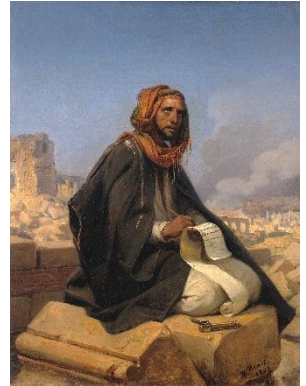


People of the Word: Jeremiah

Today we continue our journey through the prophets of the Old Testament by meeting **Jeremiah**, who lived in the 7th century BC.

Jeremiah was called by God whilst still a young man. The account of his calling emphasises that he felt too young and unready to undertake the work God was asking of him, yet God assures Jeremiah that He knew him even before he was born, and that he has been appointed as a prophet (Jeremiah 1:4-19).

After having helped king Josiah, Jeremiah fell into disfavour with his successor, Jehoiakim, and faced much opposition. He became unpopular for warning the king and the people that Jerusalem would be ravaged and the Temple would be sacked. This unpopular message, however, proved to be correct. Imprisoned for his prophecy, Jeremiah was still incarcerated when the Babylonians besieged the city and carried many off into exile. The book of Lamentations, which expresses the suffering of God's people because of these events, is attributed to Jeremiah.



Alongside the warnings, Jeremiah also expresses great hope for the restoration of God's people. He prophesies a "new covenant" – a prophecy fulfilled by the Lord at the Last Supper, when He gives the new covenant in His own Blood. The so-called 'Book of Consolation' (Jeremiah chapters 31-34) expresses God's plan to restore and comfort all those who have suffer, and offers real, lasting hope.

Questions for reflection:

- How hard do I find it to speak for God in the face of opposition?
- In the midst of suffering, do I allow God to instil hope into my heart?

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: year 2, week 13

Mass is livestreamed each day and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel. All information and links at www.saintclares.co.uk

See next page for information on attending Mass in the church.

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Sunday 28 th June	10am	Saints Peter and Paul	People of the Parish
Monday	10am		Winifred Holman RIP
Tuesday	10am		Frank Fagan RIP
Wednesday	10am		Ben Hunter RIP and Tom Dilworth RIP
Thursday	10am		Elsie Atkinson RIP
Friday	10am	St Thomas	Jim McVeigh RIP
Saturday	10am		Ints Theresa Scull
Sunday 5 th July	10am	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: on request. Contact Fr Andrew to arrange.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: Sung Vespers and Benediction streamed live on our YouTube channel on Sunday at 4:30pm.

ROSARY: Prayed after 10am Mass, Monday-Friday.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alice Wilson, Muriel Osbaldeston, Ben Hunter, Maureen O'Hanlon, Sheila Warren., Stuart Paul Smith, Madge Hainsworth, Winifred Healey, Ann Walmsley, Freda Robinson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: That all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Supporting your parish financially

Many people have asked how they can contribute to the parish financially at a time when almost all parish income has dried up. If you are still earning and able to contribute, you can save up offertory envelopes until the lockdown ends. Some people have asked for details of how to donate by standing order/BACS. Contact us directly for details. If you don't use online banking, we can send you a mandate which you can fill in and post to your bank. Thank you for thinking of us at this time, but please only contribute if you are able.

Father Andrew's weekly message

Dear Friends,

After a very long wait, we will finally be allowed to gather again to celebrate Mass from next weekend. It's wonderful news, and I know so many of you are looking forward to being back at Mass. It will be a great joy for me to celebrate the Mass with parishioners physically present again. Thanks be to God!

Unfortunately it's not yet a return to normal. Access will be very much restricted and there will be some changes to the way we celebrate Mass. If you would like to attend, it's vital that you contact us before coming – please see the details below, which make clear what to do and what to expect. These restrictions are likely to be in place for quite some time. As things develop we will adapt as well as we can to meet the needs of all our parishioners. With that in mind, we will also continue livestreaming the Mass for the foreseeable future. The church also remains open two hours per day for private prayer.

With my best wishes and prayers for you all. God bless, Fr Andrew.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND MASS: Please contact us (preferably by email – if you don't use email, please phone us) and let us know the following information:

- Your name (and, if you are not using email, a phone number)
- The day(s) when you would be able to attend. If at the weekend, please let us know morning/evening. Monday-Friday Mass will continue to be at 10am.
- How many people from your household/support bubble will attend (you will sit together at Mass, so it's vital we know how many are in your group).
- If you are willing to act as a steward at the Mass, please include this in your email. You must be in good health and under 70 years of age, and the role involves helping to wipe down benches etc. after the Mass has ended.

Additional Masses may be celebrated as required. You will receive an email giving a date and time when we will be able to welcome you to Mass. **There is still no obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday at this time.**

CONFESSIONS are now available by request/appointment. Contact Fr Andrew.

EXPLORING PHILIPPIANS: Starting this Tuesday at 7:30pm, on Zoom. Each week we will explore a chapter of St Paul's letter to the Philippians, with some input from Fr Andrew and opportunities to share. Please email us if you'd like to come along.

OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: Please see back page for details of opening times.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL: Still available on our YouTube channel.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Every day	Anytime	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Sunday 28 th	11am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Zoom
	4pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	YouTube
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	YouTube
Mon-Fri	4:30pm-6:30pm	Church open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	5pm-6pm	Adoration livestreamed	YouTube
Tuesday	7:30pm	Exploring Philippians: Chapter 1	Zoom
Saturday	11am-1pm	Church open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	11:10am	Adoration livestreamed	YouTube
Sunday 5 th	Details for next Sunday will be published next weekend. Those hoping to attend Mass next weekend, please read info on page 3.		

Mass is celebrated at 10am every day – see page 2 for full details.

All events marked **'YouTube'** are streamed live on our channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Events marked **'Zoom'** are also online only; please contact us if you want to join.

USING ZOOM: Several parish online events will take place on Zoom, to allow for more interactivity. All you need is a phone/PC/tablet with a webcam. It is very easy to set up and use. You don't need an account and it's free. All you need is a link, which we will send by email if you ask to come to an event. Give it a try!

MAILING LIST: We can post out the parish newsletter or arrange delivery for those who don't have an internet connection and are also producing a DVD of some of our videos, including a Sunday Mass. If you know anyone who's interested, contact us.

A prayer of spiritual communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.