

## 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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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 184

Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: of Holy Week

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm (vigil)	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>	Peter Sissons RIP
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am		Michael Hampson RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Baby Tullulah – for health
Wednesday	9:15am		Holy Souls
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	7pm	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>	Joseph Swamy RIP
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3pm	<b>LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>	
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	8:30pm (vigil)	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	People of the Parish
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	9:30am		Fr Bernard Woods RIP
	6pm		Thanksgiving

**LATELY DEAD:** Please remember in your prayers **Winifred Hamilton**, whose Requiem will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 11am, **Dorothy Cavanagh**, whose funeral took place last week, **Monsignor Michael Tully**, all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Thursday 7am-8am. No Exposition Friday or Saturday this week.

**CONFESSIONS:** Good Friday 12noon-1pm and on request.

**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** Monday-Thursday 7:45am.

**EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** Sundays 3:30pm (sung), with Benediction.  
Next Sunday (Easter Sunday): 4:30pm (sung), with Benediction.

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

**ROSARY:** Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass.

**ST ANTHONY:** April wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Hilda Webb, Vera Pearson, Keith Hodson, Margaret Brown, Thomas Price, Barbara Levett, Peter McNeela, Joyce Botes, Frank Barnish, Len Jones, James Greenwood, Victor McGowan, Mary Sinnott.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:** For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM:** Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm, Holy Saturday 8:30pm. These services are at the very heart of our faith and our year. Please do all you can to come and participate in these beautiful celebrations.

**RE WEEK IN SCHOOL:** Parishioners are invited to join children at St Clare's school in two times of prayer this week. Tuesday, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (in school), 2-4pm; and Wednesday at 1:15pm, Holy Week service in school.

**HOLY WEEK POSTERS:** Now available from the narthex. Please display this in your front window to share your faith. Posters kindly provided by Knights of St Columba.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** Please remember in your prayers all those who will be received into the Church around the world this Easter, especially Linda and Mark, who will be received into full communion at the Easter Vigil in our parish.

**CONFESSIONS:** Good Friday, 12noon-1pm. Please note, there are no confessions and no Exposition next Saturday, as the Church does not celebrate the sacraments between the Good Friday liturgy and the first Mass of Easter.

**FOOT WASHING:** We need 12 people who are willing to have a foot washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thursday at 7pm). Please let Fr A know if you are willing!

**CTS BOOK CLUB:** next meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm. The booklet for this month is *Loving Mary: what Pope Francis says*. Copies available from Fr Andrew.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Return your envelope with a donation for a chance to win. Money raised will go towards the Lourdes youth fund. The raffle will be drawn next Sunday, so please return any envelopes in good time. Thank you.

**HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICE:** This Wednesday at 6:30pm in the church. New singers are always welcome. Come and share your gifts!

**CENACOLO COLLECTION:** This weekend (13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>). Please leave items in the house porchway. **FOOD BANK** collection next weekend (Easter weekend).

**EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA:** Low Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> April) after 9:30am Mass. Games for children with chocolate prizes, and bacon/sausage butties on sale in the hall.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Warm congratulations to Corpus Christi High School on their recent Ofsted report. They were rated 'Good' and the report identifies some outstanding areas of school life. Some copies are available in the narthex.

**THANK YOU** from the Medaille Trust for the donation £264.32 from St Anthony's box. This will help victims of human trafficking.

**PRO-LIFE CHAIN:** SPUC's annual pro-life chain, kerbside, silent vigil on London Road, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 11am-1pm. Meet just north of Ribble bridge. Info, tel: 723094.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 546; Collection: £1124.19; CAFOD Family Fast Day: £781.65. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Cenacolo Collection</b>	House porch
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	9am	<b>Procession</b>	Dep: Tower Ln.
	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	3pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Youth Groups	Parish Hall
Mon-Wed	9am	Pre-School	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Mon-Thu	7:45am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b>	Church
Tuesday	2-4pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	School
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
	1:15pm	<b>Holy Week Prayer Service</b>	School
	6:30pm	<b>Holy Week music practice</b>	Church
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	11:30am	<b>Mass of Chrism</b>	Lancaster 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>	Chapel
	11:50pm	<b>Compline (Night Prayer)</b>	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>	Confessional
	3pm	<b>LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>	Church
	7pm	<b>Quiet Prayer around the Cross, with Compline (night prayer)</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>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee & <b>Easter draw</b>	Parish Hall
	4pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Church
	4:30pm	<b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b>	Church