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## **Blessed Sacrament Procession**

We had a huge amount of positive feedback from last month's May Procession, in which all the children of our primary school took part. Many parishioners and families participated by watching the livestream of the procession, and several were moved to tears by the children's beautiful singing and acts of devotion. This coming Friday at 2pm the children will again lead us in prayer, this time for our Blessed Sacrament Procession. Again, it won't be possible to attend in person, but you can pray with the children by joining the livestream. In the May Procession we remembered that Mary accompanies us on our pilgrim journey through life; in the Blessed Sacrament procession we celebrate the truth that Jesus Himself walks with us as we make our life journey. Please join us online for this time of prayer if you are able, and let's show our Lord as much devotion as we can. It's also possible to come to church to pray in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Monday-Friday 5-6pm, Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 1pm-5pm.



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## **Today's Readings**

The Gospel and the first reading at today's Mass use the image of trees which give shade to the birds of the air. They also make it clear that it is the Lord who provides the growth. Both readings use this image to speak of God's action in the world: it is He who initiates His Kingdom in the world and causes it to grow. In the second reading, St Paul reminds us that this life is a kind of exile from our true home, which is with God in heaven. He reminds us that during this exile we need to live by faith, not relying only on the things which are immediately obvious to our senses, but trusting in God. He also teaches that God will judge us for the way we live, and give us whatever we deserve for our lives here on earth.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 11

Morning Mass is livestreamed each day 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>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Thanksgiving (I.M.)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am*		Christine Troger RIP
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		John Myerscough RIP
Monday	9:30am		Ints James Neary
Tuesday	9:30am		Isabella Cebrero RIP
Wednesday	9:30am		Marie Gardner RIP
Thursday	9:30am		Margaret Carroll RIP
Friday	9:30am		Conversion of souls
Saturday	9:30am	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Roger and Florence O'Donnell RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Baby Martha McLoughlin RIP
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am*		Bernard Harrison RIP
	11:30am		Roy Rawlinson RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

\* These Masses can only be attended by those who have booked in advance.

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Patrick Cahill, Evelyn Nickson** and all who have died recently.

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

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lillian Wilkinson, Richard Anderton, Mary Agnes Butler, John Hannan, Helen McDonnell, Isabella Cebrero, Wilfred Barker, Ian Gardner, Baby Lily Reynolds, Irena Iavertino, Ella Smith, James Morgan.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION** will take place this Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) at 2pm at our primary school. As with the May Procession, it's not possible to attend in person this year, but it will be streamed live on our YouTube channel. See front page.

**REVISED OPENING HOURS:** From this weekend, the church will be open for private prayer Saturday 11am-5pm (with Adoration and confessions 11am-12noon) and Sundays 1pm-5pm (no Adoration). Weekdays 5-6pm as usual.

**COMING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER?** If you are coming to pray privately in church, please pick up a "This space has been used" sheet at the entrance and leave it in your place when we leave. This enables us to clean spaces in between visitors.

**CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY:** Please note that from 11:30am next Saturday, confessions will be for the children who are preparing for Holy Communion. Please come in the first half hour if you wish to go to confession. There will be no scheduled confessions or Adoration on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**ST CLARE'S PRESCHOOL – LITTLE SAPLINGS:** From September our primary school will have its own preschool, able to offer full-time provision for children from 3 years of age. The preschool will be accepting the 15hr and 30hr funding provided to parents. Please call school on 787037 or email [bursar@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk) to request a place for your child and any further information.

**COVID NHS-APP IN CHURCH:** In the church entrance there are QR codes which you can scan using the NHS Covid-19 app, if you have a suitable mobile device. Scanning this removes the need for the stewards to record your details. If you cannot (or choose not to) scan the stewards will record your attendance as usual.

**ATTENDING MASSES:** Booking remains necessary for the 9:30am Mass on Sunday morning. All other services can now be attended without the need to book.

**ANOINTED YOUTH GROUP** is now back up and running, meeting again on Sunday evenings. Anointed is for those in school years 7-9. Our Seekers group (years 4-6) and Sent group (years 10-11) are also meeting. Please speak to Fr Andrew or contact Ruth and Joe for more details. Safety measures are in place.

**PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN:** Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to support the motion. It only takes 30 seconds! Please click the link to take part: [www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion)

**SHALOM WORLD TV** is an online Catholic TV channel providing a wide range of high quality programming. Take a look at <https://www.shalomworld.org>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** next Sunday for the Day for Life.

## **“Unlocking” the Parish: our plan**

The plan below gives some sense of how the parish may move towards normality in the coming months. The plan is subject to national restrictions and guidance we receive from the government and from our bishops.

### **At Step 4 of the government’s national roadmap (planned for 21<sup>st</sup> June):**

- Car park restrictions will come back into force, freeing up space for the parish and for church/school events.
- Restrictions regarding face coverings, singing at Mass, social distancing etc. will be reviewed in line with latest guidance from the government and from the Bishops’ Conference.

### **Before the autumn (dates to be confirmed):**

- Weekday Masses will revert to the old Mass times. The 11:30am Mass on Sundays will continue until social distancing is no longer required.
- An outdoor parish social event is planned.
- First Holy Communion for the 2019-2020 group will take place.
- Booking requirement for all events will be lifted, if social distancing rules are relaxed by the government and we are confident that it’s safe.
- Visits to housebound parishioners and care homes may be possible.
- The church will reopen all day for private prayer, if rules permit.
- CTS booklets and leaflets will be available again in the narthex.

### **From September**

- Children’s liturgy and all our youth groups should resume.
- A normal year of sacramental preparation is planned, including for children whose confessions, first Communion and Confirmation have been delayed.
- 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 hope that the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land planned for late October may be able to go ahead, if the pandemic and the security situation allow. Work is ongoing to assess this.

We plan to continue to livestream Mass each day, for the benefit of those who are housebound; everyone who can is strongly encouraged to attend Mass and rebuild our community. We will also continue with some other online output to assist with catechesis, evangelisation and outreach work in the parish.