



**“God, be merciful to me,  
a sinner!”**

*As we approach the end of the  
Church year, we are reminded that  
God's way is one of humility, equality  
and perseverance in the pursuit of  
love*

The **First Reading** emphasises the Lord's focus on the needs of the poor and the marginalised. God calls us to be persistent in our prayer and uncompromising in our quest for justice.

*The **Psalm**, reminds us that the Lord always hears our prayers of pain and distress, and responds to petitions that seek to do good in the world.*

The letter to Timothy reflects on the writer's own ministry as a lesson to other followers of Christ (**Second Reading**). He encourages us to stand strong in the face of suffering, criticism and rejection, and to remain fixed on what is right and loving in the eyes of the Lord

In the **Gospel** Jesus offers a sobering illustration of the difference between what we in society uphold as noble, righteous and honourable, and the values of the Lord. God always sees through status and superficial expressions of faith, and reminds us that we are all loved sinners.

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**Church is open daily from 8am until 6pm for private prayer.**

**MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday page 155**

**Office Psalter Week: 2 Sundays: Year C: Weekdays Year 1.**

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>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	People of the Parish	
	7:15 (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	9:30am		Manus Adamson RIP	
	6pm		Jeff Poole RIP	
Monday	9.15am			Thanksgiving
	RPH			Patients and Staff at RPH
	5.30pm			
Tuesday	7pm	<b>STS. SIMON &amp; JUDE</b>	Deceased Brothers Catenian Circle 14	
Wednesday	9.15am		Mathew & Mary RIP	
Thursday	9.15am		Holy Souls November list	
Friday	12noon		Agnes & Bob Fletcher	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10am	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	Annie & John Grace RIP	
	6pm (Vigil)		Kathleen Calvey RIP	
	7:15 (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	9:30am		People of the Parish	
	6pm		Biki Prasad RIP	

**ROSARY:** Is prayed after the 9:15am Mass, and before the 12noon Mass Friday

**PLEASE PRAY**

For those in our parish and our families who are sick or have died recently. We remember especially Paul Walmsley who died recently and Margaret Newsham whose Requiem was here last week. **Envelopes for MASS INTENTIONS** are in the Narthex. Please add your contact details and offering and post through the presbytery door or hand to Fr. John Mark.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Robert Potts, George Jolly  
Margaret Dorgu,  
Dennis Higgins, ,  
Frederick Arthur Newsham,  
Dorothy Finch, Moira Butler,  
Kathleen Murphy Noel Hogan  
Gillian Clare Burke,  
Wendy Karen Charleson  
**May they rest in peace.**

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: For the prevention of suicide.**

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**INVITATION FROM SPUC: Letters to the House of Lords gathering.** You are warmly invited to our friendly letter-writing gathering! We'll be handwriting letters to members of the House of Lords to encourage them to vote against the *Assisted Suicide and Abortion up to Birth Bills*.

**Come along on Saturday, 1 November at 15:00 to The Lancaster Room, St Joseph's Church, Skeffington Road, Preston, Preston, PR1 5UQ**

Everyone is most welcome! We will have stationary, stamps, and letter templates ready for you to use or personalise. For more info, contact Nicola on 07523 183758 or email [spucpreston@gmail.com](mailto:spucpreston@gmail.com)



**PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November after the 9.30am Mass. Please support this parish event. All details on the insert in this bulletin.**

### **NOVEMBER LIST ENVELOPES**

(for the month of the Holy Souls)

In which to place the names of your loved ones who have died (and any offering) are available in the Narthex  
All names will be placed in the box on the altar.

**Mass will be celebrated for them during November and throughout the coming year.**

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**Today 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.**

### **SAFEGUARDING**

We currently have a vacancy for a volunteer Safeguarding Officer. If you are interested in this important role in the Parish please speak to Fr. John Mark.

**BBQ AND FIREWORKS with St. Clare's Scout Group** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
**Sausage Sizzle** at 7pm, **Fireworks** 7.30pm. Hot & cold drinks available in the Parish Hall.  
**NO SPARKLERS**

**PARISH GIFT AID ENVELOPE SCHEME:** If you would like to join please contact the Parish Office. Our repayment from **HMRC for 2024/25 £11,186. Can you help to increase this next year?**

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND:** For single women (18+) discerning what the Lord is asking of them. November 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> at The Monastery of Our Lady of Hying, Carnforth. For further details contact [hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk)  
Tel: 01524 732684. See the poster in the Narthex

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> October 394 (84/160/77/NCW 73).

**Collections** - Last weekend: £562.85. Special Collection for APF £279.59

Collections via Bank and card payment terminal in September £2175. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
	<del>6:45pm</del>	<del>Anointed and Sent groups (Age 11-18)</del>	Parish Hall
Monday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Adult Catechesis Penitential</b>	<b>Narthex</b>
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:30-6:30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy	Side Chapel
Wednesday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	9:45am	Parish Coffee morning	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy	Parish Hall
Thursday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	<del>6:15pm</del>	<del>Beavers</del>	<del>Parish Hall</del>
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Adult Catechesis</b>	<b>Narthex</b>
Friday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	7pm	Lectio Divina	In house
Saturday	10:30-11:30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION**

**this weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> October.**

Items needed: tins of potatoes, fruit and soup, jam, tea and coffee, packets of noodles, soap and toothbrushes.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you have a child who requires the **Sacrament of Baptism**, please speak to Fr. John Mark or contact the parish office

**ALTAR SERVERS' DINNER:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Details on the poster.

**As PILGRIMS OF HOPE in this Jubilee year**, we renew our commitment to sharing God's compassion and care for all. We strive for peace and justice in this world by reflecting on our own behaviour. We are reminded that we cannot do this on our own, but must constantly seek the Lord's loving guidance and strength.