

Catholic Organ Scholarship at St Clare's, Preston



St Clare's is offering an organ scholarship, beginning autumn 2021, open to keen musicians who already have intermediate keyboard skills and desire to develop their skills on the pipe organ.

The successful applicant(s) will receive:

- A weekly organ lesson (up to 45 lessons per year) with an experienced organist and teacher, fully funded by the scheme
- Regular access to a 2-manual practice instrument
- Experience of playing the organ in the Catholic liturgy
- A deeper awareness of the role of music in the liturgy of the Church
- An opportunity to develop links with St Clare's and the local Catholic parishes
- The potential to earn some money from playing the organ for funerals and weddings, assuming the scholar is able to play at the required standard.

Requirements for the role

- This scholarship is open to anyone with intermediate keyboard skills, equivalent to Grade 5 piano or above. It is not a requirement that candidates have taken a Grade 5 exam, but they must be able to demonstrate their ability on a keyboard instrument.
- Any successful candidate must be available to play the organ at the liturgy at St Clare's for the following: a minimum of 45 Sundays of the year, including Easter Sunday, Pentecost Sunday and Palm Sunday; the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday evening; the Good Friday liturgy; the Easter Vigil; at least two Masses at Christmas. Candidates with less experience or confidence in public playing may be gradually introduced to the role, but attendance at the liturgy is required from the outset.
- Scholars must be motivated and must commit to attending lessons and to regular practice in their own free time.
- Applications are welcome from any faith background, provided that they are willing to take on the role with respect for the Church's liturgy and the parish community.

Timescale

- The scholarship programme begins in autumn 2021, with a potential start date of the first Sunday of Advent (28th November).
- It runs for an initial 12-month period, provided that the scholar fulfils his/her obligations; extension beyond the 12-month period is possible by mutual agreement.

To register interest:

- Please fill out the attached form and return it to St Clare's Presbytery no later than Friday 5th November 2021.
- If you have any questions, please contact us on 01772 719604 or email enquiries@saintclares.co.uk

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Application Form

Name:

Address:

Contact telephone number:

Email address:

Please give details of your musical qualifications (if any) and experience, including any grade exams and any formal lessons you have already received: (for more details, please see 'requirements for the role' in the information sheet)

Do you have any experience of attending or taking part in Catholic liturgies, e.g. Sunday Mass? Please give details:

Signed:

Date:

Completed applications must be delivered to: Organ Scholarship, St Clare's Presbytery, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston PR2 9HH or submitted by email to: enquiries@saintclares.co.uk by Friday 5th November 2021.

We will review applications and invite potential candidates to come and meet us. Any successful candidate must sign a declaration of commitment before undertaking the role. Any candidates who are under 18 will need the written permission of their parent/legal guardian to participate in the scheme.