

## **Our first 50 years: 1987-1988**

1987 was a significant year for Catholic charities. The parish diary records that on 5<sup>th</sup> January Bishop Brewer celebrated Mass at St Walburge's to inaugurate CAFOD's silver jubilee year. Representatives from St Clare's 'Third World Group' (as it was known) were among those present. Meanwhile, the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Mass in the Guild Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>



May. Fr Lakeland's ticket for the Mass – number 1567 – is still

in the parish diary. The following day there was a reception for southern clergy and for the Papal Nuncio, who were all presumably in the north for the BCCS celebrations. The anniversaries of these two important Catholic charities remind us of the importance of almsgiving in the life of the



Church. Our parish has always had a great tradition of generosity towards those in need, something which continues to this day. Within the parish, life continued to move on. Work on demolishing the old parish hall – the 'hut' which had been our first church – took place in January 1988. And by September 1988 our primary school had eight classes and 258 children on the roll – about the size it is today.

## **Today's Readings**

The Gospel is St Luke's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. We this passage today to prepare us for the scandal of the cross, just as it prepared Peter, James and John, when they looked on the Lord's glory on Mount Tabor before seeing Him suffering in Gethsemane. St Paul reminds us that our bodies will also be transfigured, being made glorious like Christ's after our death. In today's first reading there is another manifestation of the glory of God. The Lord appears to Abraham as a firebrand, and makes a covenant with Him, just as the Lord Jesus will seal in His Blood the new and eternal covenant, before rising in glory from the grave.

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## **MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book page 157**

**Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: of Lent**

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>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Occasion</b>	<b>Intention/Details</b>
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	Ints Dr Betty Hampson
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Alan Little RIP
Monday	9:15am		Ints Peter Dorning
Tuesday	7pm		Lynne Beaven RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Trevor Hughes RIP
Thursday	9:15am	<b>St Patrick</b>	Paul Fingleton RIP
Friday	12noon		May Lilian Lakeland RIP
Saturday	10am	<b>ST JOSEPH</b>	Thanksgiving
	6pm (vigil)	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	Patrick and Priscilla Lepcha RIP
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Robin Day RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Alan Little, Fr Bernard Walker SJ, Deacon John Selby, Deacon Brian Burns** and all who have died recently.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 11am-12noon and by appointment.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Sundays 3pm during Lent.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS:** Evening Prayer Monday-Friday 5:45pm during Lent.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is also open Monday-Thursday: morning-6pm; Friday 12:30pm-6pm; Saturday 11am-6pm and Sunday 10:30am-6pm.

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

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** This Friday 3pm in church.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Louise Marie Ross, Constance Ashcroft, May Wilkinson, Theresa Howarth, Frank Dickox, Rita Morris, Baby Greenwood, Angela Holt, Emily Chibulu, Anne Noblet.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:** We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**SISTER ANNE:** We heard this week the sad news that Sister Anne will be leaving Preston to go to the mother house of her order at Romsey. She has been in the parish for well over 20 years and has contributed so much, here and at the hospital as assistant to the chaplain. There will be a thanksgiving Mass on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, followed by a social gathering in the parish hall. All are most welcome.

**UKRAINE COLLECTION:** There will be an emergency special collection at the end of Mass this Sunday, to help with the relief effort for refugees from the Ukraine war.

**DAY OF RENEWAL:** Next Saturday (19<sup>th</sup>), 10am-4pm, here at St Clare's. Sean Booth leads a day with the theme "When anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible". Talks, prayer and praise, adoration, healing. Starts with 10am Mass.

**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. Price is £1297 if you book by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Transport to and from the airport will be provided.

**IN THE BEGINNING...** A series of four talks for Lent exploring the beginning of the book of Genesis. Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm. 15<sup>th</sup> March: The Fall and its consequences; 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Noah to Babel; 29<sup>th</sup> March: Redemption in Christ. The first talk (on Creation) is now available to watch back on our YouTube channel.

**HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICES:** Wednesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 6:30pm in church. Everyone is welcome to come and practice the Holy Week music.

**LENT IN THE PARISH:** Our spiritual programme for Lent 2022 also includes another Lenten lunch (1<sup>st</sup> April). A reconciliation service is planned for later in the season. The planned reading of St Mark's Gospel has been postponed.

**PARISH 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEAL:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Deepdale Stadium. From this weekend you can sign up. Info sheets/forms now available in the narthex.

**CAFOD FAST DAY:** Envelopes can be returned in the collection this weekend. We will keep the collection open until next Sunday, for anyone not able to contribute today.

**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.

**AMDG (For the Greater Glory of God):** Talks, videos, prayer, and reflection helping us to explore the life of St Ignatius and the impact he has made upon the Church and the world. Thursdays 10<sup>th</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April 7:30 -9:30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. For more details, see poster or call 07957 566741.

**COVID SAFETY MEASURES IN CHURCH:** Please be mindful of those who would like to keep a safe distance from others, and use the hand sanitisers on entry and exit.

**FOOD BANK:** Collection next weekend: 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 353 (figures for individual Masses: 100/140/82; NCW 31). Collection: £790.11. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	<b>After-Mass tea/coffee</b>	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Journey in Faith Group	Side chapel
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	5:45pm	<b>Vespers (Evening Prayer)</b>	Church
	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	<b>Marriage Preparation (7)*</b>	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	<b>In the Beginning – Talk 2</b> The Fall and its Effects (Genesis 3-4)	Narthex
Wednesday	10am-12	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	3pm	<b>Divine Mercy Prayer Group</b>	Church
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Food Bank collection</b>	House porch
Saturday	10:45am	<b>Day of Renewal</b> led by Sean Booth	Parish Hall
	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
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Events marked \* are open only to members or those who have booked ahead.

## Using a card to donate to your parish (updated)

*The card reader in the narthex is alternative way to donate to the parish. To use it:*

1. Input the amount you wish to give (either using an amount displayed on screen, or by selecting 'Other amount').
2. Use the card reader (to the right of the screen) to make the donation. You can use contactless payment or insert your card in the top of the reader and use the keypad to enter your PIN.
3. The machine will ask if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. This brings extra money to the parish at no cost to you. If you select this, you will be asked for additional information, which need only be inputted once – all future donations *using the same card* will be Gift Aided unless you tell us otherwise.