
Pope Francis on the care of Creation

As the COP26 summit begins, it's worth reflecting on the teaching of our Holy Father Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*: 'The created things of this world are not free of ownership: "For they are yours, O Lord, who love the living" (*Wis* 11:26). This is the basis of our conviction that, as part of the universe, called into being by one Father, all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect. Here I would reiterate that "God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement".' *Laudato Si'*, n.89.

'A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment. It is no coincidence that, in the canticle in which Saint Francis praises God for his creatures, he goes on to say: "Praised be you my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love". Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.' *Laudato Si'*, n.91.

Today's Readings

On All Saints' Day the Church gives us a kind of charter for holiness in the Beatitudes, which we hear in today's Gospel. The first reading presents us with a vision of the saints in heaven, whilst in the second reading, St John speaks of our journey from being children of God in this life to a new, unseen life of glory in heaven, where "we shall be like God because we shall see Him as He really is."

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter week 3; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 31

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)	ALL SAINTS	Alan and Patsy Cockburn 49 th wedding anniversary
Sunday 31 st	9:30am		Fred Newsham RIP
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Donor's Intention
Monday	9:15am		John Grace RIP
Tuesday	9:15am	All Souls	Holy Souls
	7pm		Holy Souls
Wednesday	9:15am		George Oldcorn RIP
Thursday	9:15am	St Charles Borromeo	Robert Fletcher RIP
Friday	12noon		Holy Souls
Saturday	10am	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Holy Souls
	6pm (vigil)		Donor's Intention
Sunday 7 th	9:30am		Bernard Harrison RIP
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Holy Souls

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Margaret Dorgu, Irene Stewart, Veronica Judge** 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-4pm; Friday 12:30pm-6pm; Saturday 11am-12noon.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Dorothy Finch, Moira Butler, Monica Jackson, Kathleen Murphy, Noel Hogan, Wendy Karen Charleson, Mollie Earnshaw, Annie Woods, Mary-Ann Murphy, Bernard Harrison, James Van Parys, Frank Rogerson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

ALL SOULS' DAY: This Tuesday. There will be an additional Mass at 9:15am, as well as the 7pm evening Mass. Both will be offered for the Holy Souls.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? Our Journey in Faith group will start next Sunday (7th) at 7pm. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is very welcome. If you (or someone you know) is interested, please get in touch.

RED WEDNESDAY: ACN's annual day of awareness for those persecuted for their faith takes place on 24th November. As usual, we will light up the narthex in red. Please see back page for a free and easy way in which you can help those in need.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING: To explore the possibility of a new Scripture-based prayer/discussion group in the parish. This Tuesday (2nd) after evening Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: 7-8pm this Friday evening in church. An opportunity to come and spend some time in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

PARISH FIREWORKS: This Thursday (4th). Barbecue at 7pm then fireworks from 7:45pm, organised by our Scout groups. This event will launch our 50th anniversary year, during which several celebrations are planned.

PARISH ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP: We are launching an organ scholarship scheme, with free tuition on offer and opportunities to play in public. More information in the narthex and on our website. Deadline for applications is this Friday (5th).

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: an introduction for new servers (those who couldn't attend the earlier gathering) will take place this Friday at 3:30pm in church.

NOVEMBER LIST ENVELOPES: All the names received will be placed in a box in front of the altar throughout November. You can still hand in envelopes. Donations for Holy Souls Masses are also welcome – please include these in the envelopes.

NCW CATECHESIS: Continues Monday and Thursday evenings, 7pm in the narthex. All are very welcome to come along.

From CAFOD: Please pray for the success of the upcoming COP26 talks. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please pray that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26. See front page.

ADVENT RETREAT: Open to Year 10 and above and young adults (up to age 25), at Castlerigg Manor, 10-12 December. Details at www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/advent

FOOD BANK collection next weekend: 6th/7th November.

SPECIAL COLLECTION today for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund.

LAST SUNDAY: At Mass: 305 (figures for individual Masses: 52/91/no 11:30am Mass/80 (NCW 37, Youth Groups Mass 45)) Collection: £490.96; World Mission Sunday: £270.38. Thank you for your presence and your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Tue-Fri	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Catechesis (13)	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Meeting to discuss new prayer group	Side chapel
Thursday	6:45pm	NCW Catechesis (14)	Narthex
	7pm	Parish Barbecue	Outside
	7:45pm	50th Anniversary Fireworks	Parish Hall
Friday	3:30pm	Introduction for new altar servers	Church
	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates*	Parish Hall
	10am	Year 4 Reconciliation Prep (3)	Parish Hall
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 7 th	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.

COVID SAFETY MEASURES IN CHURCH: You are welcome to sit in groups if you wish, but please be mindful of those who would like to keep a safe distance from others. Face coverings should be worn when you are in church for any service, unless you are exempt. They are not needed when you come for silent, private prayer. It is no longer necessary to book for any services.

Red Wednesday: a simple and free way to help

SIGN OUR #REDWEDNESDAY PETITION

This year, #RedWednesday is back in the public square with a strong message against Christian persecution and especially against acts of violence aimed at Christian women and girls. We are calling on the UK Government and the UN to take action to stop the abduction, forced conversion and sexual enslavement of Christian women and girls as young as 12.

Please help us get the attention of the government and UN by signing and sharing our Petition today. Please ACT NOW to put an end to this suffering.

For more information and to sign the petition, click [here](#) or visit acnuk.org