

## People of the Word: Daniel

Last week we heard of King Nebuchadnezzar, who carried many of the citizens of Jerusalem into exile in Babylon. This week we meet one of the Jews in exile, the prophet **Daniel**.



The Book of Daniel tells the story of this young man and is filled with some famous incidents. Daniel is one of four young men chosen to work in Nebuchadnezzar's palace and the king is quickly impressed with him and his friends. When Nebuchadnezzar is troubled by the meaning of a dream Daniel (not unlike Joseph in the Book of Genesis) is able to interpret the dream for him. Great honour is conferred on Daniel. His friends, however, are thrown into a furnace for refusing to worship a statue at the king's command. An angel of the Lord comes to rescue them from the flames, and they sing a great canticle of praise, now used by the Church at Sunday morning prayer. Later Daniel interprets the 'writing on the wall' for king Belshazzar (Daniel 5); he is thrown into the lions' den (Daniel 6), but the lions refuse to harm him.



Daniel also includes an important prophecy of the resurrection of the dead (12:1-4) and a great vision of "one like a son of man" being given authority over all things by God the Father (7:1-14). Here we see a sign of Jesus, who calls Himself the "Son of Man", glorified in His humanity after His resurrection from the dead.

### Questions for reflection:

- What has God rescued me from in my life? Where do I see His saving power?
- Do I try to interpret the events in my life remembering that God is there?

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Office: Psalter Week 3; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: year 2, week 15**

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](http://www.saintclares.co.uk)

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

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Vigil Mass	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Donor's Intention
	10am		Abid Behranwala RIP
	Evening		People of the Parish
Monday	10am		Andrew Walsh RIP
Tuesday	10am		Private Intention (IG)
Wednesday	10am	St Bonaventure	Cath and Terry Whitfield
Thursday	10am	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Private Intention
Friday	10am		Frank Madden RIP
Saturday	10am		Robert Metcalf RIP
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Vigil Mass	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Donor's Intention
	10am		Fr Michael Lakeland RIP
	Evening		People of the Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Howard Southworth**, whose funeral will take place on Friday, **Canon Frank Cookson**, and all who have died recently.

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

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS:** Sung Vespers and Benediction Sunday 4:30pm in church (details on next page) and live on our YouTube channel.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Chris Walker, Rita Wright, John Haslam, Russell Sowerby, Catherine Burns, Fr Michael Lakeland, Frank Madden, Robert Metcalf.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY:** We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

### Supporting your parish financially

To avoid use of cash, it is better, if possible, to support the parish using standing order/BACS. Contact us directly for the details. If you don't use online banking, we can send you a mandate which you can fill in and post to your bank. If you have been saving offertory envelopes, these may be pushed through the presbytery letterbox or handed in at the end of Mass, if you are able to attend at this time. Thank you for your support for our parish.

**ATTENDING MASS:** Wherever possible, please decide on a **regular day/time** when you would like to attend Mass then contact us to see what's possible. We will get contact you to let you know when you can come. One-off attendance may be possible but should generally be reserved for special occasions/when the Mass is being offered for your intention. Please only come to Mass if you have received confirmation that we have sufficient space.

**To arrange to come to 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.

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:** Continues on Tuesday at 7:30pm, on Zoom. This week explore Chapter 3 of St Paul's letter to the Philippians, with some input from Fr Andrew and opportunities to share. Please email us for the link. If you missed the earlier sessions, the talk and some discussion are now available to view on YouTube.

**YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MASS:** This Tuesday at 2pm. The church will not be open but parents and parishioners can participate in the Mass live on our YouTube channel.

**PRIVATE PRAYER:** We continue to open for a period each day. Please note changes to the original weekend opening times – details on the back page.

**SUNG VESPERS AND BENEDICTION:** You are welcome to attend, without a booking, on Sunday at 4:30pm, subject to space being available in church. Please note: stewards will register who is present, and the congregation may not sing.

**FACE COVERINGS:** A parishioner is willing to make washable face coverings for any vulnerable members of the parish who are in need of these, free of charge. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

**JOSNA RAISING MONEY FOR YEMEN:** Josna is a young parishioner moved by the dire situation in Yemen. She and others are cycling nearly 4000 miles (the distance from UK to Yemen) to raise money. If you can help with the cycling or with sponsorship, please visit <https://www.strava.com/clubs/yemen-3873> for details.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Every day	Anytime	<b>Food Bank Collection</b>	House Porch
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3pm-4pm</b>	Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube
	4:30pm	<b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b> (details on page 3 of newsletter)	Church and YouTube
Mon-Fri	4:30pm-6:30pm	Church open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	5pm-6pm	Adoration livestreamed	YouTube
Tuesday	2pm	<b>St Clare's Primary School Year 6 Leavers' Mass</b>	YouTube only
	7:30pm	<b>Exploring Philipians: Chapter 3</b>	Zoom
Saturday	<b>12noon-1pm</b>	Church open and livestream: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3pm-4pm</b>	Church open and livestream: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church and YouTube
	4:30pm	<b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b> (details on page 3 of newsletter)	Church and YouTube

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 have produced DVDs of some of our videos, including a 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.