

From Fr Andrew

On Monday Fr John Mark arrives in our parish. I know you will make him welcome, as you did me, and show him your support as he takes on his duties as Parish Priest and hospital chaplain. Fr John Mark retains pastoral care of St Gregory's as well, so he will have a busy summer, assisted by a supply priest, before Fr Stephen arrives at the beginning of September.

As I move on from St Clare's I want to thank you all for your great kindness to me during these five and a half years. Please pray for me as I take up my new responsibilities. I will remember you all in my daily prayers too. Change is always difficult – for all of us – but the Lord leads us forward. Thanks be to God for His many blessings to us, past, present and future!



Meet the new team: Fr John Mark Agulefo (left) arrives this week and is the new Parish Priest; Fr Stephen Talbutt (right) will join him at St Clare's in early September.

Today's Readings

A visit from the Lord is a theme of today's readings. In the first reading we hear of the coming of three angels to Abraham at the oak of Mamre. The presence of three angels has often been seen as a sign of the Holy Trinity. In the Gospel the Lord Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus, and receives Mary's attention and Martha's hospitality. St Paul goes further: he reminds us that Christ is still among us, and that He is our hope of glory. So we are reminded of the closeness of the Lord and the importance of welcoming Him into our lives.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 112

Office: psalter week 4; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 16

Sunday morning Mass is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later on our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Intentions of Fr Andrew	
	7pm (NCW)		<i>NCW Mass in parish hall</i>	
Sunday 17 th	9:30am		Patricia & John McGeoghan (40 th wedding anniversary) Frank Madden RIP	
	6pm		Ints. Paul & Amanda Harlow	
Monday	9:15am			Robert Metcalf RIP
Tuesday	7pm		Martyrs of Lancashire	Sarah Gaile
Wednesday	9:15am			Pauline Ashcroft RIP
Thursday	9:15am			Dave Adams RIP
	11am	Requiem	Mary Malone RIP	
Friday	12noon	St Mary Magdalen	Theresa Greeney RIP	
Saturday	10am	St Bridget	Alan Little RIP	
	6pm (vigil)	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ida Fernandes RIP	
	7pm (NCW)		<i>NCW Mass in parish hall</i>	
Sunday 24 th	9:30am		People of the Parish	
	6pm		Ints Sue Lawrenson CSU	

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Mary Malone** 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: Robert Metcalf, Molly Durrant, Catherine Gallagher, Jerzy Wisniewski, Michael McDermott, Pauline Ashcroft, Alice Lakeland, Neil Prince, Marion Lowe, Jack Burton.

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.

WELCOME FR JOHN MARK: Fr John Mark Agulefo takes over as Parish Priest on Monday and will move into St Clare's that day. He also retains pastoral care of St Gregory's, as well as taking up his duties as Catholic chaplain at the hospital this week. From the beginning of September he will be joined by Fr Stephen Talbutt, currently assistant priest at St Kentigern's in Blackpool. Over the summer a supply priest will assist with Masses. Please pray for your new priests.

FAREWELL MASS AND SOCIAL: Thank you to everyone who came along to the farewell Mass and to all who contributed to the social afterwards. It was a very lovely and encouraging occasion, and very moving to see so many people there. Thank you also for your incredible generosity to me, both spiritually and financially – I was presented with a huge spiritual bouquet of prayers promised and a very generous collection. I am very grateful for your kindness and especially for your prayers as I take up my new work. Let us pray for each other! Fr Andrew.

REV. PHILIP WRIGLEY: Please keep in your prayers Rev. Philip Wrigley, ordained as a priest of our diocese in the Cathedral this weekend. Ad multos annos!

THANK YOU to the local Catenian Circles 14 and 144. Each circle has this week given the parish £250 towards the cost of the recently installed Stations of the Cross. We thank them for their generosity in making this gift to our parish.

GOING TO THE HOLY LAND? Due to flight cancellations, the trip will now take place one day later, to run Sunday-Sunday 23rd-30th 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 22nd August and no reminders will be sent. Fr John Mark will be travelling on the pilgrimage as spiritual director.

FOOD BANK: Next collection: 6th/7th August. There is currently urgent need of almost all food supplies due to very high demand. Thank you for your generosity.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023: Bookings are open. Head to <http://castleriggmanor.com/World-Youth-Day-2023/> for more details.

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/>

FULWOOD FARMERS' MARKET with Fairtrade: Saturday 23rd July 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. Fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, drinks and snacks. This month we are also collecting unwanted tools to donate to the charity Tools for Self-Reliance (sewing machines also welcome).

SPECIAL COLLECTION: next Sunday (23rd/24th) for the Good Shepherd Fund.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 319 (75/160/84). Collection: £649.01. Apostleship of the Sea: £300.72. 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 17 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
Tuesday	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
Friday	3pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group	Church
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 24 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.

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 23rd 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, or email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org

Contacting Fr Andrew after he moves on...

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