

Our first 50 years: 2012

2012 was a busy and memorable year for our country: it was the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and of course the year of the London Olympics. More locally, it was a Guild year (almost as rare as a royal jubilee!) and the parish took full part in proceedings. In the run up to Guild Week there were various workshops to prepare the parish float for the procession; we took as our theme the words of Jesus, "I am the Bread of Life." Projects like this have great benefit in helping us to get to know each other better and allowing us to spend time with other members of our community whom we may only know by sight. Parishioners also took part in the ecumenical service in Avenham Park and the Guild Mass at St Walburge's. In the parish, there was renewed energy going into youth ministry, and it was around this time that Metanoia Project began its work at St Clare's, a very fruitful partnership which continues to this day.



Today's Readings

The Acts of the Apostles recalls the day of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the heart of today's feast. The psalm speaks of the Spirit's role in creation, whilst St Paul reminds us that the Spirit is a bond of unity. In the Gospel, Jesus calls the Spirit the 'Advocate', the One who will teach us and lead us in all truth.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 10

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)	PENTECOST SUNDAY	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th	9:30am		Christine Troger RIP
	6pm		Lil Abram RIP
Monday	9:15am	Mary, Mother of the Church	Intentions of Marguerite Spencer
Tuesday	7pm		Achamma Joseph RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Patricia Boyd RIP
Thursday	9:15am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Thanksgiving
Friday	12noon		Kathleen Haydock RIP
Saturday	10am	St Barnabas	Frank Cole RIP
	6pm (vigil)	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Anne Booth RIP
Sunday 12 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Lyndon Cole RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Yvonne Witherington** and all who have died recently.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-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: Winifred Murtagh, Baby Levi Barr, Kathleen McMorrow, John Jennings, Margorie Miller, Fr Fabien Cunliffe, Kathleen Haydock, Bishop John Brewer, Gerard Ibison.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION: The Bishops of England and Wales have now restored the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays, lifting the dispensation which was given in March 2020 due to Covid. Please note that watching an online Mass does not fulfil the Sunday obligation for those who are able to attend in person. See back page.

INDIAN CAFE: Next Sunday (12th), 10:30am-2pm. A traditional Indian Café experience in aid of our ACN India Parish Centre Project. Indian Chai, Tea/Coffee will be available as well as traditional snacks such as samosas and pakora. A minimum donation of £5/person is suggested. All your donations will be going to the project and all food/drink costs are borne by the volunteers organising the event. So please come along to support our fundraising and to enjoy a taste of Incredible India! To help us assess numbers please sign up in the narthex.

SUE LAWRENSEN CSU: Sue will make her final vows as a member of the Company of St Ursula on Thursday 16th June at 7pm, followed by a gathering in the hall. All are welcome to come and support Sue and pray for her at this important moment. There will be no morning Mass on that day.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSIONS: Our parish/school procession takes place on Friday 17th June at 1:45pm. The deanery procession takes place at St Walburge's on Sunday 19th June at 2pm. All are welcome to take part in either or both celebrations.

DAY OF RENEWAL: Here at St Clare's on Saturday 25th June, beginning with 10am Mass. The day is led by Fr Pat Deegan on the theme "The Good Shepherd."

FOOD BANK: Collection this weekend: 4th/5th June. There is currently urgent need of almost all food supplies due to very high demand. Thank you for your generosity.

WOMEN TOGETHER IN THE DIOCESE have organised a day of reflection on women's mission in the Church, led by Sr Philomena Grimley SHCJ. Next Saturday (11th), 10am-3:15pm at Our Lady and St Edward's. Poster/booking forms in narthex.

LARK HILL ASSOCIATION: Any past pupils of Lark Hill Convent School, Preston are invited to come to Cardinal Newman College on Saturday 25th June for a Mass at 2.30pm in the Chapel followed by a get together. This is a chance to meet up with friends and there will be opportunity to explore the College on the Lark Hill site.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Next meeting this Thursday (9th), 8pm at OLSE Parish Centre, an evening of 'Strawberries and Scones'. Visitors welcome. Admission £3. Annual membership (£7) and deposit for lunch at the Orchard (£10) also now due.

JOBS AT CASTLERIGG: Vacancies for gap year volunteers and for a Programme Leader - the latter being a 2-year paid post. Anyone interested can contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit <http://castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team/>

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 341 (96/160/85). Collection: £718.32. 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 5 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Baptism Preparation (3)*	Side chapel
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
Wednesday	10am-12	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates*	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class*	Parish Hall
Saturday	11am-12	First Communion Prep Yr 4+ (5)*	Church
	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 12 th	10:30am	Indian Café – please sign up in narthex	Parish Hall
	10:30am	First Communion Parents' Session (2)	Narthex
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

Events marked * are open only to members or those who have booked ahead.

STATEMENT ON THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION (Bishops of England and Wales)

“Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.”

Full text: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>