



'I am coming to you'



Christ our model of prayer and suffering

Prayer is the birthright of every Christian. It is as natural to us as the air we breathe. This week, let us remember our own communities of prayer; those who pray on their own and those who are members of groups. United with the whole Church, and especially Church communities that face persecution, we are all gathered up as one in the Body of the risen Christ.

To him be the glory for ever and ever, Amen!

In the **Gospel**, we hear part of Jesus' prayer for his beloved disciples, both then and now. The teaching of Jesus, his words, his actions, his very presence, all give his disciples a part in his glory. We can imagine both those gathered in the upper room after the ascension of Jesus, and the early Christian community to whom Peter was writing, joyfully praying lines from today's **Psalm**:

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – page 275

Office Psalter Week 3: Sundays: Year A: Weekdays: Weekdays of Easter

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 16 th May	6pm (Vigil)	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	John Whelan RIP
	7pm Vigil		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 17 th May	9:30am		Pia Pasquina Bagnoli RIP
	6pm		Brendan Moran (Surgery)
Monday	9.15am		Martin Gee RIP
	5.30pm RPH		Patients and Staff
Tuesday	7pm	Patrick Power RIP	
Weds.	9.15am	Brian Dagger RIP	
Thursday	9.15am	Seamus O’Grady	
Friday	12noon	Marcia Mallet RIP	
Saturday 23 rd May	10am	PENTECOST	Deceased Members of the O’Donnell Family
	6pm (Vigil)		People of the Parish
	7pm Vigil		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 24 th May	9:30am		Finnian Tarbutt RIP
	6pm		Rebecca Ryding RIP

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

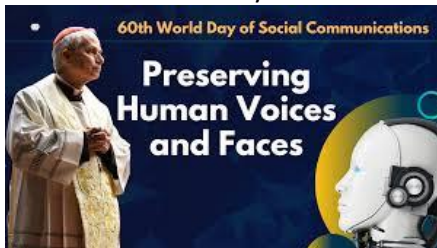
ROSARY FOR MAY: This Wednesday 20th May 7pm followed by Benediction, also after the weekday 9.15am Masses and before the 12noon Mass on Friday.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Reginald Smith, Beryl Clarkson, Florence Swift, Martin Elliott, Mary Bernie, Mark Hitchinson, Kathleen Painter, Irene McEvoy, Andrew Keating, Jack Clayton, Ken Hollis, Constance McCann, Damian Williams, and Finnian Tarbutt who died recently. ***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.



TODAY is World Communications Day of Prayer

In his message for the 60th World Day of Social Communications, Pope Leo XIV highlights the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity.

There is a SPECIAL COLLECTION today for the CATHOLIC MEDIA.

SPONSORSHIP FOR PARISH MASS BOOKS: Please can you continue to help by sponsoring the next set of Parish Mass Books (for Pentecost). There is an explanation sheet (pink) in the Narthex together with Sponsor form. **Thank you to all those who have already donated.**

FARMERS' MARKET: Saturday 23rd May 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. This is a chance to stock up on local and Fairtrade produce. See poster.

JOB VACANCY IN PRESTON: Preston Chaplaincy Team Member. Metanoia Project provide full time Chaplaincy Services to a local Catholic High School and full time provision for Students and Young Adults in the City Centre in connection with the University of Lancashire. We are looking for an enthusiastic and competent person to assist in providing the most engaging, Christ-centred and fruitful ministry possible in both settings. Accommodation available if required. Visit <https://metanoiaproject.co.uk/chaplaincy-team-member/>. Full details of salary and benefits are in the Application pack. **Closing Date Friday 22nd May.** Further information available from Ruth White 07878 832457 ruth@metanoiaproject.co.uk

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.

LAST WEEK: At Mass 9th/10th May 477 (91/199/117) NCW 70. Collections: £682.48. 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 18 th May	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 19 th	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Wednesday 20 th	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7.30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Thursday 21 st	6.15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Friday 22 nd May	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church

FOOD BANK: Next collection **23rd/24th May**. The items urgently needed include tinned meats, fish, vegetables, fruit and custard, pasta, rice and sauces, toothpaste & brushes, soap & shower gels. Thank you for your support.

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.

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

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.

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.