

Church Links at St Clare's

At St Clare's we have an extremely close link to our school church and we believe our family as a parish is very special! We are very lucky to be served by several priests: Fr Dariusz (Parish Priest), Fr Jeremiah (responsible for Youth mission), Fr David and Fr Columcille.

Our children are regular visitors to St Clare's Church and prepare and lead masses throughout the school year. Our Y3 children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments attend Mass each Tuesday morning and are accompanied each week by another full year group on a rota basis.

Fr Jeremiah is instrumental to developing children's faith at St. Clare's. He leads the Tuesday morning Masses preaching directly to the children, helping them understand the structure of the Mass and the responses of the congregation. He also visits pupils in the classrooms every week to deliver additional RE sessions as part of the Sacramental Preparation Programme. On the last Sunday of each month a special children's Mass is held in the church which is well attended by our pupils, particularly those in the Sacramental Programme. This Mass is extra special as there is a youth choir, band, pupil created prayers, etc.

When masses are held in church, we warmly welcome members of the parish to come and join us in our celebration.

Fr Jeremiah also organises a popular youth group in the Friary where pupils are taught guitar and visit local attractions such as Heaton Park for days out as a parish community. We also regularly welcome Fr Jeremiah to our Chapel area in school where he will often join in services and reflections led by our pupil chaplains.