

## Our first 50 years: 2020-21

We started 2020 with great plans, and early in the year made a trip to the Cathedral for the national tour of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. By then it was already clear that the pandemic was coming over the horizon, though none of us knew the extent of the changes. On 20<sup>th</sup> March we had the last public Mass before lockdown, then our first livestreamed Mass the next morning. It was the beginning of huge disruption but also significant outreach, as some people who don't normally come to Mass connected online. Only in July 2021 were most of the restrictions lifted (no further need to book for Mass, and we started singing again...) and it was well into 2022 before the parish got back on track. These strange years, which completed the first half century of our parish, reminded us all of the importance of contact with God and others. May we never forget these lessons but stay close to God in the parish community He has given us.



Above: May Procession livestream 2020.  
Below: Fr Andrew gears up for some pandemic hospital visiting.



## Today's Readings

In the Gospel we hear the very famous story of the Good Samaritan, a beautiful parable which the Lord gives in response to a question about gaining eternal life. In the first reading, Moses reminds us of the closeness of God's Word – His teaching and guidance; and St Paul teaches us about the divinity of Christ, who is "the image of the unseen God." It is because of Jesus that God's Word is close to us: He is the Word of God made incarnate, giving us example and grace to observe God's law.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 108

Office: psalter week 3; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 15

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>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Romeo Pereira RIP	
	7pm (NCW)		<i>NCW Mass in parish hall</i>	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Bernard Keaveny RIP	
	6pm		Joan Mary Florence Leeming RIP	
Monday	9:15am		<b>St Benedict</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday	7pm			Annie & John Grace RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Andrew Walsh RIP (anniv.)	
Thursday	<b>7pm</b>		Thanksgiving AA	
Friday	12noon	St Bonaventure	Winifred & William Hamilton RIP	
Saturday	10am	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Intentions of Sr Anne	
	6pm (vigil)		Intentions of Fr Andrew	
	7pm (NCW)		<i>NCW Mass in parish hall</i>	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Patricia & John McGeoghan (40 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary) Frank Madden RIP	
	6pm		Ints. Paul & Amanda Harlow	

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Mary Malone, Steven Mills, Simon Grant** 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:** Chris Walker, Rita Wright, John Haslam, Russell Sowerby, Catherine Burns, Fr Michael Lakeland, Frank Madden, Robert Metcalf, Molly Durrant, Catherine Gallagher, Jerzy Wisniewski.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**FAREWELL MASS AND SOCIAL:** Fr Andrew's farewell Mass will take place this Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>). There will be Mass at 7pm, followed by a Jacob's Join in the parish hall. Before Mass, at around 6:45pm, there will be a brief presentation (in church) in which Fr Andrew will share a little about the new role he is undertaking. Please note, there will be no morning Mass on Thursday this week.

**NEW BEGINNINGS:** Fr Andrew will be moving on after next weekend to work at the seminary at Oscott. Fr John Mark Agulefo, currently Parish Priest at St Gregory's, will be moving to St Clare's on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July. From the beginning of September he will be joined by Fr Stephen Talbutt, currently working as an assistant priest in Blackpool. The two priests will be responsible for St Clare's, St Gregory's and the hospital. Over the summer a supply priest will assist with Masses.

**REV. PHILIP WRIGLEY:** Please keep in your prayers Rev. Philip Wrigley, who will be ordained as a priest of our diocese in the Cathedral next Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>) at 1pm.

**CHURCH FLOOR COVERING:** Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to move the benches out of the church, and replace them after completion of the work.

**GOING TO THE HOLY LAND?** Due to flight cancellations, the trip will now take place one day later, to run Sunday-Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact the travel company immediately if this creates any difficulties for you. Please remember that the final balance is due to be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> August and no reminders will be sent. Fr John Mark will be travelling on the pilgrimage as spiritual director.

**FOOD BANK:** Collection next weekend: 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July. There is currently urgent need of almost all food supplies due to very high demand. Thank you for your generosity.

**FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM:** Special CAFOD event on the food crisis. St Mary's, Newhouse, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 am. Learn about the world food system and how it affects the poor. Followed by a family picnic. More info: call Stephen Garsed 01772 717376.

**VACANCIES AT METANOIA PROJECT:** Metanoia are currently looking for a new chaplaincy assistant to work with young adults and also for people to join the 'Metanoia Missionaries' for a year, helping to share the Gospel in the local area. More details on both opportunities can be found at [www.metanoiaproject.co.uk](http://www.metanoiaproject.co.uk)

**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:** this Sunday for the Apostleship of the Sea, which works to provide spiritual and sacramental care to seafarers.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 353 (67/145/96 NCW 45). Collection: £527.12. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	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
	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	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	<b>Fr Andrew's farewell Mass and social</b>	Church
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Food Bank collection</b>	House Porch
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	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.

**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/>

### EMPOWERED - Summer Conference

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022, All Hallows Catholic School, Penwortham, PR1 0LN. A day to be empowered and refreshed in the love of the Holy Spirit. With Ros Powell, Fr Frankie Mulgrew and members of Cor et Lumen Christi Community. For booking and more info, please call 016973 45623, see [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org), or email: [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org)

### Contacting Fr Andrew after he moves on...

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