

## **Our first 50 years: 2013-2014**

On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013, feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Pope Benedict XVI sprung a huge surprise on the Church and the world by announcing his retirement. A little over a month later his successor, Cardinal Bergoglio, was elected to the papacy and took the name Francis. At a more local level, some parishioners from St Clare's travelled to the Holy Land at Easter as part of a diocesan pilgrimage. In 2014 efforts were being made to nurture smaller communities within our parish: there were some house groups in Lent, and the first community of



Children in St Clare's school unveiling the new confessional screen in 2013.

of the NeoCatechumenal Way was established here. The NCW communities in our parish continue in a vibrant way, nurturing faith, including of many young people, and offering catechesis to the parish, to married couples and to parents of those preparing for Holy Communion. As these 'living stones' of the parish continued to cement our parish community, work on the building was also being discussed. The confessional was restored using a design which came from children in our primary school. Also around this time we see the first mention of demolishing the old porch to make way for a new entrance space, a project that would take several years to reach its conclusion.

## **Today's Readings**

The first reading speaks of the Wisdom of God, which can be taken as an image of Jesus or of the Holy Spirit, and the role of that wisdom in creation. Paul speaks about the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and the righteous state of grace won for us by Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus Himself gives us an insight into His relationship with the Father and the Spirit – the life of the Holy Trinity.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 81

Office: psalter week 3; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 11

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)	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	Anne Booth RIP
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Lyndon Cole RIP
Monday	9:15am	St Anthony of Padua	Special Intention (SC)
Tuesday	7pm		Bob Snape RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Pat Boyd RIP
Thursday	<b>7pm</b>		Ints Sue Lawrenson CSU
Friday	12noon		James Neary RIP
Saturday	10am		Alan Little RIP
	6pm (vigil)	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	Baby Martha McLoughlin RIP
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Lil Abram RIP

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Damian Williams** 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:** Joseph Walton, Lillian Wilkinson, Richard Anderton, Mary Agnes Butler, John Hannan, Helen McDonnell, Wilfred Barker, Isabella Cebrero, Ian Gardner, Baby Lily Reynolds, Christine Lowe, James Neary, Irena Iavertino, Ella Smith.

**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.

**SUE LAWRENSON CSU:** Sue will make her final vows as a member of the Company of St Ursula this Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. The full statement can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

**INDIAN CAFE:** This Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>), 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.

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

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

**FOOD BANK:** Collection next weekend: 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June. There is currently urgent need of almost all food supplies due to very high demand. Thank you for your generosity.

**LADYEWELL PILGRIMAGE:** The annual pilgrimage to our local shrine is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. 11am Mass at St Mary's, then procession and Benediction. All welcome.

**LARK HILL ASSOCIATION:** Any past pupils of Lark Hill Convent School, Preston are invited to come to Cardinal Newman College on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or visit <http://castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team/>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** next Sunday for the Day for Life, to support the Church's work promoting the value of human life at every stage. 2022 theme: 'Care of the Elderly'.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 400 (79/166/110 NCW 45). Collection: £767.28. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	<b>Indian Café</b>	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>First Communion Parents' Session (2)</b>	Narthex
	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	<b>Baptism Preparation (3)*</b>	Side chapel
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	3:30pm	<b>First Communion Prep Yr 3 (6)</b>	School
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:40pm	<b>Parish Pastoral Council*</b>	Narthex
Wednesday	10am-12	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	1:45pm	<b>Blessed Sacrament Procession</b>	Playground
	3pm	<b>Divine Mercy Prayer Group</b>	Church
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Food Bank Collection</b>	House porch
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates*	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class*	Parish Hall
Saturday	11am-12	<b>First Communion Prep Yr 4+ (6)*</b>	Church
	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>First Communion Parents' Session (3)</b>	Narthex
	2pm	<b>Deanery Corpus Christi Procession</b>	St Walburge's
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

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