

Saints Peter and Paul

This Tuesday we celebrate the two great saints who were the principal pillars of the Church in Apostolic times: Peter, the first Pope, and Paul, the great missionary who fearlessly preached the Gospel to the Gentiles and established or nurtured many Christian communities. Both died a martyr's death in the city of Rome, and so are seen as the Apostles on which Christian Europe was established. These two men, both very flawed but also very different in their background, temperament, character and mission, were chosen by the Lord Jesus to continue His work on earth. They are a reminder to us of Paul's own teaching that there is a variety of gifts and all sorts of service to be done, but always in the one Lord. Mass for their feast day, which is usually a Holy Day of Obligation, is celebrated at 9:30am and 7pm on Tuesday.



Today's Readings

Last Sunday we heard of Jesus' power over the natural world, as He calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee. Today's Gospel shows us His power over illness and even death. St Mark recounts for us the healing of a woman with a haemorrhage, a miracle sandwiched between a father's request for Jesus to visit his sick daughter and a miracle in which the same girl is raised from the dead. The first reading tells us that death is not of God's doing: He is the God of life, who desires that all may share the life He offers. In the second reading we continue St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, in which He speaks of the Lord giving up His riches so that He might make us rich out of His poverty. In other words, Jesus gave up the glory of heaven to enter the poverty of earthly life, so that we might share the richness of His grace and glory in eternity.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 13

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)	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Lynne Dias RIP
Sunday 27 th	9:30am*		People of the Parish
	11:30am		George Oldcorn RIP
	6pm		Special Intention (S)
Monday	9:30am	St Irenaeus	Special Int (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday	9:30am	SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	Marie Gardner RIP
	7pm		People of the Parish
Wednesday	9:30am		Thanksgiving (JH)
Thursday	9:30am		Ben Hunter RIP
Friday	9:30am		For all my family (BB)
Saturday	9:30am	St Thomas	Eva Littlefair RIP
	6pm (vigil)	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Romeo Pereira RIP
Sunday 4 th	9:30am*		Roy Holman RIP
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Holy Souls

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

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Eva Littlefair, Christine Lowe, James Neary** and all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: This week only by appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm. The church is also open Saturday 1pm-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alice Wilson, Muriel Osbaldeston, Ben Hunter, Maureen O'Hanlon, Sheila Warren.

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.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL: This feast, which is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, is celebrated this Tuesday. There will be an additional Mass at 7pm on Tuesday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Unfortunately the First Communion Mass scheduled for this weekend has been delayed by a week due to the pandemic. Please continue to pray for the children and their families. The Mass is now expected next Saturday, so there will be no Adoration or confessions next weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FATHER STUART CHAPPLE who was ordained to the priesthood for our diocese at the Cathedral on Saturday. Fr Stuart is a local, from St Gregory's parish. Please keep him in his prayers as he begins his ministry. Ad multos annos!

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: This Friday, 7-8pm, an opportunity to spend some time with our Lord in the Eucharist on the first Friday of the new month.

OPENING HOURS: The church is normally open for private prayer Saturday 11am-5pm (with Adoration and confessions 11am-12noon) and Sundays 1pm-5pm. Weekdays 5-6pm with Adoration, as usual. (See note above about next Saturday).

200 CLUB JUNE WINNERS: £142 Angela Waddingham (No. 10); £85 Janet Metcalf (No. 6); £57 Peter Van Parys (No. 25). Thank you to all who support the draw.

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 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.

ROOM FOR RENT? A parishioner is looking for a place to stay. If you know of a room that can be rented at a reasonable price, please speak to Fr Andrew.

FAITH AND REASON: A CATHOLIC INTEGRATION is a four-day course (residential or non-residential) at Stoneyhurst Christian Heritage Centre, 5th-8th August. Open to all, especially catechists and teachers. See poster in narthex for more details.

TELEPHONE AND ONLINE SCAMS: We are aware of several online and telephone scams particularly targeting elderly people. Please be very cautious, especially with unsolicited calls and emails. Check authenticity, get advice from someone you trust, and never hand out your bank details unless you are certain it's genuine.

“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 19th July):

- 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 (most dates to be confirmed):

- Weekday Masses will revert to the old Mass times from Monday 19th July. The 11:30am Mass on Sundays will continue until social distancing is no longer practised.
- An outdoor parish social event is planned.
- First Holy Communions for the 2019-2020 group take place next weekend.
- 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.
- 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 50th 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.