
OCTOBER:THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY CONTINUES

With the growth of the popularity of Marian devotion in the twelfth century, the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary" developed now substituting 150 "Hail Marys" in place of the "Our Fathers."

The 150 "Hail Marys" were subsequently subdivided into fifteen decades by the young Dominican friar, Henry Kalkar, with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Dominican, Alanus de Rupe further divided the episodes in the history of salvation into the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. He also attributed the origin of the Rosary, then known as the "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin" to St Dominic and thus spurred the Dominican Order to make the Apostolate of the Rosary their special concern. The Dominicans have, since then, promulgated the Rosary with notable results.

The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed towards the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII (papacy: 1878-1903) strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary.

Beginning on September 1, 1883, with *Supremo Apostolatus Oficio*, he wrote a total of eleven encyclicals on the Rosary, ending with *Diuturni Temporis* in 1898. Many other Popes have contributed to help increase devotion to the Rosary by their writings. In the recent past, Pope Paul VI (papacy: 1963-1978) devoted the last section of his Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis Cultus* to the Angelus and the Rosary. In this document, he wrote that "the Rosary retains an unaltered value and intact freshness."

TODAY'S READINGS

The readings of this Sunday speak about faith. In the first reading Habakkuk despite his complaints, waits with trust the day God will fulfil his promise. In the second reading Paul writes to Timothy, encouraging him to keep the faith he has received. And in the Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 146**Office: psalter week 3; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 27**

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sunday 2 nd	9:30am		Frank Stanton RIP
Oct	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Florence Johnson RIP
Tuesday	7pm	St Francis of Assisi	Maria Prince
Wednesday	9:15am	Dedication of the Cathedral	Michael Prince
Thursday	9:15am		Prince Paulose
Friday	12pm	Our Lady of the Rosary	Holy Souls
Saturday	10am	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ronnie Cartwright
	6pm (vigil)		Susan Cartwright
Sunday 9 th	9:30am		Eileen Woodhead RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for James Hayes 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: Betty Marcela, William Fowler, Clare Mulligan, Helen Gildert, James Smart, Margaret Holden, Anne-Marie McCabe, Betty Dickinson, Nora Jones, Cicely Brierley, Sharon Livesey, Maureen Masters, Elizabeth Mary Ivison, Alice Turner.

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.

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 is currently empty, 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.

WELCOME GATHERING FOR FR JOHN MARK AND FR STEPHEN : Fr John Mark and Father Stephen would like to thank everyone who came to the Jacob's Join on Friday for making it such a joyous occasion. Thanks also to the organisers, helpers and all who donated the wonderful food.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY: Holy Hour this Friday at 7pm in church. An opportunity to spend some time in the company of our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Patrick Gardener from CAFOD will be speaking at the weekend Masses of the 1st-2nd October. CAFOD Family Fast day is on Friday 7th October. Please use the donation envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY: There will be an open day for children due to start in reception at St Clares School in September 2023. It will be held in the school on Wednesday 5th October from 2pm – 6pm. Please contact school to book.

FOOD BANK: This weekend: 1st /2nd 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. 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.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 387 (107/154/126). Collections: £621.14. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 2nd	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
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (ages 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Wednesday	10am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Reconciliation Service	Church
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Holy Hour	Church
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions	Church
	10:30 – 12pm	Spanish Classes	Parish Hall
Sunday 9th	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.

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/>

DAY OF RENEWAL: The next day of renewal will be on Saturday 15th October led by Sean Booth a lay missionary with St Teresa's missionaries of charity. The day starts with Mass at 10am at concludes at 4pm. Please support this great event. More details on the poster in the Narthex.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday 18th 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!