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**THE ROSARY, "A COMPENDIUM OF THE GOSPEL"**

The only way to approach the contemplation of Christ's face is by listening in the Spirit to the Father's voice, since "no one knows the Son except the Father" (Mt 11:27). In the region of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus responded to Peter's confession of faith by indicating the source of that intuition of his identity: "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (Mt 16:17). What is needed, then, is a revelation from above. To receive that revelation, attentive listening is indispensable: "Only the experience of silence and prayer offers the proper setting for the growth and development of a true, faithful and consistent knowledge of that mystery". The Rosary is one of the traditional paths of Christian prayer directed to the contemplation of Christ's face. Pope Paul VI described it in these words: "As a Gospel prayer, centred on the mystery of the redemptive Incarnation, the Rosary is a prayer with a clearly Christological orientation. Its most characteristic element, in fact, the litany-like succession of Hail Marys, becomes an unceasing praise of Christ, who is the ultimate object both of the Angel's announcement and of the greeting of the Mother of John the Baptist: "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Lk 1:42). The Jesus that each Hail Mary recalls is the same Jesus whom the succession of mysteries proposes to us now as the Son of God, now as the Son of the Virgin" (The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, John Paul II).

**TODAY'S READINGS**

The first reading teaches us that God saves the poor and does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. In the second reading, Paul tells Timothy that his earthly life is nearing its end, but he has full confidence in God, his just judge, who will give him his eternal reward. In the Gospel reading, Luke tells the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector at prayer. The humble tax collector went home again at rights with God, while the arrogant Pharisee did not.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 155

Office: psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 30

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>	Lena Thompson RIP
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am		Veronica Judge
Oct	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Henry and Kathleen Haydock
Tuesday	7pm		Thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Theo Henry Holden
Wednesday	9:15am		Jeff Poole RIP
Thursday	9:15am		
Friday	12pm	<b>Sts Simon and Jude</b>	Sick & housebound and their carers
Saturday	10am		
	6pm (vigil)	<b>THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Patsy Cockburn RIP
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Bernard Harrison RIP
Oct	6pm		People of the Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for John Thomas Brown 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:** Winfred Taylor, Thomas Clarkson, Iris Myles, Violet McEvoy, Ann Teehan, Molly Nixon, Anne Patricia Lawson, Mary Winifred Knight, Henry Haydock, Johanna Price, Mary Irene Stewart.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER:** that the Church be one of synodality, which means walking together, along the same road. The Holy Father asks that we "take advantage of this opportunity to be a Church of closeness, which is God's style –closeness", as well as asking that we "give thanks to all the people of God who, with their attentive listening, are walking the synodal way".

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Offering Mass for our loved ones, for special intentions, for sickness, for those who have died is the greatest gift you can give them, we can also offer Mass in thanksgiving. Our Mass intention diary quite sparse, so if you would like a mass offering for a specific intention, please write the intention on an

envelope with the offering inside and post through the presbytery letterbox or leave with one of the priests.

**FOOD BANK:** Next weekend: 29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> October. There is currently an urgent need of almost all food supplies. Also at this time of year the Salvation army have been distributing toys to families who receive food parcels. Any toy donations would be greatly appreciated if you could leave them with the food donations.

**READERS REQUIRED:** We are in need of help filling our reader's rota especially at the Sunday 9:30 morning mass. If you would be interested in reading at any of our masses, please speak to one of our sacristans or priests.

**BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS TRIP:** On 11<sup>th</sup> Nov there is coach trip planned to Blackpool Illuminations. The coach will depart from St Clares at 5:45pm. The cost is £7 for adults and £3.50 for children. There will also be a planned stop at the Fish Bar in Gt Eccleston at 8pm which is to be paid separately. If you are interested, please record your details on the signup sheet in the Narthex indicating the number of adults and children attending, together with contact details.

**SOCIAL SURVEY:** St Clare's parish Social Committee wish to gather your views on activities and events that parishioners and their families would like to be held over the coming year. These may be events that have run previously as well as any new suggestions. Please complete a survey form and return to the box in the Narthex by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**NOVEMBER LIST ENVELOPES:** Available for collection from the Narthex. Please return them with names of any deceased relatives and friends you wish to pray for. The names will be left in a box by the altar throughout November. Donations for Holy Souls Masses are also welcome. Please include these in the envelopes.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** Please keep in your prayers the members of our Parish who are visiting the Holy Land this week. Pray that the visit will strengthen their faith, and that they have an enjoyable and safe trip.

**HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** If you have a child in year 3 or above who wants to make their first Confession and Holy Communion, please complete a registration form which can be found in the Narthex, and return to the presbytery before Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Forms have been distributed to children in St Clares School. The course will begin on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** This Sunday is World Mission Day, there will be a retiring collection for APF Missio. Envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone who wishes to Gift Aid their donation. There will be a special collection next weekend for the sick and retired Priests Fund.

**FAMILY FAST DAY:** Thank you for your generous donations, we have sent a sum of £884.62 to CAFOD.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 350 (102/145/103). Collections: £803.14. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	<b>6:45pm</b>	<b>Anointed &amp; Sent groups (ages 11-18)</b> <b>(Cancelled this week due to half term)</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>
Mon-Friday	3:20pm	<b>After School Club*</b> <b>(Cancelled this week due to half term)</b>	Parish Hall
	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Monday	6pm	<b>Cubs (Cancelled this week due to half term)</b>	Parish Hall
	8pm	<b>Scouts (Cancelled this week due to half term)</b>	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Tuesday	6pm	<b>Seekers (ages 8-11) (Cancelled this week due to half term)</b>	Parish Hall
Wednesday	10am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Church
Thursday	6:15pm	<b>Beavers (Cancelled this week due to half term)</b>	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina <b>(cancelled this week)</b>	Side chapel
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions	Church
	10:30 – 12pm	Spanish Classes	Parish Hall
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	<b>Anointed &amp; Sent groups (ages 11-18)</b> <b>(Cancelled this week due to half term)</b>	Parish Hall

Events marked \* are open only to members or those who have booked ahead.

**OLSE LADIES' GROUP:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October and will be a presentation by Steve Harrison from the Friends of Winckley Square on 'The scandalous women of Winckley Square'. Meeting in the Parish Centre at 8pm. Admission £3, visitors welcome.

**NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November...Indian Dinner back by popular demand! An evening of delicious Indian dishes awaits you, all in support of ACN fundraising for our India project. Tickets will go on sale soon. Please hold the date in your diaries!