



It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed

Today's readings remind us of the dangers of becoming complacent in the privileged lifestyles with which we are blessed. Just as the Lord shows compassion and love for all those who are in need, so must we, as people of faith, try to do the same.

The prophet Amos (**First Reading**) speaks to those who relish their lives in the lap of luxury. In the final reckoning, he foretells how they will be first to be exiled.

The Psalm is a hymn of praise to the Lord, whose compassion and love are showered upon those who are downtrodden or in need. Our faith demands that we must follow his example.

The **Second Reading** urges Timothy, and us, to live our lives with righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and gentleness.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus reiterates the message of Amos, warning of the torment that will face those with wealth and privilege who ignore the plight of the poor.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday page 143

Office Psalter Week: 1 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)	TWENTY-SIXTH IN ORDINARY TIME	Hilda & Patrick McNeela RIP
	7:15 (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 28 th Sept	9:30am		
	6pm		Holy Souls
Monday	9.15am	SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	The Sick and Housebound
	RPH 5.30pm		Patients and Staff at RPH
Tuesday	7pm		For Vocations
Wednesday	9.15am	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	For Peace in the Holy Land
Thursday	9.15am	The Holy Guardian Angels	Joe, Alice and Fr John Donlan RIP
Friday	12noon		Sick of our parish
Saturday 4 th Oct	10am	St. Francis of Assisi	Confirmation Candidates
	6pm (Vigil)	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	7:15 (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 5 th Oct	9:30am		
	6pm		Family thanksgiving

ANNIVERSARIES: Helen Gildert, James Smart, Margaret Holden, Betty Dickinson, Anne-Marie McCabe, Nora Jones, Cicely Brierley, Maureen Masters, Elizabeth Mary Ivison, Alice Turner, Joan Dickinson, Mary Ryan, Barbara Knowling.

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

MASS INTENTIONS: We have spaces for Mass intentions over the next few weeks. Envelopes for Mass offerings are in the Narthex. Please add your contact details and offering and put it through the presbytery door or hand to Fr. John Mark.

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.



CAFOD – Friday 3rd October Harvest Fast Day Appeal
In this **Jubilee Year** please donate to this special appeal,
to share God's gifts with our global neighbours.
CAFOD envelopes are in the bulletins and the Narthex,
or you can text **CAFOD to 70560** to donate **£10**
or donate on line at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope
Please remember to fill in your details for Gift Aid

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This **Sunday** for the **Bishop's Administration Fund**

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE: Right To Life UK have launched a new **EasyAction** tool to create a **personalised letter** to Peers asking them to oppose **Assisted Suicide**. Visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter

SPONSORSHIP FOR PARISH MASS BOOKS: Thank you for your donations already received. Please can you continue to help by sponsoring the Parish Mass Books? There is an explanation sheet in the Narthex together with Sponsor form.

FOOD BANK: Collection this weekend 27th/28th September. The Salvation Army have updated the "Items Needed" list – tins of potatoes and fruit, soup, jam, tea and coffee, packets of noodles, toothbrushes and bars of soap.

MESSY CHURCH: Saturday 4th October at 1.30pm in St. Clare's Church Hall. All ages welcome. See poster in the Narthex.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH HCPT 2026: If you are interested in being part of this special week as a carer or an assisted person please contact Ruth Potts or Richard McDowell northwest@hcpt.orgiuk or 07721 925595

ST. CLARE'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY: Thursday 9th October for Primary School places for children starting school in September 2026. See poster in the Narthex.

THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST? Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: **Saturday 22 November 10am – 4pm at the Cathedral in Lancaster**. The day will include Mass, adoration, guided prayer, talks to assist discernment, lunch. To book email Heather: Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge.

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY: Christ Church, Victoria Rd. 7 Sessions starting Monday 29th September. See poster in the Narthex for more details.

ADULT CATECHESIS: starts on **Monday 29th Sept.** for those who say "why am I going to Mass, what's the point, it's too long, is God really here, how do I pass the faith to my children, why don't they come any more?" The **Catechesis** hits all these questions and many more. It's an answer for those of us who are searching. Come and listen, you won't be disappointed.

LAST WEEK: At Mass 20th/21st September 414 (75/188/99/NCW 52).

Collections - Last weekend: £649.91. Catholic Home Mission: £203.52.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 28 th Sept.	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	Anointed and Sent groups (Age 11-18)	Parish Hall
Monday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Fabric & Finance meeting	Presbytery
	7pm	Catechesis	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:30-6:30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	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
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Thursday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6.15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	Catechesis	Narthex
Friday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side Chaapel
Saturday 4 th Sept.	9.30am	Confirmation Preparation	Parish Hall
	10.30-11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church

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

DAY OF RENEWAL: Saturday 18th October from 10am-4pm at St. Clare's. This will be led by Fr. Chris Thomas speaking on **'Being guided by the Holy Spirit'**.

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

JUBILEE 2025: As **Pilgrims of Hope** in this Jubilee Year, we pray that we will be ever more attentive to the needs of those around us. We ask the Lord to help us see more clearly where we can use our gifts, and to respond with kindness and generosity