

People of the Word: Peter and the disciples

The Old Testament led us to Jesus, the Son of God and Saviour of the World. From Him flows the life of the Church which He founded. This week we consider the beginnings of the Church: the disciples.



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Soon into His ministry, Jesus called people to leave behind their old lives and follow Him. The first called was St Andrew, then his brother St Peter; Sts James and John soon followed. The Lord gathered around him men and women who journeyed with Him and learnt from Him. These are the disciples of Jesus; the word 'disciple' means 'student'. At times they were many, at times fewer. From amongst the disciples Jesus chose twelve men and called them 'Apostles', a word which means 'sent'. During the Lord's earthly life they were sent out to preach, a sign of the mission they would begin to live more fully after Pentecost. Despite their greatness, they all had notable faults and often struggled to understand and live by Jesus' teaching.



Amongst the Twelve Peter is pre-eminent. He professed his faith in Jesus. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16); "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe. We know that You are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69). "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church", Jesus told him. So Peter became the first leader of the Church, the first Pope. After Pentecost the Apostles went out to preach the Gospel in various parts of the world, and all but St John are believed to have endured a martyr's death.

Questions for reflection:

- Am I a true disciple of Jesus, willing to sit at His feet and listen to Him?
- What special role has Jesus sent me to fulfil in His Church and in society?

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: year 2, week 26

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 27 th	Vigil Mass	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Andrew Hall RIP
	10am		Norah Stanton RIP
	Evening		People of the Parish
Monday	10am		Cyril Dixon RIP
Tuesday	10am	Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	Terry Sharpe (ints)
Wednesday	10am	St Jerome	Eileen Woodhead RIP
Thursday	10am	St Thérèse of Lisieux	Ints James Knight
Friday	10am	Guardian Angels	Donor's Intention
Saturday	10am		Donor's Intention
Sunday 4 th October	Vigil Mass	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lena Thompson RIP
	10am		Special Int (David and Ali)
	Evening		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for all who have died recently.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Betty Marcella, William Fowler, Helen Gildert, James Smart, Margaret Holden, Anne-Marie McCabe, Betty Dickinson, Nora Jones, Cicely Brierly, Sharon Livesey, Maureen Masters, Alice Turner.

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.

JAMES KNIGHT will be leaving St Clare's this week after very nearly a year with us. It's been a most unusual year (as we all know!) and James has been a great blessing to our parish during this time. We thank him and wish him well as he takes his next steps. He begins his studies at the English College in Valladolid, Spain, later this week. Please keep James in your prayers, and pray regularly for vocations.

ATTENDING MASS: This is only possible by requesting a space and receiving confirmation that we can accommodate your request. See back page for details.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: this weekend, for the Bishop's Administration Fund. This supports the work of our bishop. Next weekend there is a collection for CAFOD's autumn fast day, which is this Friday (2nd). Envelopes available this weekend.

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.

JESUIT MISSIONS CREATION WEBINAR: An evening with Leah Casimero and Joel Thompson SJ: *Beauty, Justice and Hope in the Amazon*, Webinar for Season of Creation. Tuesday 22nd September, 7:30pm, on Zoom. A link to the Zoom invitation can be found here: <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>. It is a song of penitence and praise, guiding us to care for the earth and for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, especially the Amazon peoples.

FOOD BANK: Non-perishable items may be left on the presbytery porch at any time. Please do not bring anything frozen or which needs to be kept in the fridge, nor any fresh fruit, vegetables or dairy products. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Every day	Anytime	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 27 th	3pm-4pm	Church open and livestream: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Church open and livestream: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube
Monday	7pm	Baptism Preparation (1)	Narthex
Saturday	12noon- 1pm	Church open and livestream: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube
Sunday 4 th October	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.