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CLARETIAN FAMILY DAY Thankyou to everyone who volunteered, and helped to make the day a great success, setting up, tidying up and make sure the day ran smoothly. Also to everyone who attended, from all parishes, it was brilliant to see so many of you.

Parish Formation Programme 2026–27

Also published this weekend are the dates for the different programmes of faith formation taking place during the coming year. These include preparation for **First Holy Communion and Confirmation**, together with opportunities for **adults wishing to explore or deepen their faith**. Please keep the dates for the programmes relevant to you and your family.

These programmes are not simply preparation for particular sacraments. We hope they will help children, young people and adults to grow in faith and become increasingly involved in the life of our parish community.

100 CLUB WINNERS— AUGUST

1st. Watters Family

2nd. H Emblem

Tea & Coffee After the 10am Mass

We would like to re-establish **tea and coffee after the 10am Sunday Mass** as a regular part of parish life. This is something very simple, but important. It gives us an opportunity not simply to attend Mass together but to **meet one another, welcome newcomers, build friendships and strengthen our sense of belonging to a parish community**. To make this possible, we would like to establish a **rota of people willing to prepare and serve the refreshments**. If enough people volunteer, this should mean that nobody is asked to do it too frequently.

There is another important dimension to this ministry which may not be widely known. **The donations received for tea and coffee are used to support the mission of the clergy in Zimbabwe**. So our gathering after Mass achieves two things at once: it helps to build our own community here at home while also supporting the wider mission and needs of the Church.

Please consider whether you could join the rota and help us make Sunday refreshments a regular and welcoming part of parish life.

Date	Service Time	Intention
Sat 5th September 2026	6.00pm	Simon Fox
Sun 6th September <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Jean Laraia RIP
Mon 7th September	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Tue 8th September	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Wed 9th September	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Thurs 10th September	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Fri 11th September	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Sat 12th September	6.00pm	Donor's Intention
Sun 13th September <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Tom and Pat Carpenter (Ints)

Join Us for Prayer From Monday, the new Claretian community will begin a revised community timetable. **Morning Prayer** will be celebrated **Monday to Friday at 9.00am in the Claret Chapel**, before the 9.30am Mass. **Evening Prayer** will take place at **6.00pm in the Claret Chapel**. On some evenings this will include Scripture reflection and other forms of prayer alongside the Prayer of the Church. Both Morning and Evening Prayer are part of the prayer life of our Claretian community, and **parishioners and visitors are very welcome to join us whenever they are able**.

Welcome to Fr Chris Newman

This weekend we warmly welcome **Fr Chris Newman**. The new team was formally appointed on **1 September**, and we look forward to this new stage in the life and ministry of our parish community. Attached to this weekend's newsletter is a short outline of **who we understand ourselves to be as a parish community, what we are committed to, and what we hope to work towards together**. We invite everyone to take some time to read it and, above all, to consider how each of us can play our part in building the life and mission of our parish.

Sunday School – Supporting Our Children in Faith

We are also hoping to establish a series of **Sunday School sessions following Mass** for children of the parish. We are particularly conscious of children who are unable to attend a Catholic school. We want to ensure that they too have opportunities to learn about their Catholic faith and receive the religious formation that children attending Catholic schools would normally encounter as part of their education. Further details will follow, but we would be very interested to hear from **parents and parishioners who might be willing to help us develop and support this programme**.

END OF LIFE BILL The revised assisted suicide bill faces its Second Reading on Friday 11th September, and **Not Dead Yet UK** has arranged postcards to be printed and distributed throughout the UK. These are placed at the back of the church for you to collect— you can simply add your name, and send to your MP to oppose the assisted suicide legislation, to protect the right to life for all people, including disabled and older people. **Please collect the postcard at the back of the church. Thankyou.**

FOBT THANKYOU From the summer fair on 15th August. We raised £537.00. **WORLD HERITAGE DAY** 20th September 12-5pm.

Come together

6 SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY *Plus*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year A

Season of Creation

Give thanks

St Francis lifted up his eyes... and entering into the field, he began to preach to the birds which were on the ground, and suddenly all those also on the trees came round him, and all listened while St Francis preached to them, and did not fly away until he had given them his blessing... Now the substance of the sermon was this: "My little sisters the birds, you owe much to God, your Creator, and you ought to sing his praise at all times and in all places, because he has given you liberty to fly about into all places; and though you neither spin nor sew, he has given you a twofold and a threefold clothing for yourselves and for your offspring. Two of all your species he sent into the Ark with Noah

that you might not be lost to the world; besides which, he feeds you, though you neither sow nor reap. He has given you fountains and rivers to quench your thirst, mountains and valleys in which to take refuge, and trees in which to build your nests; so that your Creator loves you much, having thus favoured you with such bounties. Beware, my little sisters, of the sin of ingratitude, and study always to give praise to God." As he said these words, all the birds began to open their beaks, to stretch their necks, to spread their wings and reverently to bow their heads to the ground, endeavouring by their motions and by their songs to manifest their joy to St Francis.

Brother Ugolino (c. 1262 – c. 1348),
Little Flowers of St Francis



Coming together as friends, as brothers and sisters, in community, in a parish, in an experience of living our faith together, we can find that the Lord's grace... can give us the strength that we need.

Pope Leo XIV

A parish reminder

Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes,
you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Attributed to St Teresa of Avila

Lord, bring us together in love and thankfulness. May our hearts be open to your Holy Spirit, guiding our steps towards peace, compassion, and shared hope.  Amen.



Feast of the week
Tuesday 8 September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's birth marks the dawn of hope, the beginning of God's plan to live among us. She is born not into grandeur but into simplicity, reminding us that holiness often begins in hidden places.

Mary's life is a testament to grace received and grace lived. From her first breath she was prepared to say "yes" to God – a yes that would change the world. Her birth invites us to reflect on our own beginnings: the gifts we've been given, the call we've received, and the quiet ways God is shaping us for his purpose.

As we celebrate Mary's birthday, let us ask for her intercession: that we, too, may be bearers of Christ in our world. May her humility, courage, and faith inspire us to trust in God's unfolding plan.

READINGS

Today:
Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday:
1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Luke 6:5-11

Tuesday:
Micah 6:1-4
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday:
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday:
1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13
Luke 6:27-38

Friday:
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday:
1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Luke 6:43-49

Next Sunday:
Ecclesiastes 27:30 – 28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35