

## Meet your new Parish Priest

Dear members of St Clare's parish,

Following Bishop Paul Swarbrick's letter of appointment dated 1st July 2022, Fr John Mark Agulefo has been appointed the Priest in Charge of St Clare's parish as from Monday 18th July 2022.

Fr John Mark would like to immensely thank Fr Allman for all the wonderful works he has done in this parish all these years. He has indeed been a blessing to this parish and the community. Thank you so much, Fr Allman. May the good Lord reward you for your good works and accompany you as you embrace your new assignment!



Fr John Mark Ifezim Agulefo (Fr JM for short) is a Nigerian born and brought up in his little town of Adazi Nnukwu, Anambra State of Nigeria. He was ordained a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Awka on 20th August 1994. He served as an assistant parish priest in different parishes before he was made a parish priest in 1997. As a parish priest he worked in four different parishes within the diocese.

In September of 2015, his Bishop requested him to go on mission work to the Diocese of Lancaster in the United Kingdom, which he happily agreed to. His first assignment was at St Mary's Cleator and St Joseph's Frizington, as the assistant parish priest to Fr Paul Johnstone. He was appointed the Priest in Charge of Saint Gregory the Great, Preston in 2019.

Fr JM comes from a big family of six (all male). His five brothers are living in different parts of Nigeria with their lovely families. He has about 26 nieces and nephews. His parents are late. Fr JM is happy being a priest and he is happy coming to Saint Clare's parish. He looks forward to meeting and working with the good people of the parish.

**Priest in Charge:** Fr John Mark Agulefo **Deacon:** Rev. Fred Sanderson (retired)

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 114

Office: psalter week 1; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 17

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)	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Ida Fernandes RIP
	7pm (NCW)		<i>NCW Mass in parish hall</i>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Ints Sue Lawrenson CSU
Monday	9:15am	<b>St James</b>	Ruth Black RIP
Tuesday	7pm	Sts Joachim & Anne	Mary Hatton RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Ints Sue Lawrenson CSU
Thursday	9:15am		Eddie Williams RIP
Friday	12noon	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Alan Little RIP
Saturday	10am		Thanksgiving
	6pm (vigil)	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Health recovery (RF)
	7pm (NCW)		<i>NCW Mass in parish hall</i>
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am		Kathleen Earnshaw RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

**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:** Lilian Cherry, Kathleen Earley, Mary Richardson, Helena Davies, Margaret Harrison, Margaret Edith Fox, Andrew Bhatti, Doreen Dilworth.

**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.

**SUMMER AT ST CLARE'S:** Fr John Mark arrived on Monday and is settling into the parish. In early September he will be joined by Fr Stephen Talbutt, currently assistant priest at St Kentigern's, Blackpool. Over the summer a supply priest will assist with Masses. Please pray for Fr John Mark as he begins his ministry here, and for Fr Stephen as he prepares to move.

**THANK YOU** to the local Catenian Circles 14 and 144. Each circle has recently given the parish £250 towards the cost of the recently installed Stations of the Cross. Thank you for your generosity in making this gift.

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

**DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS 2022:** Lancaster Cathedral (LA1 3BT), Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6:30pm. All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul Swarbrick at the annual Diocese of Lancaster Education Mass. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation; priests, deacons, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. Together we ask for God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese.

**ANNUAL CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at the diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator, Cumbria. 3pm Mass and blessing of the sick. All members of the diocese are warmly invited. The Bishop will preside and preach.

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2022:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in London, the annual March for Life, promoting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural end. Events begin at the Emmanuel Centre (SW1P 3DW) from 10:30am, Mass at 11am, and the march from 2pm, ending in Parliament Square around 4:30pm. All are welcome to come.

**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 (23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>) for the Good Shepherd Fund.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 399 (81/162/100 NCW 56). Collection: details will be published next weekend. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 24 <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
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	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	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/>

### Fr Andrew's new postal address:

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## St James the Apostle

The Apostle St James "the greater", a fisherman who was brother of John and son of Zebedee, was amongst the first to be called by Jesus. He was present with Peter and John at some of the Lord's greatest miracles, and was the first to give his life for the Lord, being martyred in 42AD. His relics are contained in the shrine at Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain, where there is a magnificent cathedral. In the middle ages it became a great centre of pilgrimage, with people walking many hundreds of miles to reach the shrine. Today, thousands of people still walk the 'Camino' each year, taking several weeks to reach Santiago and pray before St James' relics. St James' feast day is celebrated this Monday.

