

## The Sacred Triduum

The Sacred Triduum (“three days”) is the most important time of the year. In this liturgy God renews His gift of salvation, offered to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We gather:

### **Holy Thursday 7pm: Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

We are present at the Last Supper, as Jesus gives us the Eucharist as the ongoing memorial of His sacrifice and His abiding presence with us; He washes the feet of His disciples and gives the new commandment, “Love one another, just as I have loved you.” Finally, He goes out to Gethsemane, where He takes the world’s suffering on Himself and is betrayed and arrested.

### **Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion, 3pm**

We stand at the foot of the cross with Our Lady and the Beloved Disciple, mourning the death of Jesus, showing our love for Him by venerating His cross, and thanking Him for the unconditional love He shows to us in His death.



### **Holy Saturday: Paschal Vigil and the First Mass of Easter, 8:30pm**

We gather around the Easter fire outside of the church. The Paschal Candle, the symbol of the risen Lord, is lit and leads us into church, dispelling the darkness ahead of us. We hear the Easter Proclamation, the ‘Exsultet’, and listen to the story of salvation, culminating in a Gospel account of Jesus’ resurrection. We renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the first Mass of Easter, recognising the risen Lord in the Breaking of Bread, as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus.



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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book page 185

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: of Holy Week

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)	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	May & Bill Hargreaves RIP
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Catherine Harrison RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Thomas Ingham RIP
Tuesday	7pm		Ints Adriano Pina
Wednesday	9:15am		Michael Hampson RIP
Thursday	7pm	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>	For vocations
Friday	3pm	<b>LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>	
Saturday	<b>8:30pm (Vigil)</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	People of the Parish
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Andrew Watt RIP

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for all who have died recently.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Good Friday 12noon-1pm. Please note: no confessions next Saturday.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Sundays 3pm during Lent; 10am on Good Friday.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS:** Evening Prayer Monday-Wednesday 5:45pm this week.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday-Wednesday 5pm-6pm. The church is usually open during the day for private prayer.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Doreen Lees, Mary Scanlan, Agnes Lancaster, Elizabeth Sumner, Kathleen Smith, Susan Tankard, Jean Dobson, Michael Hampson, Mary Ann Burke, Keith Hodgson, Margaret Brown, Thomas Price, Barbara Levett.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:** We pray for healthcare workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM** is the climax of the Church's year, as we celebrate the events at the heart of our salvation. Please be aware that from Thursday to Sunday, Mass/service times are different (N.B. – no evening Mass on Easter Sunday).

**THE NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be blessed and used for the first time at 3pm today (Palm Sunday). We pray that the new stations will help to remind us all of the Lord's journey of love and self giving, made for our salvation.

**EASTER MINISTRIES:** Please could readers and extraordinary ministers indicate when they are available for the Easter weekend, using the tick box sheets in the narthex. Rotas for the Triduum will be sent out early this week.

**HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICE:** This Wednesday, 6:30pm in church. All welcome.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** As usual, donations are welcome, especially in memory of loved ones. A list of prayer intentions will be displayed in the church throughout Easter.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all those who will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter vigil next Saturday.

**CHRISM MASS:** The annual Chrism Mass is again open to all. It takes place on Thursday at 11:30am in our cathedral (postcode LA1 3BT). At the Mass, the priests renew their commitment and the new oils for use in the sacraments are blessed.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** The new itinerary and booking forms are now available in the narthex. The pilgrimage takes place 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October this year. Please contact All Saints Travel directly to make a booking or for further information.

**IN THE BEGINNING...** A series of talks for Lent exploring chapters 1-11 of the book of Genesis and our salvation in Christ. Now available on our YouTube channel.

**ACN INDIA PROJECT:** Donations of any size are welcome for our project to build a new church/hall in India. **Gift Aid** envelopes for ACN are now available in the narthex.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2022/23** are ready for collection from the narthex. If you have moved house or are no longer eligible for Gift Aid, please let us know.

**23 LRGS SIXTH FORMERS**, including Ben from our parish, are fundraising for the DEC Ukraine appeal. They are each running, rowing or swimming 100km to total the distance from Lancaster to Kyiv! Support or follow them: <https://2300tokyiv.org>

**FOOD BANK:** Collection next weekend: 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April. There is currently urgent need of almost all food supplies due to very high demand. Thank you for your generosity.

**SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN:** Saturday 23 April 11am-1pm. Silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all/part of the time. For info tel. 01772 723094.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 369 (78/162/89 NCW 40). Collection: £910.08. Electronic donations in March: £2905.50. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	<b>After-Mass tea/coffee</b>	Parish Hall
	3pm	<b>Stations of the Cross, including blessing of our new Stations</b>	Church
	7pm	Journey in Faith Group	Side chapel
Mon-Wed	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	5:45pm	Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Church
Wednesday	6:30pm	<b>Holy Week Music Practice</b>	Church
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	11:30am	<b>Diocesan Chrism Mass</b>	Cathedral
	4pm	<b>Altar Servers' Practice</b>	Church
	7pm	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>	Church
	8pm-Midnight	<b>Watching before the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Side chapel
	11:50pm	<b>Compline (Night Prayer)</b>	Side chapel
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	10am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Church
	10:30am	<b>Altar Servers' Practice</b>	Church
	12noon-1pm	<b>Confessions</b>	Side chapel
	3pm	<b>LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>	Church
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Food Bank collection</b>	House porch
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	10am	<b>Altar Servers' Practice</b>	Church
	8:30pm	<b>PASCHAL VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER</b>	Church
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	9:30am	<b>Easter morning Mass</b>	Church
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall

During this Holy Week, let us lift our eyes to the cross, in order to receive the grace of amazement. As Saint Francis of Assisi contemplated the crucified Lord, he was amazed that his friars did not weep. What about us? Can we still be moved by God's love? Have we lost the ability to be amazed by Him? Why? Maybe our faith has grown dull from habit. Maybe we remain trapped in our regrets and allow ourselves to be crippled by our disappointments. Maybe we have lost all our trust or even feel worthless. But perhaps, behind all these "maybes", lies the fact that we are not open to the gift of the Spirit who gives us the grace of amazement... Brothers and sisters, today God continues to fill our minds and hearts with amazement. Let us be filled with that amazement as we gaze upon the crucified Lord. May we too say: "You are truly the Son of God. You are my God".