

WELCOME TO FR. STEPHEN

Hello, my name is Fr Stephen Talbutt and I'm a three-year-old priest being ordained by Bishop Paul on the 6th July 2019 although in real life I'm fifty two years old (I think it's safe to say that I was a pretty late vocation). My family origins are mainly from India, the family emigrated from Kolkata to Lancaster back in 1960, and I was born ten years later in at the Royal Lancaster infirmary. For most of my life I worked in the IT sector starting work with British Gas in 1988 and ending in the NHS in 2013. I also enjoyed playing music in various local rock bands and enjoyed a good game of badminton and a pint afterwards.

But everything changed for me in 2009 when the relics of St Therese came to the Cathedral in Lancaster. I hadn't been a practicing Catholic for many years, I just used to go to church Christmas and Easter, weddings, and funerals. I didn't really think about my faith or God, it simply wasn't important to me, then St Therese visited and that all changed. At the instigation of my dear Mum I ended up in the Cathedral visiting the relics with a sense of curiosity. It was there through St Therese I experienced the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist, and everything changed. The peace, joy and love of that encounter set my life in a new direction, within four years I had quit my job, left my house and family and began training for the priesthood. My mission pure and simple, just to let the love of God be known. That is what brings me here today, I'm looking forward to walking with you all on our shared journey of faith. All for Jesus 😊 See you soon!

TODAY'S READINGS

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that no one can know the mind and ways of God; it is only through the help of God's Holy Spirit that the will of God is revealed to us. In the second reading St Paul asks Philemon to take back Onesimus as a dear brother in the Lord. In the Gospel reading Jesus tells us we must be willing to give up all we love to follow him - the cost of discipleship.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 133**Office: psalter week 3; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 23**

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)	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ints. of Sr. Anne
Sunday 4 th	9:30am		Alan Little RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		St Clare's School teachers, pupils and parents
Tuesday	7pm		People of the Parish
Wednesday	9:15am		Sick & housebound parishioners and their carers
Thursday	9:15am	NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Kath Wilding RIP
Friday	12noon		Ints. Fr. Stephen
Saturday	10am	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joan Walmsley RIP
	6pm (vigil)		People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th	9:30am		Pauline Drake RIP
	6pm		Sick & housebound parishioners and their carers

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for 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: Claude Lawton, Winifred O'Reilly, Michael O'Callaghan, Eileen Woodhead, Brian Sidwell, Gerard Christian, Teresa Hodges, Lauren May, John Patten, John Dean, Teresa Lingard, Jane Martin, Anne Shaw.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: **For the abolition of the death penalty** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

FR STEPHEN TALBUTT: Fr Stephen has now arrived in the Parish, he will be assisting Fr John Mark in looking after St Clare's and St Gregory's parishes, as well as the hospital. Please pray for Fr Stephen as he begins his ministry here.

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022: In September and October the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales. Individuals and groups are invited to register attendance at their chosen church on the Relic Tour website www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour (see notice in the Narthex).

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. 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.

FOOD BANK: Collection this weekend: 3rd/4th September. There is currently urgent need of almost all food supplies, particularly tea and coffee, due to very high demand at this present time. The Salvation Army, who distribute the food, have expressed their grateful thanks for the generous donations received from the parishioners of St Clare's.

ST CLARE'S SCHOOL: As our school begins a new academic year, please pray for all teachers, pupils, and parents to help them and thank them for all that they do.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FULWOOD & BROUGHTON: A Jacob's Join to be held on Saturday 24th September in OLSE Parish Hall between 1pm-4pm. OLSE Choir will provide the music and songs, and prayers of thanks for the Queen's long reign will be offered. Tea and coffee will be provided, and you are welcome to bring your own drinks. To reserve a place contact Margaret Thompson tel. 719317.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: This weekend we have an emergency collection requested by CAFOD for the Pakistan floods disaster. Next Sunday is Education Day. There will be a collection for Catholic Education Services.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 315 (78/125/112). Collections: £553.22. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 4 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
Mon-Friday	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Monday	7pm	Baptism course (3)*	Side chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Wednesday	10am-12	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Social Committee*	Narthex
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 11 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/>

OLSE LADIES GROUP: The first meeting after the summer break will be on Thursday 8th September in the Parish Centre starting at 8pm. It will be a social evening with tea and cakes, and a quiz, as well as discussion of some important matters. Admission is £3 and visitors are welcome.

FREE NEWSPAPER: Get the Universe Catholic Weekly free for a four-week trial; see notice in the Narthex for details.

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

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING: Please consider supporting this training at Corpus Christi High School, in memory of Mary O’Gara, by sponsoring parishioners walking the ‘Santiago de Compostella’ in September. A ‘just giving’ page has been set up (www.justgiving.com/RitaHunter3), and sponsorship forms are available in the Narthex. Please see Rita Hunter or Anne Metcalf for details.

Fr Andrew’s new postal address:

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