 Sundays: Year A: Weekdays Year 2

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 |
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| Saturday | 6pm (Vigil) | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Racial Justice Day) | People of the Parish |
| | 7:15 (Vigil) | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday 1 st Feb | 9:30am | | Doreen Barker Sick |
| | 6pm | | Mary & Eddie Sinnott RIP |
| Monday | 9.15am | THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas Day) | NO MASS |
| | 5.30pm RPH | | Patients and Staff of RPH |
| Tuesday | 7pm | St. Blaise | Sick people |
| Wednesday | 9.15am | | NO MASS |
| Thursday | 9.15am | St. Agatha | NO MASS |
| Friday | 12noon | SS Paul Miki & Companions | Marie Teresa RIP |
| Saturday | 10am | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Michael & Teresa Yates RIP |
| | 6pm (Vigil) | | Holy Souls |
| | 7:15 (Vigil) | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday 8 th Feb | 9:30am | | People of the Parish |
| | 6pm | | Veronica Anderton RIP |

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 Myron Jones, and Lucy Clapham who have died recently.

MASS INTENTIONS ENVELOPES are in the Narthex. Please add your contact details, offering, and preferred date. Hand it to the priest or Janet, or post through the presbytery door.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Mary Teresa Ray, Maureen Pyke, Alice Bee, Maureen Chessell, Julie Edwina McCallion, Gerard Regan, Frank Thompson, Joan Warburton, Brian Winterbottam, Teresa Madden, Isabel Loughran, Anne Marie Metcalf, Iris Jackson, Canon Benedict Ruscillo, Margaret O’Neil.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary care and support, never losing strength and hope.

MASS for the feast of the **Presentation of Lord** --hospital chapel at **5.30pm on Monday.**

This is also a Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: 11th February 3.30pm-5pm in the Parish Hall.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY- Wednesday 11th February 2026
(Also World Day of the Sick)**

Father Philip Newbold will be celebrating

Mass and Anointing of the sick at 12 noon on this feast day.

Father Philip would like us to invite people who would like to come along from local Residential/ Care Homes.

If you know of anyone who can help with transport for someone who is unable to get here themselves please let us know.

After Mass there will be a light lunch in the Parish Hall

for us all to enjoy together, contributions to the food would be welcome.

Any suggestions or offers of help on the day would be appreciated.

Please contact Rita or Bridgeen.

HOSPITAL VISITS: During Fr. John Mark's holiday or if you are in hospital and would like to see a priest, please ask the **Hospital Staff to contact the Catholic Chaplaincy.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you have a child who requires the **Sacrament of Baptism**, please email: enquiries@saintclares.co.uk. or speak to Janet Metcalf.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Our 2025 fundraising for ACN Nigeria has now closed. The total amount raised for this worthy cause was £2628. With grateful thanks for your kind generosity.

CAFOD THE BIG LENT WALK: - 200km in 40 days for life-saving water. Are you ready for a challenge this Lent? Walk anytime, anywhere for 40 days – raise funds for **life-saving water**. See www.cafod.org.uk for all the details for arranging this walk.

DAY OF RENEWAL: Saturday 28th February. More details later or on the poster.

LOURDES: The annual diocesan pilgrimage this year is on 23rd-30th July 2026. Booking is now open for travel and accommodation – see information on the pilgrimage website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or joewalshtours.co.uk

LAST WEEK: At Mass 24th/25th January 423 (89/184/91 NCW 59) Collections: £658.95. Thank you for your generosity.

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| Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday 8am -8.45am Tuesday 5.30pm -6.30pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament In the church |
| Saturday 10:30am-11:30am | Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |

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

| Day | Time | What? | Where? |
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| Sunday 1 st Feb | 10:30am | After Mass Tea /Coffee | Parish Hall |
| Monday 2 nd | 6pm | Cubs | Parish Hall |
| | 7pm | Marriage Preparation course | Narthex |
| | 8pm | Scouts | Parish Hall |
| Tuesday 3 rd | 6pm | Seekers (age 8-11) | Parish Hall |
| | 7:45pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Side Chapel |
| Wednesday 4 th | 9:45am | Parish Coffee morning | Parish Hall |
| | 7.30pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Side Chapel |
| Thursday 5 th | 6:15pm | Beavers | Parish Hall |
| | 7pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Side Chapel |
| Friday 6 th | 7pm | Lectio Divina | Church |

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: This weekend 31st January/1st February. The Food Bank needs tinned pasta, tomatoes, potatoes, rice pudding, vegetables and fruit. Also, long life milk, sugar, coffee (preferably sachets), crisps, custard and **toiletry items**
Please do NOT include alcohol or foods that contain alcohol.



Saint of the Week

St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family. From her very early years Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. **Feast day February 5th**