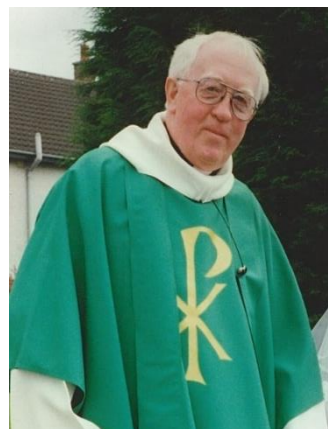


Our first 50 years: 1982

On 10th February 1982 Fr Michael Lakeland arrived at St Clare's, with time to unpack before a school governors' meeting that evening. It was the start of a long period of service here – 26 years in all, more than half of the life of the parish to date. His arrival was marked by an induction service on 18th March. Fr Odran Callon, who had led the parish since its foundation, went to Scorton as Parish Priest there; on 1st April he was back at St Clare's for a presentation at which children from school gave a short musical recital. Fr Stephen Cross also arrived in the parish as



assistant priest in this year, replacing Fr Peter Chappell; Fr Cross would be here until 1985. Beyond the parish, 1982 was the year of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Britain – the first ever papal visit to our country. In preparation for the visit there were Holy Hours each Thursday, extra penance on the Fridays of Lent and events for various different groups within the Church. 21st-22nd May there was an all-night Eucharistic vigil in parishes, to pray for the success of the visit. The Pope arrived at Gatwick Airport on 28th May then began a six-day tour of the country. Our parish took part in the Mass at Heaton Park, Manchester, at 9:30am on Monday 31st May. 200,000 people were present. The parish diary for the day simply notes, "Pope's visit 9:30. Corporation bus booked for 1am." You had to be early to get a good seat.

Today's Readings

The prophet Isaiah today sees a vision of heaven in which the angels cry to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" – words which we echo in the Sanctus at Mass. St Paul gives us a very early Creed: "Christ died for our sins...", which he has received from others and taught to his own converts. In the Gospel we hear of the call of the first disciples and the miraculolous catch of fish, a clear sign of the mission of the Apostles to go out to the world and draw people to Christ.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book page 136

Office: Psalter week 1; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 2, week 5

The first Mass each day is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Margaret Rainford RIP
Sunday 6 th	9:30am		Teresa O’Neill RIP
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Thanksgiving (Nidhin)
Monday	9:15am		Holy Souls
Tuesday	7pm	St Josephine Bakhita	Teresa Madden RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Ints Maria Paola
Thursday	9:15am	St Scholastica	Sp Int (Margaret Swamy)
Friday	12noon	Our Lady of Lourdes	Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Saturday	10am	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Veronica Judge RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Ints Brian Bower
Sunday 13 th	9:30am		Terry Cairns RIP
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm	Donor’s Intention	

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Margaret Rainford, Josephine Edwards, Paul Seagraves, Jeanette Brock** and all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11am-12noon and by appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is also open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: morning-6pm; Tuesday 9am-6pm; Friday 12:30pm-6pm; Saturday 11am-12noon.

ROSARY: After 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass on Fridays.

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Winterbottam, Teresa Madden, Isabel Loughran, Anne Marie Metcalf, Canon Benedict Ruscillo, Iris Jackson.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses for the challenges of our times.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES: This Friday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, principal patron of our diocese. Mass is celebrated at 12noon; Rosary at 11:40am. All welcome.

VATICAN SYNOD 2023: The second and final gathering to discuss the Synod questions takes place this Tuesday (8th) at 7:30pm. A sheet with the questions and a brief explanation is available in the narthex. Please meet in the church at the end of 7pm Mass. You can also make a written submission to the questions, by email or hard copy. The deadline for responses is Sunday 13th February. Thank you to all who have contributed so far. Please pray that our work may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

NEW COFFEE MORNING: All parishioners are invited to a new coffee morning, in the parish hall each Wednesday, 10am-12noon. A chance for some social time together.

ACN PROJECT UPDATE: So far, we have raised around £6500 towards building a new church/hall in India. This is an amazing start to the project: thank you! Most of the money has come in through the 'buy a brick' scheme (£30 donation/brick – simply put the money in a marked envelope and hand it in). **Gift Aid** envelopes for ACN are now available in the narthex – please use them if able.

MASS AND HYMN BOOKS: In the latest stage of the Covid rules relaxation, we have been given permission to start using hymn books and Mass books again. Evidence suggests that there is very low risk of transmitting the virus through touch. However, please continue to use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave, as a precaution. Please exit via the narthex after Mass, so that you can return your books.

HOLY WATER: The stoups at the church entrance are now refilled and available to use if you wish. A supply of holy water for use at home is now available in the narthex.

COVID SAFETY MEASURES IN CHURCH: Please be mindful of those who would like to keep a safe distance from others. We ask that you continue to wear a face covering at Mass/other services, unless you are exempt. Most/all measures are likely to be relaxed in the coming weeks, subject to local infection rates.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION presents “Challenges of Covid-19: Ethical Perspectives from an Intensivist and Chaplains” at Lancaster University Catholic Chapel, this Tuesday (8th), 7-9pm. All welcome, especially those who work in healthcare. Info and bookings: contact Cath Morgan bha@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Next meeting this Thursday (10th), 8pm at OLSE Parish Centre. A presentation by Matt and Yvonne Pinder called “Adventure on Wheels. A Year around America.” Admission £2. Members are encouraged to do a Lateral flow test on the day of the meeting.

FOOD BANK: collection this weekend: 5th/6th February.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 337 (figures for individual Masses: 79/82/68/78; NCW 30) Collection: £601.81. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank collection	House porch
Sunday 6 th	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Journey in Faith Group	Side chapel
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Mon-Fri	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Marriage Preparation (3)*	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Synod 2023 gathering (questions 5-10)	Church
Wednesday	10am-12	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates*	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class*	Parish Hall
	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 13 th	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Journey in Faith Group	Side chapel

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

Adsumus Prayer

This prayer is the official prayer for the 2023 Synod. It is to be prayed as part of the discernment process as we seek to listen more attentively to God's Holy Spirit speaking in the Church today. Please use this prayer when considering your response to the Synod questions.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together

to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.