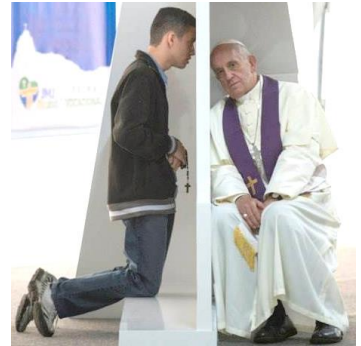


Reconciliation: rediscovering God's mercy

Confession is for some people a forgotten sacrament: something they did as a child but have rarely thought of since. Yet to approach this meeting with God is to discover His mercy and love. What a joyful thing it is, when we approach it with open hearts! If you have drifted from this sacrament of God's mercy, why not use this Lent as an opportunity to rediscover the joy of God's merciful love?

FOCUS ON... Opportunities for Reconciliation

There are many reasons why people delay going to confession: sometimes embarrassment or anxiety, perhaps just not getting round to it; or, for some people, simply finding the time to go. This need not be a problem: there are many opportunities to receive God's forgiveness in this beautiful sacrament. Here are some possibilities locally:



Here at St Clare's: every Saturday 11am-12noon, and also on request/by appointment.

At other local parishes:

Our Lady and St Edward's: Saturday 9:30am-10am

St Anthony's: Saturday 5:30pm-5:50pm

St Gregory's: Saturday 6pm-6:20pm

At **St Wilfrid's** (just off Fishergate in the city centre), there are many regular slots:
Monday-Friday: 8:15am-8:25am, 11:55am-12:10pm, 5:15pm-5:30pm
Saturday: 8:15am-8:25am, 11am-12noon, 2:30pm-3:30pm, 5pm-5:30pm

You could also come to our **Parish Reconciliation Service**, at which several priests will be present, here at St Clare's on Friday 23rd March at 7pm.

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Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: of Lent

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 10 th	6pm (vigil)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Frank and Molly Sinnott RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 11 th	9:30am		For mothers
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Theresa and John Topping RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Terry Jones RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Mary Sawyer RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Stella Dean RIP
Friday	12noon		Mary Lilian Lakeland RIP
Saturday 17 th	10am	St Patrick	Thanksgiving
	6pm (vigil)	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Trevor Hughes RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 18 th	9:30am		Intentions of Betty Dickinson
	6pm	People of the Parish	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Keith Foster**, whose funeral took place last week, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for priestly vocations)

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Monday-Friday 7:45am during Lent.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, and on request.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sundays 3pm during Lent.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before 12noon Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

ANGELUS: said at 12noon on Fridays, at the start of Mass.

ST ANTHONY: money donated in the wall box in March will go to CAFOD.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Smith, Louise Ross, Constance Ashcroft, May Wilkinson, Theresa Howarth, Frank Dickox, Rita Morris, Daniel Rainford, Florence Hastie.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

LENT TALKS ON THE SACRAMENTS: Do the sacraments come from the Bible? Two talks at St Clare's during Lent explore the scriptural roots of the sacraments. This Tuesday (13th March) and Tuesday 20th March at 7:30pm. All welcome.

ACN STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday (16th March) at 7pm, we will pray the Stations for persecuted Christians. Prepared by ACN, these Stations will also help us to better understand the plight of those who are suffering for their faith today.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE with confession. Friday 23rd March at 7pm.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION: Canon Paul Swarbrick will be ordained bishop and installed as seventh Bishop of Lancaster on Monday 9th April, 11:30am. Admission is strictly by ticket only. If you would like to go, give your name and contact number to Fr Andrew or email enquiries@saintclares.co.uk. We only have two tickets for the parish, so will draw names out of a hat. Closing date 25th March.

LENTEN LUNCHEs: Fridays after Mass during Lent. Donations in aid of ACN.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Meeting in the narthex after 6pm Mass this Sunday (11th).

MESSY CHURCH: Next Saturday (17th), 1:30-3pm in the parish hall. Exploring Lent and Easter through activities, games and Bible stories. All ages welcome.

EASTER RAFFLE: enclosed in this bulletin is an envelope for your chance to win a prize in our Easter Raffle. Donations of Easter eggs, chocolates, wine etc. welcome.

HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICES: Come and learn some new music for the Sacred Triduum. Practice in the church this Wednesday at 6:30pm. All welcome!

FOOD BANK collection next weekend (17th/18th). Please leave items in the porch of the presbytery (priest's house).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: A brief meeting for all children's liturgy leaders on Sunday 22nd April immediately after 9:30am Mass. Please make a note of this date.

AFTER-MASS TEA/COFFEE: In the narthex after Mass on Wednesday mornings, as well as in the parish hall after 9:30am Sunday Mass. All are very welcome.

CALLING NURSES: Please respond to the RCN consultation on abortion, online at www.rcn.org.uk. There is a move to remove all legal restrictions on abortion. Please help protect life by responding to the survey. Closing date is 11th March.

GLIMPING GOD: Sessions at Soul Space (92 St Thomas' Road), 7-8:30pm, each Tuesday until 20th March. Email: soulpace92@outlook.com or call 07722 572753.

LOURDES BURSARY: Going to Lourdes as a volunteer? If you are under 25 and in Year 10 or above, the Catenian Association will give £75 towards your costs, no strings attached. To apply just go to www.thecatenians.com and click on 'Bursary'.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 466; Collection: £881.77; Family Fast: £573.87; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo Collection	House Porch
Sunday 11 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Holy Communion Preparation (4)	Parish Hall
	11am	Holy Communion Parents' Session	Chapel
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Narthex
Mon-Fri	7:45am	Morning Prayer of the Church	Church
	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:50pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Chapel
	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Talk: Sacraments in the Bible (1)	Narthex
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	6:30pm	Holy Week Music Practice	Church
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	12:30pm	Lenten Lunch	Parish Hall
	7pm	ACN Stations of the Cross	Church
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
	1:30pm	Messy Church	Parish Hall
Sunday 18 th	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	3:30pm	Visiting Group meeting	Presbytery
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7:15pm	Parish Council	Presbytery

Further ahead and further afield...

PILGRIMAGE TO LINDISFARNE (Holy Island): for young adults (20s and 30s), 4th - 8th April 2018. Two days of walking in the beautiful Northumberland Countryside along St Cuthbert's Way, followed by a day on Holy Island and a visit to Durham Cathedral. For more information, contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com