

Our first 50 years: 2015-2016

In 2015 Pope Francis called an extraordinary jubilee 'Year of Mercy', an opportunity for the whole Church to reflect on the abundant mercy of God, to seek His mercy for our sins and to seek to show greater mercy to others. At St Clare's the year was marked in various ways, including a walking pilgrimage to the church of St Mary and St John Southworth, one of the local churches dedicated as a place of pilgrimage for the jubilee year. The parish also had a visit from the Diocese of Salford's 'Mercy Bus', on which priests would hear confessions as the bus travelled through local communities. The summer of 2016 saw many young parishioners travel to Poland for the World Youth Day at Krakow. Hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from all over the world gathered with the Pope to celebrate this event.



Above: the Mercy Bus at St Clare's.
Below: parish pilgrims at Salmesbury.



Today's Readings

Melchizedek, the first priest to appear in the Bible, brings bread and wine and blesses God in today's first reading. St Paul tells us how Jesus, the great High Priest, also took bread and wine and transformed it to become His Body and Blood. In the Gospel we hear of the feeding of the 5000, a miracle in which Jesus foreshadows His feeding the world with His own life in the Eucharist.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 83

Office: psalter week 4; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 12

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)	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	Baby Martha McLoughlin RIP
Sunday 19 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Lil Abram RIP
Monday	9:15am		Frank Cole RIP
Tuesday	7pm	St Aloysius	Eva Littlefair RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	St John Fisher and St Thomas More	Fr Alexander Makulski RIP
Thursday	9:15am	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	Ints of Sue Lawrenson CSU
Friday	12noon	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Christa Stramm RIP
Saturday	10am	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Roger & Florence O'Donnell RIP
	6pm (vigil)	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ronald & Mary Airey RIP
Sunday 26 th	9:30am		Bernard Harrison RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Margaret Irene Moody** 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: James Morgan, Doreen Dewhurst, John Calvert, Bill Byrne, Mary Morgan, Evelyn Littlefair, Monica Sharpe.

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.

NEW BEGINNINGS: As announced last Sunday, Fr Andrew will be moving on to work at the seminary at Oscott – his last weekend will be 16th/17th July. There will be a Mass of thanksgiving on Thursday 14th July at 7pm, followed by a social in the parish hall.

DAY OF RENEWAL: Here at St Clare's next Saturday (25th), beginning with 10am Mass. The day is led by Fr Pat Deegan on the theme "The Good Shepherd." Talks, praise and worship, adoration and healing ministries. All are welcome to all or part of the day.

SUE LAWRENSEN CSU: Sue made her final vows as a member of the Company of St Ursula on Thursday (16th June). Please pray for Sue as she lives out this commitment.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION: 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 of the Bishops can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

INDIAN CAFE: This event held last Sunday was an enjoyable occasion and raised £535.60 towards our ACN India Parish Centre Project. Thank you to the organisers, helpers and all who attended.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION: The deanery procession takes place at St Walburge's today (Sunday 19th) at 2pm. All are welcome to take part.

ROSARY SERVICE to celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, to pray for peace in the world. At St Mary's Fernyhugh at 2pm on Monday 27th June. Guest speaker Canon Chris Loughran.

FOOD BANK: Collection this weekend: 18th/19th 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 9th 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 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 (23rd) 8pm at OLSE Parish Centre, a talk by Viki Cuthbertson on "Bees". Honey & other products from bees will be on sale. Visitors welcome. Admission £3.

SPECIAL COLLECTION this 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'. There is also a special collection next Sunday (26th) for Peter's Pence.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 414 (77/206/94 NCW 37). Collection: £745.65. 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 19 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	First Communion Parents' Session (3)	Narthex
	2pm	Deanery Corpus Christi Procession	St Walburge's
	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
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Wednesday	10am-12	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Fabric & Finance Committee*	Presbytery
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Saturday	10am	Day of Renewal*	Church/Hall
	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 26 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

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

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/>

Participation in the Eucharist

“So let us ask ourselves this evening, in adoring Christ who is really present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by Him? Do I let the Lord who gives Himself to me, guide me to going out ever more from my little enclosure, in order to give, to share, to love Him and others? Brothers and sisters: following, communion, sharing. Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist may always be an incentive: to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion and to share what we are with Him and with our neighbour. Our life will then be truly fruitful. Amen.”

Pope Francis
Homily for the Feast of Corpus Christi 2013