

### **THE HOLY ROSARY: ST JOHN PAUL II'S FAVOURITE PRAYER**

At the beginning of his pontificate, St. John Paul II let everyone know that the Rosary was his favourite prayer. St. John Paul II affirmed this statement in his Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* in 2002, pointing out how he revealed this aspect of his spiritual life so early on in his pontificate and how it continued to comfort him in good times and bad. "The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort. Twenty-four years ago, on October 29, 1978, scarcely two weeks after my election to the See of Peter, I frankly admitted: "The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth."

St. John Paul II said: "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to "set out into the deep in order once more to proclaim, and cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, "the way, and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6).

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

The readings speak about perseverance in prayer. In the first reading we are told how Aaron and Hur supported Moses' arms to remain raised in prayer while the Israelites waged war against the Amalekites. In the second reading, Paul encourages us to read the Bible to find true guidance for our lives. In the Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow, who kept bothering the unjust judge until she gets her vindication.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 152

Office: psalter week 1; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 29

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>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Barbara & Les Thornton RIP
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Jim Proctor RIP
Oct	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am	<b>St Ignatius of Antioch</b>	Family Intentions of Cath Noblett
Tuesday	7pm	<b>St Luke</b>	Intentions of Sr Anne
Wednesday	9:15am		Thomas Clarkson RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Maureen Harrison
Friday	12pm		Frank and Dorothy Smith
Saturday	10am	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	6pm (vigil)		Lena Thompson RIP
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am		Veronica Judge
Oct	6pm		People of the Parish

**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:** Winfred Taylor, Thomas Clarkson, Iris Myles, Violet McEvoy, Ann Teehan, Molly Nixon, Anne Patricia Lawson, Mary Winifred Knight, Henry Haydock, Johanna Price.

**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.

**ACN – INDIA PARISH REBUILD PROJECT:** So far, our parish has raised an amazing £11,838 towards the target of £21,000. ACN would like to reach their target by the end of 2022. The “buy a brick” campaign is still active, so if you are able to support the project by buying a brick for £30 or part of a brick it will be a big help. Please just pop your money or a cheque into an envelope marked “ACN BUY A BRICK”, you can also use the card donation point in the narthex (select the ACN option). Thank you for your generosity in this cause.

**FOOD BANK:** This weekend: 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> October. There is currently an urgent need of almost all food supplies, particularly tea and coffee, due to very high demand at this present time.

**READERS REQUIRED:** Due to some of our regular readers retiring or moving out of the parish 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. Proclaiming God’s word is one of the vital ministries of the church and your generosity would be greatly appreciated in helping out with this role.

**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.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** There are still places available on the diocesan trip to Lisbon next summer, details are available on the Castlerigg website [www.castleriggmanor.com/World-Youth-Day-2023](http://www.castleriggmanor.com/World-Youth-Day-2023)

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>) is World Mission Day, there will be a retiring collection for APF Missio.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 322 (79/170/73). Collections: £553.07. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	Anointed & Sent groups (ages 11-18)	Parish Hall
Mon-Friday	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	6pm	Seekers (ages 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Wednesday	10am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	<b>1:45pm</b>	<b>St Clares School Harvest Festival Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Church
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions	Church
	10:30 – 12pm	Spanish Classes	Parish Hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	Anointed & Sent groups (ages 11-18)	Parish Hall

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

**ST CLARES SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE:** On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 1:45pm the children and teachers from St Clares School will be holding their annual Harvest Festival service in the Church, all are welcome to celebrate Gods abundance.

**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/>

**RETREAT:** On 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of October '48 Hours to step-up' for all young people that are in high school or above. The retreat is being led by Joe and Ruth White of the Metanoia Project – details and sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

**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!