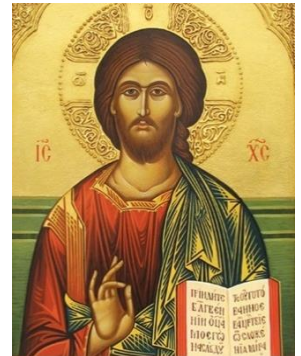


People of the Word: Jesus, the Christ

In our journey through the Bible we have heard of creation and the Fall, in which human beings distanced themselves from God, bringing suffering and death into the world. We therefore needed a Saviour. As the story continued, God planted in the hearts of his people the hope of a Saviour, the Messiah (or Christ) who would come. Today we reach the One who fulfils that hope and is at the centre of the Bible and human history: Jesus Christ.



Jesus fulfilled the promises God had made and the hopes countless of generations before Him. He far surpassed what had been expected: most people in Israel expected a Messiah who would liberate God's people from political oppression. Jesus did much more than expected: He freed us from sin and death, and opened the path to eternal happiness. And Jesus *was* much more than expected: not merely a great priest, prophet, king or the promised Messiah, but God Himself, come to earth to save us. The Second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God, took on human nature to share with us all every aspect of human life, good and bad, apart from sin. The story of Jesus, recorded in the four Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, is the centre and climax of the story of the Bible: He fulfils all that has gone before and is the source of all that comes afterwards. At the same time, He turns our plans and expectations on their heads: He came "not to be served, but to serve"; He teaches us to humble ourselves, to take up our cross, so that we may be exalted by Him and share in His victory over sin and death.



Questions for reflection:

- To what extent is Jesus the very centre of my life?
- When I know myself to be in need of a Saviour, do I turn to Jesus first, or do I rely on myself or other earthly resources, and forget to turn to Him?

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: year 2, week 24

10am Mass is livestreamed each day and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel. All information and links at www.saintclares.co.uk

See back page for information on attending Mass in the church.

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Sunday 13 th	Vigil Mass	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gerard Nelson RIP
	10am		Jack Clayton RIP
	Evening		People of the Parish
Monday	10am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Mary Power
Tuesday	10am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Nan Scales RIP
Wednesday	10am	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian	Austin and Lily Lakeland RIP
Thursday	10am		Mary O’Gara RIP
Friday	10am		Special Intention
Saturday	10am		Lilian Culshaw RIP
Sunday 20 th	Vigil Mass	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Patrick O’Donnell RIP
	10am		People of the Parish
	Evening		Special Intention

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Eileen Woodhead**, and for all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: on request. Contact Fr Andrew to arrange.

ROSARY: Prayed after 10am Mass, Monday-Friday.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosemary Over, Sheila Rowlands, Frederick Joseph Wilson, Lena Bernie, Veronica Greenhalgh, Susan Sharples, Lilian Woodward, James Pye, Clare Smith, Rosalina Lawlor, Bob Holden, Jeanne Cook, Mary Hudson, Barbara Pye, Peter Houghton, Dorothy Jones, Catherine Lee.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Supporting your parish financially

To avoid use of cash, it is better, if possible, to support the parish using standing order/BACS. Contact us directly for the details. If you don’t use online banking, we can send you a mandate which you can fill in and post to your bank. If you have been saving offertory envelopes, these may be pushed through the presbytery letterbox or handed in at the end of Mass, if you are able to attend at this time. Thank you for your support for our parish.

NEWSLETTER: This week's newsletter covers two weeks. A separate list of Mass intentions for the week beginning 21st September will be published on our website next weekend, but there will be no newsletter.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The church will be open for prayer most days, but there will not be Adoration every day. Please see the back page for the full opening timetable.

ATTENDING MASS: See back page for full details on coming to church for Mass.

PARISH SECRETARY: We welcome Stephen Milroy, our new parish secretary. Stephen will be normally working in the parish office Tuesday-Friday mornings.

JAMES is entering his last fortnight with us. He will leave the parish after the weekend 26th/27th September. Please pray for him in this time of transition, and pray regularly for vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2021 is 15th January 2021. Applications are made online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>.

To apply for a place at St Clare's Primary School you also need a supplementary form, which must be returned to the school by 15th January 2021. These are on the school website: <https://www.st-clares.lancs.sch.uk/parents/admissions.php>

ST CLARE'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS: St Clare's Catholic Primary School will be holding open evenings on Monday 12th October and Wednesday 14th October 4pm-6pm. Visits are by appointment only. Call school on 01772 787037 to book.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: this weekend for Catholic Education Services. This helps the work done at national level to support our Catholic schools. Next weekend, a rescheduled collection for Home Mission Sunday. Some people have already contributed to this via envelopes – please do not feel obliged to donate twice! Sunday 27th, a collection for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

JESUIT MISSIONS CREATION WEBINAR: An evening with Leah Casimero and Joel Thompson SJ: *Beauty, Justice and Hope in the Amazon*. Tuesday 22nd September, 7:30pm, on Zoom. The link to join: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/our-events/>

SAINTS, SCHOLARS AND SPIRITUAL MASTERS: Free online talks organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst, taking place Thursdays at 7:30pm over the coming months. To register: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/> or by email to events@christianheritagecentre.com

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME: We celebrate the Season of Creation between 1 September to 4 October. CAFOD ask us particularly to pray the Novena to St Francis <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Every day	Anytime	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 13 th	3pm-4pm	Church open and livestream: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube
Mon-Thurs	5-6pm	Church open and livestream: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube
Friday	5-6pm	Church open for private prayer	Church
Saturday	12-1pm	Church open for private prayer	Church
Sunday 20 th	3pm-4pm	Church open for private prayer	Church
Mon-Wed	5-6pm	Church open for private prayer	Church
Friday	5-6pm	Church open for private prayer	Church
Saturday	12noon- 1pm	Church open and livestream: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube
Sunday 27 th	3pm-4pm	Church open and livestream: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube

All events marked 'YouTube' are streamed live on our channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

A prayer of spiritual communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Attending Mass at St Clare's

Wherever possible, please decide on a **regular day/time** when you would like to attend Mass then contact us to see what's possible. We will get contact you to let you know when you can come. Please only come to Mass if you have received confirmation that we have sufficient space.

To arrange to come to Mass: Please contact us (preferably by email – if you don't use email, please phone us) and let us know the following information:

- Your name (and, if you are not using email, a phone number)
- The day(s) when you would be able to attend. If at the weekend, please let us know morning/evening. Monday-Friday Mass will continue to be at 10am.
- How many people from your household/support bubble will attend (you will sit together at Mass, so it's vital we know how many are in your group).

There is still no obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday at this time.