

People of the Word: The Holy Spirit

In the centuries before Jesus, God instilled in the hearts of His people the expectation of a Saviour, the Messiah (Christ). Alongside this hope, there was another gift promised: the gift of a new spirit in the hearts of God's people. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, that promise was also fulfilled. The new spirit in our hearts turned out to be the Spirit of Christ Himself, the Holy Spirit, sent upon the Apostles at Pentecost.



The very opening of the Bible speaks of God's Spirit "hovering over the waters" at creation. The prophets spoke of this Spirit being sent upon God's people to give them a new heart, fashioned for love and capable of following the Lord's ways. The Spirit creates, transforms, and enables us to live according to God's commandments.

In the Gospels we hear of the Holy Spirit coming upon Mary at the Annunciation, so that she can conceive Jesus, the Son of God, in her womb. The Spirit fills Elizabeth, John the Baptist and Zechariah as they leap for joy and sing God's praises at the coming of the Saviour. At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in the form of a dove, a sign of His 'anointing' with this Spirit, long ago foretold by the prophets (Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18). Finally, 50 days after the Lord's resurrection, the Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire and accompanied by the sign of a mighty wind. Having received the Spirit of Jesus, they then go out and continue His mission of preaching, healing and calling people to life.



Questions for reflection:

- I have received the Holy Spirit at baptism and confirmation. How do I notice the Spirit at work in my life?
- Do I pray to the Holy Spirit – for healing, strength, inspiration, holiness?

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: year 2, week 28

Morning 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 11 th	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
	9:30am		Sr Margaret Doherty RIP
	6pm		Patrick O'Donnell RIP
Monday	9:30am		Joe Noblet RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	St Edward the Confessor	Francis Lepcha RIP
Wednesday	9:30am		Sr Marie-Bernadette (jub.)
Thursday	9:30am	St Teresa of Avila	Marie Turner RIP
Friday	9:30am		Patrick Hoyle RIP
Saturday	9:30am	St Ignatius of Antioch	Eileen Woodhead RIP
Sunday 18 th	6pm (vigil)	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ken Hollis RIP
	9:30am		Theresa & John Topping RIP
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Sharon Carraher RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Joe Noblet, Clare Mulligan** and all who have died recently.

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

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:30am Mass, Monday-Friday.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ann Whittle, Hugh Gilshan, Anne Hall, Winifred Crangle, Bryan Sharrock, Catherine and Michael Brophy, Ted Bateson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

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.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES: The morning Mass is now celebrated at 9:30am every day. We will continue to livestream this Mass. The evening Masses, from Saturday are back to the old time of 6pm. It remains absolutely essential that you book a place for Sunday Masses.

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY MASS: From next weekend there will be an additional Mass at 11:30am on Sundays. As with all the Sunday Masses, it is necessary to book. We will contact those who have offered to change to this Mass (thank you!) to confirm your places. If anyone else wishes to join this new Mass, please get in touch.

ATTENDING WEEKDAY MASS: Reserving a place for the morning Mass Monday-Saturday is no longer necessary. You can just turn up. A steward will record your name and (if you don't regularly come) will ask you for contact details.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Adoration continues to take place in church but is no longer streamed. There are many other Catholic sites on YouTube which livestream Adoration (e.g. Walsingham).

VIRTUAL BINGO: Our primary school will be holding a virtual bingo morning on 23rd October at 11am, via Zoom. To join, contact the school office on 01772 787037.

CATHOLIC PAPERS: Copies of the Catholic papers are now available for sale in the narthex, as before the lockdown. Please do not handle a paper unless you intend to buy it. Money, as before, can be placed in the wallbox in the narthex.

CAFOD COLLECTION: Any outstanding envelopes may be returned 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 and Wednesday this week 4pm-6pm. Visits are by appointment only. Call school on 01772 787037 to book.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Prayers and offers of help for women outside an abortion centre on Tulketh Brow, running now and until 1st November. More details can be found on the website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/preston>

TRAIDCRAFT MORNING: Fulwood Methodist Church, Saturday 24th October, 9:30am-1pm. Social distancing will be observed. Free car parking available.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Every day	Anytime	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 11 th	3pm-4pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Monday	7pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Church
Tuesday	7:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council	Zoom
Saturday	12-1pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 18 th	3pm-4pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church

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

Booking is no longer necessary for the morning Mass Monday-Saturday, but **it is essential that you request a place if you wish to come to Sunday Mass (or the Saturday evening vigil)**, as these Masses are extremely busy.

If you wish to attend a Sunday Mass, please decide on a **regular Mass** you wish to attend, 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 Sunday Mass if you have received confirmation that we have sufficient space. In this way we are able to minimise the risks and keep everyone as safe as possible.

To arrange to come to Sunday 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)
- Which of the four Sunday Masses (Saturday 6pm; Sunday 9:30am, 11:30am, 6pm) you wish to attend.
- 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.