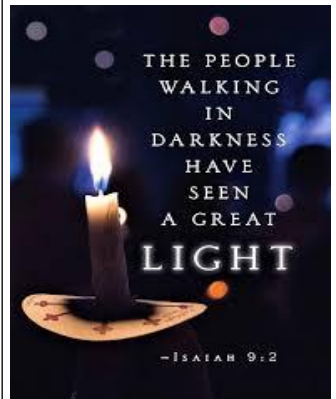




***The readings for
this third week in
Ordinary Time
deliver a promise
of hope, joy and
light to those
living in darkness.***

In the **Gospel**, Matthew recounts the very beginning of Jesus' ministry and the appointment of his first disciples. We witness the simplicity of his methods: he meets us where we are at; sees and values us for who we really are; and invites us to abandon old habits and ways that weigh us down so that we can truly follow him.

As this new year begins, we ask for **God's grace and guidance** to celebrate and reconcile our differences so that we may share in his abundant **love**.



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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday 127

Office Psalter Week: 3 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	
Saturday	6pm (Vigil)	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sunday of the Word of God)	Mary & Eddie Sinnott RIP	
	7:15 (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 25 th Jan	9:30am		People of the Parish	
	6pm		Teresa & Alan Little RIP	
Monday	9.15am		Sts. Timothy & Titus	NO MASS
	5.30pm RPH			Patients and Staff of RPH
Tuesday	7pm		Joan Burton RIP	
Wednesday	9.15am	St. Thomas Aquinas	NO MASS	
Thursday	9.15am		NO MASS	
Friday	12noon		Intentions of Fr. John Mark	
Saturday	10am	St. John Bosco	Veronica Anderton RIP	
	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 RIP	
	6pm		Mary & Eddie Sinnott 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. We remember especially Veronica Anderton whose Requiem took place here last week.

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

Guy Horton, Margaret Livingstone, Winifred Fowler, Margaret Prince, Jean Moizer, Winifred Green, Elizabeth Worden, Margaret Williamson, William Staples, Elizabeth Moore, Bertha Mills, Agnes Noblet, Lily Riley, Jennifer Horton, Bronia Kacperek, Agnes Allen, Kevin McEvoy.

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 JANUARY: For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray, that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Please return all registration forms to the presbytery **as soon as possible**. The next Session for the children is **January 31st 9.30am-12pm in the Parish Hall**.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY- Wednesday 11th February 2026

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 Bridgen.

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.

SPECIAL ROSARY SERVICE to celebrate "The Feast of St Thomas Aquinas" at Our Lady & St Edwards Church on Wednesday 28th January starting at 2.00pm.

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.

STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR and CASTLERIGG MANOR LODGE

The Diocesan Youth Centre in Keswick is available for **B&B** stays this winter. Individuals, families, and small groups are welcome: February 9th–11th and February 16th–18th. **Castlerigg Manor Lodge** –the Diocese owns this luxury holiday cottage. With last-minute deals available, at a reduced rate. All proceeds go directly to support the youth service. castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us castleriggmanor.com/lodge-last-minute

LAST WEEK: At Mass 17th/18th January 443 (86/190/95 NCW 72) Collections: £589.37. Collections via Bank and card payment terminal in December £1954. Thank you for your generosity.

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?
Sunday 25 th Jan	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
Monday 26 th	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Marriage Preparation course	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 27 th	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7:45pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Wednesday 28 th	9:45am	Parish Coffee morning	Parish Hall
	7pm	Social Committee	Presbytery
	7.30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Thursday 29 th	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Friday 30 th	2.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group	Church
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church
Saturday 31 st	9.30am-12pm	Sacramental Preparation	Parish Hall

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: Next 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. JOHN BOSCO (1815-1888)

was born in Piedmont (Italy) and devoted his life to Catholic Education. Despite meeting much opposition, his aim was, above all, **to educate with love. His feast day is January 31st.** St. John Bosco is the patron saint of young people, especially the poor and disadvantaged, as well as youth, students and apprentices.