



St Clare's
Roman Catholic
Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY
24th May 2026



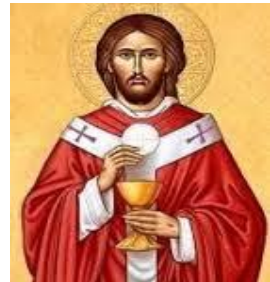
*The love of God
has been
poured into our
hearts through the
Spirit of God dwelling
within us,
alleluia!*

The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church

The message 'Jesus is Lord' is to be preached in every corner of the earth. We cannot do this unless we receive the Holy Spirit. Today we pray that we may be open to the power of the Spirit, and that the Spirit will come and fill the hearts of the Faithful.

The **First Reading** describes how the Holy Spirit arrives as tongues of fire, with the gift of communication.

St John's Gospel recalls the appearance of the Risen Christ to the disciples in the Upper Room. Christ's gift of consoling peace empowers them for mission.



**Thursday is the feast of
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Eternal High Priest**

On this day we pray that those who share his priesthood become shepherds after his own heart.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – page 280/288

Office Psalter Week 4: Sundays: Year A: Weekdays: Year 2 Week: 8

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 23 rd May	6pm (Vigil)	PENTECOST	People of the Parish	
	7pm Vigil		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 24 th May	9:30am		Finnian Tarbutt RIP	
	6pm		Rebecca Ryding RIP	
Monday	10am		The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Michael & Teresa Yates RIP
	5.30pm RPH			No hospital Mass today
Tuesday	7pm	St. Philip Neri	Pia Pasquina Bagnoli RIP	
Weds.	9.15am	ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	Irene Sheridan RIP	
Thursday	9.15am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Eternal High Priest	For 2 people seriously ill with cancer	
Friday	12noon		Frederick Littlefair RIP	
Saturday 30 th May	10am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Mary O’Gara RIP	
	6pm (Vigil)		Michael Whelan RIP	
	7pm Vigil		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 31 st May	9:30am		Thanksgiving for 97 years	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sat. 10:30am-11:30am and by request.

ROSARY FOR MAY: This Wednesday 27th May 7pm followed by Benediction, also after the weekday 9.15am Masses and before the 12noon Mass on Friday.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Margaret Cowley, Thomas Thompson, Jim Murtagh, Maureen Middlemiss, Marion Stuart, Mary Josephine O’Neil, Anna Hall, Philip Lee, Michael Lappin, Hilda McNeela, Eileen Munday, Mary O’Gara, Evelyn Nickson, Shaniece Hopkins. ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*** **PLEASE PRAY** for the sick and housebound in our parish, our families and our friends who are sick.

MASS INTENTIONS ENVELOPES are in the Narthex. Please add your **contact details, offering, preferred date** and hand it to Fr. John Mark or Janet. For Special Anniversaries please give at **least 2 weeks’ notice.**

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the staff, children and parents of our Primary School for this excellent Ofsted Report. There is a poster in the Narthex. We wish them all a happy and relaxing half term holiday.

CHURCH MUSIC: Over the next few weeks, we are introducing some new hymns to our repertoire at weekend Masses. A new **GLORIA** will be on St. Clare's Facebook page for parishioners to familiarise themselves with the tune. Words and music will be available at Masses for us all to start learning together.

SPONSORSHIP FOR PARISH MASS BOOKS:

Please can you continue to help by sponsoring the next set of Mass Books for after Pentecost.

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Strong standard ●●●●
Expected standard ●●●

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ofsted Report

"Pupils progress extremely well through the curriculum from the early years to Year 6."

"Pupils come into St. Clare's happy and eager to find out what each day holds."

"Pupils of all ages demonstrate an impressive depth of understanding when talking about their learning."

"Pupils demonstrate respect for difference and have a mature understanding of other people's needs."

"Leaders know their school extremely well. They use this oversight to make informed decisions about what to prioritise next in their steadfast drive for continual improvement."

"Behaviour across the school is exemplary."

"Parents say that staff genuinely care, listen to every child and parent, and work in partnership with families."

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Read our report

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Next session Wednesday 3rd June from 3.30pm -5.30pm in the Parish Hall.

RWANDA GROUP TRUST: Tabletop/craft stalls Saturday 30th May 10am -1pm in St. Anthony's Annexe, St. Anthony's Drive PR2 3QS (next to Our Lady's High School). Crafts/toys/gifts/pre-loved items and refreshments. www.rwandagrouptrust.org.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK: If you would like a mention in our newsletter for someone who is seriously ill, please give their name and yours with your phone number to Fr. John Mark or hand in at the presbytery.

LAST WEEK: At Mass - Ascension Day 366 (Vigil 47, 9:15am: 243 (inc. School), 7pm 76) NCW 60. At Mass 16th/17th May 384 (64/166/104) NCW 50.

Collections: Ascension Day £271.15. Sunday £592.53. Thank you for your generosity.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8am-9am 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?
Monday 25 th May	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 26 th	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Wednesday 27 th	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Thursday 28 th	6.15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Friday 29 th May	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church

FOOD BANK: Next collection this week **23rd/24th May**. The Salvation Army are very grateful for your continued support. Food and toiletries are urgently needed.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If your child requires the **Sacrament of Baptism**, please email enquiries@saintclares.co.uk, or speak to Fr. John Mark or Janet Metcalf.

DIARY DATES

FIRST COMMUNION MASS - Saturday 6th June at 11am.

PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR - An afternoon "Come and Sing" event 2- 6.00pm Saturday 6th June St Leonard's Church, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham.

PRESTON CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION - Sunday 7th June, 2pm, St. Walburge's.

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENING STROLL - Wednesday 24th June. Meet 7pm at The Continental, South Meadow Lane, Preston PR1 8JP.

DAY OF RENEWAL – Saturday 27th June in St Clare's Hall. More details later.

CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE To the Shrine and Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Cleator, Cumbria, Sunday 6th September.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM The National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady 28th Sept – 1st October 2026.