

Our first 50 years: 1995-1998

These years fell in the middle of Fr Lakeland's time in the parish, and the diaries reveal a well-established and very full parish programme. It seems that he established an annual parish retreat/mission during Lent. In 1996 this was led by local Carmelite priests Fr John McGowan and Fr Mark Beattie, and in 1998 by various local speakers, all of whom gave input on the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Also, in late October 1996 there was a parish pilgrimage to Rome, following the success of the Assisi trip in 1994. Meanwhile, on 8th May 1995 Europe celebrated the 50th anniversary of VE day. There was an ecumenical service at the Guild Hall, followed by a procession in the town; and in the parish, a hearty celebration (pictured) took place in the hall.



Today's Readings

During Eastertide we listen to accounts of the life of the early Church. These are recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, written by St Luke, which can be found just after the four Gospels in the Bible. Today's first reading gives us a strong sense of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church and the need for us to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, even when this comes at a cost. The second reading is taken from the book of the Apocalypse (Revelation) and gives us a vision of heaven, where Jesus, the Lamb who was sacrificed but lives, is given praise and glory. In the Gospel we have a beautiful scene, an appearance of the risen Lord by the Sea of Galilee, a miraculous catch of fish and the opportunity for St Peter to express his love for the risen Lord.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: psalter week 3; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: of the Easter season

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) | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | Lyndon Cole RIP |
| Sunday 1 st | 9:30am | | People of the Parish |
| | 6pm | | Charles & Susan Gordon RIP |
| Monday | 10am | St Athanasius | Thanksgiving |
| Tuesday | 7pm | Sts Philip and James | Pilar Caton RIP |
| Wednesday | 9:15am | The English Martyrs | Ben Hunter RIP |
| | 2:30pm | Requiem | Christine Southworth RIP |
| Thursday | 9:15am | | Intentions of Sr Anne |
| Friday | 12noon | | Les Burns RIP |
| Saturday | 10am | | Michael Hampson RIP |
| | 6pm (vigil) | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Joan Burns RIP |
| Sunday 8 th | 9:30am | | People of the Parish |
| | 6pm | | Lil Abram RIP |

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Christine Southworth, Bob Snape** and all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11am-12noon and on request.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tuesday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is usually open during the day for private prayer.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Josephine Tallat, Rita Medway, Pilar Caton, Geoffrey Pike, Vivian Ball, Cliff Jackson, Mary Kate Clague, Les Burns, Josephine Brenda Cornah, Barbara McCann.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: We pray for young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: Friday 7pm in church. An opportunity to spend some time in the company of our risen Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

MONDAY MASS this week will be at 10am as it is a Bank Holiday.

MAY PROCESSION: This Friday at 1:45pm. Parishioners are invited to gather on the school playground around this time (but not to enter the school building) then follow the procession into the church if you wish.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGES: The diocesan Youth Service has published details for the Lourdes Pilgrimage and also for World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal. There are also gap year opportunities. All info available at www.castleriggmanor.com The parish may be able to help sponsor young parishioners to make the pilgrimages – speak to Fr A.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: The new itinerary and booking forms are now available in the narthex. The pilgrimage takes place 22nd-29th October this year. Please contact All Saints Travel directly to make a booking or for further information.

ACN INDIA PROJECT: Donations of any size are welcome for our project to build a new church/hall in India. **Gift Aid** envelopes for ACN are now available in the narthex.

23 LRGS SIXTH FORMERS, including Ben from our parish, are fundraising for the DEC Ukraine appeal. They are each running, rowing or swimming 100km to total the distance from Lancaster to Kyiv! Support or follow them: <https://2300tokyiv.org>

FOOD BANK: Collection this weekend: 30th/1st May. There is currently urgent need of almost all food supplies due to very high demand. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Metanoia's Homeless Drop-In runs 6:30-8pm every Wednesday evening in St Wilfrid's Church. The volunteers assist in setting up and tidying away the space, providing refreshments, assigning the needed clothing or toiletries, as well as spending time listening and talking with the people, so they are reminded of and have an experience of God's love and mercy. If this sounds like a role you would like to give your time to or you would like any more information, please ring Jen 07957566741 or email jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAMME at Stonyhurst is currently open to applications from students in Lower Sixth. The application deadline is Friday 3rd June 2022, although references will still be accepted after that date for applications that have already been submitted. For more details, see poster, speak to Fr Andrew or visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/>

FINDING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST, THE POOR AND CREATION: Saturday 4th June, 10:30am-3pm including Mass. Organised by the diocesan Faith and Justice commission and led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy. Book via Eventbrite. See poster.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 410 (89/203/73 NCW 45). Collection: £681.69. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

| Day | Time | What? | Where? |
|------------------------|---------|--|-------------------|
| Sat/Sun | At Mass | Food Bank collection | House porch |
| Sunday 1 st | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 7pm | Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11) | Parish Hall |
| Tue-Fri | 5-6pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |
| | 3:20pm | After School Club* | Parish Hall |
| Monday | 6pm | Cubs | Parish Hall |
| | 8pm | Scouts | Parish Hall |
| Tuesday | 3:30pm | Y3 First Holy Communion Prep (2)* | Parish Hall |
| | 6pm | Seekers (school years 4-6) | Parish Hall |
| Wednesday | 10am-12 | Parish Coffee Morning | Parish Hall |
| | 7:30pm | Fabric and Finance Committee | Presbytery |
| Friday | 1:45pm | May Procession | School playground |
| | 7pm | First Friday Holy Hour | Side chapel |
| Saturday | 8:45am | Pilates* | Parish Hall |
| | 10am | Y4+ First Holy Communion Prep (2)* | Parish Hall |
| | 10:30am | Spanish Class* | Parish Hall |
| Saturday | 11am-12 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |
| Sunday 8 th | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 10:30am | First Communion Parents' session (1)* | Church |
| | 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.

The Society of Catholic Artists: Encouraging Christian fellowship among artists

The SCA was founded in 1929 as part of the centenary celebrations for Catholic emancipation in Britain. It exists for those engaged as professional or amateurs in the various disciplines of the Visual Arts, and for all those who recognize the value of the artist as an evangelist assisting in the pastoral work of the church. SCA encourages Christian fellowship amongst artists as well as being available to advise prospective patrons and to recommend suitable artists for commissions. A varied programme of meetings and outings is arranged each year together with exhibitions and workshops. In addition, members receive the society's magazine, the 'Bulletin', to which they are encouraged to contribute. Regional groups are now being formed; 'Northern Star', is the group of members in the North. Membership cost is easily affordable to all. For more information contact; Anthony Abbott-Millar OFS; antabmill@hotmail.com or maryjeandonaghey5@gmail.com