

## **Walsingham, national shrine of Our Lady**

In 1061 Richeldis de Faverches, a noble lady who lived in north Norfolk, had a vision of the holy house of Nazareth where the Annunciation had taken place. She was asked to build a replica of the house, which she did, and the village where she lived, Walsingham, quickly became a place of pilgrimage. In mediaeval times it was one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Europe. At the English Reformation the shrine was destroyed, but in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries pilgrims again began to return to Walsingham, which is now the national shrine of Our Lady. In 2020 we made a rededication of England to Our Lady of Walsingham, entrusting our country to her intercession. This Friday is her feast day – Mass is celebrated at 12noon as usual; all welcome.



## **Today's Readings**

Last week we heard Peter proclaim that Jesus was the Christ. In response, the Lord predicted His suffering, death and resurrection. Today we are in the next chapter of the Gospel. Jesus and the disciples have come down from mount Tabor, where the Transfiguration (another great revelation of Jesus' identity) has just taken place. Now, again, He teaches them about His Passion. It seems that every time they get a glimpse of His glory, they need a reminder of what awaits Him. The first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, points to the motive for Jesus' death: those who are 'godless' hate the truly just man, because He shows up their evil ways. In the epistle, St James reminds us that unruly desires in our hearts lead to wars and battles on the outside; these, too, are the cause of Jesus' death.

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# MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 25

The first Mass each day is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	For a house
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the Parish
	11:30am		Lawrence and Lilian Culshaw RIP
	6pm		Gladys Worsley RIP
Monday	9:15am	Martyrs of Korea	Eileen McCroary RIP
Tuesday	7pm	<b>St Matthew</b>	Delphine Whiles RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Monica S. (health and ints)
Thursday	9:15am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Vincent Cornwell RIP
Friday	12noon	Our Lady of Walsingham	Fr Eugene McCaffrey OCD RIP
Saturday	10am	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Ints Bob Snape
	6pm (vigil)		Ints Alan Cockburn
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the Parish
	11:30am		Holy Souls
	6pm	Holy Souls	

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Fr Eugene McCaffrey OCD** (formerly of Tabor), **Norah Elizabeth (Betty) Clarkson, Janet Eastham**, and all who have died recently.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 11am-12noon and by appointment.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is also open Monday-Friday morning-6pm; Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm.

**ROSARY:** After 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass on Fridays.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Susan Sharples, Joe Noblet, Lilian Woodward, James Pye, Clare Smith, Rosalina Lawlor, Bob Holden, Jeanne Cook, Mary Hudson, Barbara Pye, Peter Houghton.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:** We pray that all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**NCW CATECHESIS:** An invitation to hear the Gospel anew, receiving its powerful message of hope and relating it to daily life. Monday and Thursday evenings, 7pm in the narthex, starting this week. All are very welcome to come along.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUPS:** Seekers (school years 4-6) is now up and running again. The Anointed and Sent groups (years 7-11) relaunch next Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>).

**FIRST CONFESSION AND COMMUNION 2021-22:** Children from school years 3 and 4 (and older children who haven't already received these sacraments) are invited to join the programme for the coming year. Registration forms are now available from the narthex. These should be returned to the presbytery by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**CONFIRMATION 2021-22:** For all young people in school years 6 and up who have not yet had the opportunity to be confirmed. The programme will start January 2022 with Confirmation in May 2022. Full details will be published before Christmas.

**ST CLARE'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October until 5:30pm. Come and discover our primary school. Please contact the office to book a slot for your visit or for more information. Call 787037 or email [bursar@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** Now taking place in October 2022. In the coming weeks we hope to be able to confirm the exact dates and other details.

**DAY BY DAY BOOKS** contain readings and prayers for daily Mass. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy each month (£1/month) please contact the office.

**CASTLERIGG 'LIT' RETREAT:** 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> October at Castlrigg Manor, Keswick. An open retreat for school years 7-11, aimed at those who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year. Visit [www.castlriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castlriggmanor.co.uk) to sign up.

**METANOIA PROJECT** is looking for volunteers. We have a wide range of ministries including our children/youth work, adult groups, homeless drop in and music ministry. We also have admin/tech tasks. If you could spare a little time, please contact Jen (Community Coordinator) 07957566741 or [jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk).

**FOOD BANK:** collection this weekend; next collection is on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**OLSE LADIES' GROUP:** Meeting this Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup>), 8pm at OLSE Parish Centre. A presentation by Stan Pearson called "Sergeant John Pearson." Members are asked either to wear a face mask or to have a negative result from a lateral flow test carried out on the day. Admission £2.

**FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET** with Fairtrade: Saturday 25th September 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church PR2 8EA. All welcome.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** this Sunday for Home Missions, and next Sunday for Bishop's Administration Fund. Please use the buckets at the exits for any contributions.

**LAST SUNDAY:** At Mass: 276 (figures for individual Masses: 60/82/60/48 (NCW 26)) Collection: £511.10. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Food Bank Collection</b>	House Porch
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Mon-Fri	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	<b>NCW Catechesis (1)</b>	Narthex
	7pm	<b>Baptism Preparation (1)*</b>	Side chapel
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	<b>NCW Catechesis (2)</b>	Narthex
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates*	Parish Hall
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	<b>Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)</b>	Parish Hall

Events marked \* are open only to members or those who have booked ahead.

**COVID SAFETY MEASURES IN CHURCH:** You are welcome to sit in groups if you wish, but please be mindful of those who would like to keep a safe distance from others. Face coverings should be worn when you are in church for any service, unless you are exempt. It is no longer necessary to book for any services.

## “Unlocking” the Parish: our plan

The plan below gives some sense of how the parish may move towards normality in the coming months. It is subject to change!

### This autumn

- Further steps back towards normality at Mass, including an offertory procession and intercessions.
- We hope to resume Children’s liturgy sometime in October.
- A normal year of sacramental preparation is planned, including for children whose confessions, first Communion and Confirmation have been delayed – see inside for more details.
- A full programme of parish social life will take place, if permitted.
- Other parish groups should be able to resume.
- We hope to be able to hold some events to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish and school, in November 2021.

We continue to livestream Mass each day, for the benefit of those who are housebound. Those who can are strongly encouraged to attend Mass in person.