

FROM FR JOHN MARK:

I would like to thank all the members of St Clare's parish for the warm welcome I have received from you since my arrival on 18th of July. It has been massive and very encouraging. The parish is big and there is a lot to be done, but with wonderful people like you around we can do it together. We keep Fr Stephen in our prayers as we look forward to seeing him soon. May God be with Fr Andrew in his new assignment. We pray for ourselves and for our parish.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 31st July 2022.

The readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C make reference to material possessions. They warn us about becoming attached to worldly goods and temporary pleasures. The first reading reflects on riches that must be left to others when we die. We are warned that the things of this world will not bring us lasting joy. In the second reading we are reminded to focus on our spiritual lives. It speaks of the new clothes a Christian puts on. What characterises a disciple of Christ is a new kind of relationship with riches. Luke's Gospel tells the parable of the 'Rich Fool' to underline the false sense of security brought by possessions and material wealth. Jesus tells us bluntly that the wealthy farmer who put all his energy into acquiring wealth, is a 'fool.' The emptiness of his life is clear in the end - when God's call comes he has nothing that he can call his own. Jesus reminds us that "a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs."

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 117**Office: psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 18**

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)	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Health recovery (RF)
Sunday 31 st	9:30am		Kathleen Earnshaw RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am	St Alphonsus	Alan Little RIP
Tuesday	7pm		For Vocations (Catenian Circle 144)
Wednesday	9:15am		Ints. of Sr. Anne
Thursday	9:15am	St John Vianney	Lil Abram RIP
Friday	12noon		People of the Parish
Saturday	10am	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Ints. of Sue Lawrenson CSU
	6pm (vigil)	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Margaret O'Neil in thanksgiving for 96 years
Sunday 7 th	9:30am		Lawrence Dunnagan RIP
	6pm		Lyndon Cole RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Mary Malone, Patsy Cockburn** 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: Cyril Hall, Olive Dunn, Jeff Hodson, Lily Robinson, Jean Laking, David McCabe, John Wilson, Giovanna Ghilselli, Gerry O'Neil.

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: In early September Fr John Mark 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.

CATENIAN CIRCLE 144: Brothers from the Circle will be in attendance at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday (31st) for their President's Sunday, and also at the 7pm Mass on Tuesday (2nd) to pray for vocations. We thank them for all the work they do in the 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 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.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS 2022: Lancaster Cathedral (LA1 3BT), Friday 7th 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 11th 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 3rd 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 or visit <http://castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team/>

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 349 (91/144/114). Collections: 17th July: £593.90 24th July: £661.84. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

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

FEAST OF ST CLARE: The feast day of our patronal saint is on Thursday 11th August. Mass will be at 7pm (no 9.15am Mass), followed by refreshments in the Hall.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Friday 19th August at 3pm in the Church. All are welcome.

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY: A six session course will be running at Christ Church, Victoria Road from 13th September – 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support.

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