

OCTOBER:THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The feast was introduced by Pope St Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valour of the soldiers who fought there.

Legends tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St Dominic (1170-1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians. The Dominican Pope, St Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was the same Pope St Pius V, who in 1569 officially approved the Rosary in its present form with the Papal Bull, *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices*. It had been completed by the addition of the second half of the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be to the Father" at the conclusion of each mystery.

It was the Middle Ages where it came into being in various medieval monasteries as a substitute for the Divine Office for the lay monks and devout lay persons who did not know how to read. Instead of the 150 psalms, they would pray 150 "Our Fathers" counting them on a ring of beads known as the crown or "corona."

TODAY'S READINGS

The first reading reminds us that complacency in the face of need is as bad as refusing to help. In the second reading, Paul exhorts Timothy to pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness, rather riches. In the Gospel reading, Jesus gives us a warning, pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 143**Office: psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 26**

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	The sick and housebound
Sunday 25 th	9:30am		Barbara Harrison Clary RIP (100 th birthday)
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		
Tuesday	7pm	St Vincent De Paul	Richard Turner RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Dec'd Family Members
Thursday	9:15am	SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	
Friday	7pm	St Jerome	
Saturday	10am	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Roger & Florence O'Donnell RIP
	6pm (vigil)	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sunday 2 nd	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		

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: 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 : On Friday 30th September Mass will be at 7:00pm (there will be no Mass at 12:00pm on that day), followed by a gathering in the parish hall to welcome our new priests. All are welcome and a “Jacobs Join” signup sheet is available 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.

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: 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.

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: Next 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Thank you for your generosity in supporting Fr Matthias from the Spiritans last week, we collected £325.29 for their work. This week there is a special collection for the Bishop’s Admin. Fund.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 356 (134/145/77). Collections: £660.69. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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 and concludes at 4pm. Please support this great event. More details on the poster in the Narthex.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 25 th	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 Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7:45pm	Jacob's Join	Parish Hall
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions	Church
	10:30 – 12pm	Spanish Classes	Parish Hall
	1:30 – 3.30pm	Messy Church	Parish hall
Sunday 2nd	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/>

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 Compostela' 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.

SVP DAY OF INFORMATION AND REFLECTION: Saturday 1st October 10:30-2:30 with free lunch – all welcome. At St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock Cottam – see information sheet in the Narthex for more details.