

FOCUS ON... 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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Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year B; Weekdays: of Holy Week

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 24 th	6pm (vigil)	PALM SUNDAY	Tom McAuley Snr RIP
Sunday 25 th	9:30am		Special Intention
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Jackie Matthews (sick)
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		For successful treatment
Wednesday	9:15am		Jim Curley RIP
HOLY THURSDAY	7pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	In Thanksgiving
GOOD FRIDAY	3pm	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
HOLY SATURDAY	8:30pm (vigil)	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY	9:30am		Shirley Gilleade RIP
	6pm		Geoffrey Tomlinson RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers **Cardinal Keith O'Brien**, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Wednesday 7-8am, Easter Sunday 4-5pm, ending with Benediction.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Monday-Wednesday this week, 7:45am.

CONFESSIONS: Good Friday 12noon-1pm. Please note that there are no confessions on Holy Saturday, as the sacraments are not celebrated on this day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Palm Sunday 3pm, Good Friday 10am.

SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): Easter Sunday 4:30pm, with Benediction.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, Monday and Wednesday.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Ian Gregson, Roseanne Dorning, Steven Coop, Theresa Higham, Isabella Main, May Flood, Thomas McGowan, Stephen Ambler, Mary Bradley, Clifford Critchley, Ray Hodges, Tom Dickinson, Fr Odran Callan.

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.

THE GREAT WEEK: This is the most important week of the year, the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Saviour. Please take as full a part as you can in the celebration of the liturgy: here we celebrate our hope of eternal life.

“EMMAUS WALK” SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS: What did Jesus and the disciples discuss on the road to Emmaus? During Eastertide, each Sunday at 4pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a reflection on how Jesus fulfils the Old Testament prophecies, followed by sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction at 4:30pm.

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: this weekend.

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 now available from Fr Andrew.

CHILDREN’S PREPARATION FOR EASTER: A chance for children to explore the Easter liturgy, at Tabor, 10:30-11:30am on Holy Saturday. All welcome.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION: This year transferred to 9th April, it is also the day our new Bishop will be ordained. There will be an evening Mass (7pm) here that day, followed by refreshments. NB: no morning Mass or hospital Mass that day.

TALKS ON THE SACRAMENTS: The final talk in the series takes place on Tuesday 17th April at 7:30pm, and will look at marriage and the sacraments of healing.

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.

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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.

MILES FOR SYRIA: 312 miles pledged so far = £312 raised. Keep up the good work! Visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/milesforsyria to offer support online.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note that there will be no hospital Mass on either Easter Monday (2nd April) or Monday 9th April.

“YOU ARE MY FRIEND”: Booklet by Philip McParland on friendship with Jesus, on sale in the narthex. Only £1. Please put money in wall box marked ‘CTS, books etc.’

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 425; Collection: £1,021.74; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
PALM SUNDAY	9am	Procession	Dep: Tower Ln.
	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	7:15pm	Anointed/Sent Youth Groups	Narthex/Chapel
	7:30pm	NCW Easter Announcement	Parish Hall
Mon-Wed	7:45am	Morning Prayer of the Church	Church
Mon-Thu	9am	Pre-School	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
HOLY THURSDAY	11:30am	Mass of Chrism	Lancaster Cathedral
	4pm	Altar Servers' Practice	Church
	7pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	Church
	8pm-Midnight	Watching before the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
	11:50pm	Compline (Night Prayer)	Chapel
GOOD FRIDAY	10am	Stations of the Cross	Church
	10:30am	Altar Servers' Practice	Church
	12noon-1pm	Confessions	Confessional
	3pm	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	Church
	7pm	Quiet Prayer around the Cross, with Compline (night prayer)	Church
HOLY SATURDAY	10am	Altar Servers' Practice	Church
	8:30pm	PASCHAL VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER	Church
EASTER SUNDAY	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee & Easter draw	Parish Hall
	4pm	Exposition with "Emmaus Walk" reflection: Jesus in Old Testament	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church

Advance Diary Dates:

6th April: First Friday Holy Hour, 7pm

18th April: Whole school start of term Mass, 9:15am

24th April: Commentated Mass, 7:30pm