

***'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.'***

**The themes of today's readings are *humility, generosity, and respect and care for all.***

In the **First Reading** Sirach advises us to be thoughtful and attentive to others. We are to be modest, not seeking praise or approval for our action: everything good is a gift from God, and to be shared with others.

The **Second Reading** presents Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant. Each of us can rejoice, celebrating our identity in God's family, where everyone has the same rights as a firstborn child.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus uses the setting of eating together at a feast to teach us the values of the Kingdom of God. We are to put others before ourselves, showing kindness and compassion to everyone, especially those who cannot repay us. By following Jesus' own values of selfless giving and humility, we radiate God's love to others. We will be rewarded at the resurrection with our own place at the heavenly banquet.

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

**MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday page 130.**

**Office Psalter Week: 2 Sundays: Year C: Weekdays Year 1.**

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)	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Barbara & Les Thornton RIP
	7:15(Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	9:30am		Deceased members of the O'Donnell family
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9.15am		Holy Souls November list
	RPH 5.30pm		Hospital patients & staff
Tuesday	7pm		Family Intentions
Wednesday	9.15am		<b>ST. GREGORY THE GREAT</b>
Thursday	9.15am	<b>St. Cuthbert</b>	In Thanksgiving
Friday	12noon		David Wilkinson RIP
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10am	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Marie Teresa RIP
	6pm (Vigil)		People of the Parish
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7:15pm (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
	9:30am		Roy Rawlinson RIP
	6pm		Deceased members of the Wilson Family

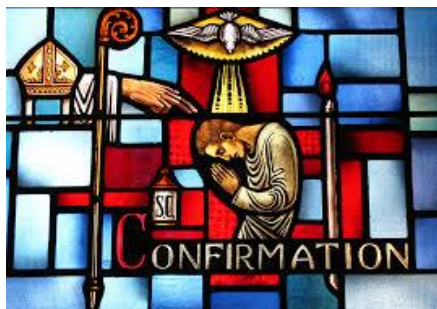
**MONDAY is a Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, beginning the Season of Creation until 4<sup>th</sup> October the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Beatrice Lynch, Robert Thomson, Yvonne Talbutt, Joe Worden, Leonard Dean, Dunstan Melling, Claude Lawton, Winifred O'Reilly.

**PLEASE PRAY:** For all who have died, and for those whose anniversaries are about this time, and for the sick and housebound of our parish.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: For our relationship with all of creation.** Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6 children will take place in the **Parish Hall at 7:45pm on 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please bring a copy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate** to the meeting.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Envelopes for Mass offerings are in the Narthex. Please add your request and contact details and give to Fr. John Mark or post through the Presbytery door.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** If you have a child who requires the Sacrament of Baptism, please speak to Fr. John Mark or contact the parish office.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Our First Friday Holy Hour takes place at 7pm this Friday with adoration, scripture and reflections. An opportunity to come and spend some time in rest with the Lord. All welcome. **NB there will be no Adoration on Friday morning this week.**

**FOOD BANK:** Collection this weekend 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> August. The Salvation Army have updated the "Items Needed" list – tins of potatoes and fruit, soup, jam, tea and coffee, packets of noodles, tooth brushes and bars of soap.

**MISSION APPEAL 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST:** Raised £512.54 for the Network for a Better World. Thank you.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** This weekend for the **Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW)**. This is an annual collection where each parish is levied. Our parish levy this year is **£1759.57**, with any shortfall in the collection having to be made up from parish funds. CaTEW supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Their work is documented on their website [www.cbcew.org.uk/catew](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/catew) Thanks for your support.

**ACN PROJECT FOR THE CHURCH IN NIGERIA:** Please help by praying the Rosary, there is also a prayer card provided by ACN in the Narthex, together with an information sheet giving more details about this initiative.

**THE MARTYR SAINTS OF THE NORTH WEST:** 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September at Stonyhurst. This will be a weekend studying some of the Reformation-era martyrs of the North-West region of England. Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Mgr. John Allen of Salford Diocese. For more information and to book go to <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west>

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> August 370 (83/140/102/NCW 45).

Collections - Last weekend: £644.36. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
	<del>6:45pm</del>	<del>Anointed and Sent groups (Age 11-18)</del>	<del>Parish Hall</del>
Monday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	<del>6pm</del>	<del>Cubs</del>	<del>Parish Hall</del>
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:30-6:30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	<del>6pm</del>	<del>Seekers (age 8-11)</del>	<del>Parish Hall</del>
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Wednesday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	9:45am	Parish Coffee morning	Parish Hall
Thursday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	<del>6.15pm</del>	<del>Beavers</del>	<del>Parish Hall</del>
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Friday	<del>8-8:45am</del>	<del>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</del>	<del>Church</del>
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>First Friday Holy Hour</b>	<b>Church</b>
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side Chapel
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30-11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church

**SAVE THE DATE: Family Bingo Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.** Tickets on sale soon. Volunteers are needed to support us at this event. Please let the Parish Office know if you can help.

**CASTLERIGG OPEN DAY:** On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Go and see Castlerigg, meet the Team, try some of the activities, and enjoy Mass with Bishop Paul. Doors open at midday and Mass is at 2pm.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am more details later.

### JUBILEE 2025

**As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, we pray to be attentive and kind towards everyone we encounter this week. We think especially of those on the margins of society, and in areas of violence and war.**