

Our first 50 years: 2019

This year marked the 40th anniversary of our church building, and plenty was going on. In March we had a wonderful few days with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, who led a parish mission at the start of Lent and made a great impression on us all. Just



Above: pilgrims in Assisi. Below: the Franciscan sisters

before Christmas a coach load from the parish went to Leeds to attend the sisters' live nativity. In May we had a pilgrimage to Assisi, the town of St Clare and St Francis. Other events to mark the anniversary year included a stunning flower festival in June; this brought together many talented arrangers from the local area and raised around £3000 for ACN. Bishop Paul came to celebrate Mass in November, marking the church's anniversary. The celebrations that year also had a tinge of sadness, as our longest-serving Parish Priest, Fr Michael Lakeland, died on 17th July. A packed St Clare's bade him farewell at his funeral Mass on 6th August, the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.



Today's Readings

The first reading speaks of Jerusalem, city of God, as a nourishing mother to all God's people. God will send her peace, we are told. It is peace which is the greeting of the Lord's messengers in the Gospel, as they are sent out two by two to preach. St Paul teaches us to find strength not in ourselves, but in the cross of Jesus Christ.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 105

Office: psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 14

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)	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Lil Abram RIP
	7pm (NCW)		<i>NCW Mass in parish hall</i>
Sunday 3 rd	9:30am		Hayley & Jamie (Wedding)
	6pm		Ints of Sue Lawrenson
Monday	9:15am		People of the Parish
Tuesday	7pm		George and Kathleen Earnshaw RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Lyn Bamber RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Damian Williams RIP
Friday	12noon	Ints Karen McLeod (sick)	
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Romeo Pereira RIP
	7pm (NCW)		<i>NCW Mass in parish hall</i>
Sunday 10 th	9:30am		Bernard Keaveny RIP
	6pm		Joan Mary Florence Leeming RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Steven Mills, Simon Grant, Margaret Irene Moody, Norman Hibbert** 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: Maureen O’Hanlon, Sheila Warren, Eileen Barnes, Tim Duffy, Joan Craven, Tim Buckley, Bernard Keaveny, Kathleen Earnshaw.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Please remember in your prayers the children of our parish who will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time this weekend.

CHURCH CLOSURE: The church will be closed from Monday to Saturday this week to allow for the floor covering to be replaced. During this period Mass will be held in the parish hall. NB: there will be no Mass on Saturday morning. The side chapel will be open during the day for private prayer. **Can you help?** We need people to help move the benches this Sunday (3rd) after evening mass and return them next Saturday morning (9th). If you have battery operated tools to help remove/replace the screws, please bring them too.

NEW BEGINNINGS: As announced, Fr Andrew will be moving on to work at the seminary at Oscott – his last weekend will be 16th/17th July. Fr John Mark Agulefo, currently Parish Priest at St Gregory's, will be moving to St Clare's. From the beginning of September he will be joined by Fr Stephen Talbutt, currently working as an assistant priest in Blackpool. The two priests will be responsible for St Clare's, St Gregory's and the hospital. Over the summer a supply priest will assist with Masses.

FAREWELL MASS AND SOCIAL: Fr Andrew's farewell Mass will be on Thursday 14th July at 7pm, followed by a Jacob's Join in the parish hall. If you can help with food, please sign up on the sheets in the narthex.

GOING TO THE HOLY LAND? Due to flight cancellations, the trip will now take place one day later, to run Sunday-Sunday 23rd-30th October. Please contact the travel company as soon as possible if this creates any difficulties for you. Please remember that the final balance is due to be paid by 22nd August and no reminders will be sent.

PLATINUM JUBILEE: The afternoon tea celebration was enjoyed by all who attended and raised approximately £314 towards the Ukraine and ACN charities. Thanks to all the volunteers involved.

FOOD BANK: Collection this weekend: 2nd/3rd July. There is currently urgent need of almost all food supplies due to very high demand. Thank you for your generosity.

LADYEWELL PILGRIMAGE: The annual pilgrimage to our local shrine is next Saturday (9th July). 11am Mass at St Mary's, then procession and Benediction. All welcome.

FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM: Special CAFOD event on the food crisis. St Mary's, Newhouse, Saturday 16th from 11 am. Learn about the world food system and how it affects the poor. Followed by a family picnic. More info: call Stephen Garsed 01772 717376.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: next Sunday for the Apostleship of the Sea, which works to provide spiritual and sacramental care to seafarers.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 409 (94/168/107 NCW 40). Collection: £757.82. 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 3 rd	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Wednesday	10am-12	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 10 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

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

VACANCIES AT METANOIA PROJECT: Metanoia are currently looking for a new chaplaincy assistant to work with young adults and also for people to join the 'Metanoia Missionaries' for a year, helping to share the Gospel in the local area. More details on both opportunities can be found at www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

JOBS AT CASTLERIGG: Vacancies for gap year volunteers and for a Programme Leader - the latter being a 2-year paid post. Anyone interested can contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit <http://castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team/>

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/>

EMPOWERED - Summer Conference

Saturday 23rd July 2022, All Hallows Catholic School, Penwortham, PR1 0LN. A day to be empowered and refreshed in the love of the Holy Spirit. With Ros Powell, Fr Frankie Mulgrew and members of Cor et Lumen Christi Community. For booking and more info, please call 016973 45623, see www.coretlumenchristi.org, or email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org