

Eucharist: the sacrifice of thanksgiving

"A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name". So we hear in the psalm at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. We don't often think of 'thanksgiving' and 'sacrifice' in the same sentence, but the Eucharist – the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood – is both. The word 'eucharist' means 'thanksgiving', and here we give thanks to God for all His gifts, especially the gift of salvation He offers through His Son. But the Eucharist is also sacrifice: each time we celebrate it, we celebrate the Lord's sacrifice for us on the cross, and bring our own lives to the altar. Here we recall that Jesus' Body and Blood were given for us on the altar of the cross. Here, too, we make a thanksgiving sacrifice, and call on the Lord's name.



Update on... **St Clare's School: Syria Project**

Today we share an update from our primary school's ACN Committee:

Every few weeks we meet together in school to plan events and ideas to help raise money and awareness for ACN. So far this year we have raised over £1000 and by the end of the year we hope to raise much more! We also hold Peaceful Prayer Time and assemblies which we plan ourselves for the other children in school.

During Holy Week we will have a special week where we focus on RE, across the curriculum, all week. On the Monday we will have a sponsored walk. Each class will be taking part as we want to contribute to the 2,650 'Miles for Syria'.

If you want to find out any more information about what we do, or would like to sponsor us then please contact our teacher, Mr Parkinson, in school.

Many thanks, St Clare's School ACN Committee

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 169

Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: of Lent

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 17 th	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
Monday	9:15am	ST JOSEPH	Guy Hutchence RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Robin Day RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Mollie Feeny RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP
Friday	12noon		Richard Atkinson RIP
Saturday 24 th	10am		John Baines RIP
	6pm (vigil)	PALM SUNDAY	Tom McAuley Snr RIP
Sunday 25 th	9:30am		Special Intention
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers 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 during March will go to CAFOD.

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela Holt, Emily Chibulu, Anne Noblet, Robin Day, Wilfred Foy, Douglas Middlemiss, Alice Barker, Richard Atkinson, Robert Wilkinson.

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.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE with individual confession and absolution. This Friday at 7pm. A number of local priests will join us for this service.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: A procession from the green at Tower Lane, opposite Sharoe Mount Ave, next Sunday. Meet at 9am for a brief service before processing to church in time for Mass, which will be celebrated at 9:30am as usual.

LENT TALKS ON THE SACRAMENTS: Do the sacraments come from the Bible? The second talk looks at the scriptural roots of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. In the narthex this Tuesday (20th March) at 7:30pm. All welcome.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION: 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. Deadline: next Sunday.

EASTER FLOWERS: if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, write their name on an envelope, add your donation and hand it in.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting, Sunday 15th April at 7pm. The book for this month is called 'Living Fruitfully: Joy'. Copies available from Fr Andrew this weekend.

SYRIA PROJECT UPDATE: Last week's food sale after 9:30am Mass raised £143.28, and Miles for Syria has so far raised £242. Thanks to all involved. With donations and money from Spanish class, plus the £562.59 raised at our school fundraising afternoon, the total has now reached is £12,557.71. Thank you!

EASTER RAFFLE: Envelopes may be returned to the presbytery or in the collection basket. Donations of Easter eggs, chocolates, wine etc. for prizes are welcome.

HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICES: Full run-through, next Saturday at 2pm in church.

FOOD BANK collection this 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.

L'ARCHE COMMUNITY are seeking volunteer drivers. See poster for details.

PIANO CONCERT: This Wednesday, 7pm at Lancaster University Chaplaincy, with Fr Manny Gribben and other performers. Poster in the narthex.

OUR LADY & ST EDWARD'S LADIES' GROUP: This Thursday. A presentation, 'Felts Forever', by Lisa Moore in the Parish Centre at 8pm. Visitors welcome.

GLIMPING GOD: Final session at Soul Space (92 St Thomas' Road), Tuesday 7pm.

FARMERS' MARKET WITH FAIRTRADE: Saturday, 9:30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist.

WALK OF WITNESS: Good Friday, 11:30am, starting at St George's on Lune Street.

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 505; Collection: £1,206.92; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	House Porch
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
Mon-Fri	7:45am	Morning Prayer of the Church	Church
	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	7:45pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Talk: Sacraments in the Bible (2)	Narthex
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	12:30pm	Lenten Lunch	Parish Hall
	7pm	Parish Reconciliation Service	Church
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
	2pm	Holy Week: Full music rehearsal	Church
Sunday 25 th	9am	Palm Sunday Procession	Dep: Tower Ln.
	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea and coffee	Parish Hall
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
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HOLY WEEK LITURGY

The Paschal Triduum will be celebrated at these times:

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3pm

Holy Saturday: Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter – 8:30pm

Easter Sunday: Mass at 9:30am and 6pm as usual.

A full list of Mass times and details of other services in Holy Week will be published on the newsletter next weekend.