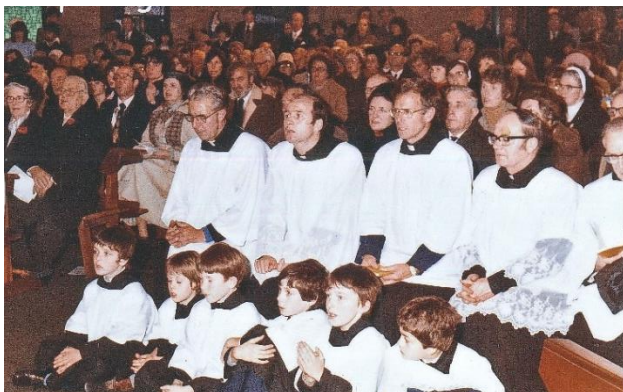


Our first 50 years: 1979

1979 was an important year in Preston: it marked 800 years since the town was granted its first royal charter, and various celebrations took place. The Papal Nuncio visited Preston on 6th September, and the following day children from our school took part in a civic procession through the town.



Here in Fulwood, work was continuing on several new buildings, including the hospital, Sandybrook House and our church. On 16th March our headteacher Mrs Wright invited to look round new hospital with a senior nursing officer, who was a parent in school. On 6th December Princess Alexandra visited to open Sandybrook House. Children from St Clare's and St Peter's were present; in the evening children from the two schools gave a concert for the residents. And a few weeks earlier, on 11th November, the new St Clare's church was opened. Bishop Foley came to celebrate the opening Mass in a packed church (pictured).

Today's Readings

Before we begin reading through St Luke's Gospel next Sunday, we hear today a very famous passage from St John: the wedding feast at Cana, at which Jesus works His first miracle. This points us to the union of love between God and humanity, a 'wedding' spoken of by Isaiah in today's first reading: "as the bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you." Between now and Lent we'll also be reading parts of St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, beginning today with a passage in which he reminds us that God's Spirit works in us all in different ways, to ensure that all the needs of the Church are met and that we grow in unity.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 2, week 1

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)	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Thanksgiving (Menezes)
Sunday 16 th	9:30am		Berry family
	11:30am		Ronald and Margaret Culshaw RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am	St Anthony of Egypt	Mathew Plathottathil RIP
Tuesday	7pm		Joseph Speight RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Veronica Judge RIP
Thursday	9:15am		George Oldcorn RIP
Friday	12noon	St Agnes	Frederick Newsham RIP
Saturday	10am	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Thanksgiving (St Philomena)
	6pm (vigil)		Hanley families
Sunday 23 rd	9:30am		People of the Parish
	11:30am		Holy Souls
	6pm		Richard Anderton

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Sue O'Brien, Reg Dorgu** 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, Wednesday and Thursday: morning-6pm; Tuesday 9am-6pm; Friday 12:30pm-6pm; Saturday 11am-12noon.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Colin Mullarkey, Hilda Battersby, Phylis Abram, Marie Jackson, William Loughran, Vincent Jorge, Catherine Harrison, Hilda Templeman, John Barbarel.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PEACE SUNDAY: This Sunday is a day of prayer for peace. With many conflicts and tensions in the world today, it is especially important for us to pray for this gift. Please pray that the Lord will grant us peace: globally, nationally and in our families.

VATICAN SYNOD 2023: The parish will hold gatherings to discuss the Synod questions on Tuesday evenings 1st and 8th February at 7:30pm. A sheet with the questions and a brief explanation is available now in the narthex.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022: Please keep in your prayers the young people of our parish who are now beginning their preparation for this sacrament.

COVID SAFETY MEASURES IN CHURCH: Please be mindful of those who would like to keep a safe distance from others. Face coverings are once again required by law whenever you are in church, unless you are exempt.

ACN PROJECT: We are working to support the building of a new church/hall in India. One simple way to help is to “buy a brick” (£30 donation). Donations can be made in an envelope (simply marked ‘buy a brick’). Thank you to all who have already contributed. We will provide an update on progress later this month. **Gift Aid** envelopes for ACN are now available in the narthex – please use them if able.

EXPLORING PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: a day for men (aged 18+) who are open to a priestly vocation, without any expectation of commitment. At Our Lady and St Joseph’s, Carlisle, on Saturday 22nd January, 10:30am-4pm. For more details contact Canon Luiz Ruscillo (frruscillo@carlislecatholicchurch.org) or speak to Fr Andrew.

SUNDAY HOMILIES are available to download/print off from our website each week, in case you wish to revisit what was said or to share it with others.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP will meet in church this Friday at 2pm to pray the chaplet and hear extracts from St Faustina’s diary. All welcome.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION presents “Challenges of Covid-19: Ethical Perspectives from an Intensivist and Chaplains” at Lancaster University Catholic Chapel, 8th February, 7-9pm. All welcome, especially those who work in healthcare. Information and bookings: contact Cath Morgan bha@lancastercatholicdiocese.org.uk

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING JOB: The diocese is currently seeking a new safeguarding coordinator (25 hours/week). See poster in narthex for more details. The deadline for applications is this Monday (17th January).

FOOD BANK collection this weekend (15th/16th January). Next one: 5th/6th February.

FULWOOD FARMERS’ MARKET: Next Saturday (22nd), 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. Fresh local produce and Fairtrade products.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 333 (figures for individual Masses: 59/98/72/68; NCW 36) Collection: £692.29. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 16 th	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Journey in Faith Group	Side chapel
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Mon-Fri	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:40pm	Parish Pastoral Council*	Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	2pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group	Church
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates*	Parish Hall
	10am	Confirmation Preparation (2)*	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class*	Parish Hall
	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 23 rd	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Journey in Faith Group	Side chapel

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

Pope Francis' Message for Peace Sunday

In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an “architecture” of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an “art” of peace that directly involves each one of us. All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.

Here I wish to propose *three paths* for building a lasting peace. First, *dialogue between generations* as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, *education* as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, *labour* as a means for the full realization of human dignity. These are three indispensable elements for “making possible the creation of a social covenant”, without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial.

Extract from the Message of the Holy Father Pope Francis for Peace Sunday 2022
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20211208-messaggio-55giornatamondiale-pace2022.html>