



Christ Jesus has made me his own!

Today's **Gospel** has much to say about mercy: God's mercy towards us, and our duty of mercy towards one another. Mercy is at the very heart of the Gospel: it was because of His mercy that Jesus chose to come to earth as our Saviour; because of His mercy He helped those in need: outcasts, sinners; because of His mercy, He died for us on the cross, praying for our forgiveness as He gave His life for us.

At the heart of the **Lord's prayer**, He teaches us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". If we are to receive God's mercy, we cannot deny this gift to others. This can be a great challenge, but with God's grace, with the Spirit of Christ, we can forgive even the greatest sins. During this Lent let's make time to receive God's mercy in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, and let's ask the Lord to help us to be truly merciful to each other.

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Church is open daily from 8am until 6pm for private prayer.

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday page 176

Office Psalter week 1: Sundays: Year C: Weekdays: Year 1

Sunday morning Mass is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later on our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Ron & Cath Birtles RIP
Sunday 6 th April	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Michael Yates RIP
Monday	9.15am		Jacob Balasamy RIP
	5.30pm RPH Chapel		Hospital patients and staff
Tuesday	7pm		Holy Souls November List
Wednesday	9.15am		Michael Carew McColl RIP
Thursday	9.15am		Sick and housebound
Friday	12noon		Michael Conway RIP
Saturday	10am	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Holy Souls November List
	6pm (vigil)		Deceased members of the Whelan Family
Sunday 13 th April	9:30am		Michael Hampson RIP
	6pm	People of the Parish	

ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross: Friday after the 12 noon Mass.

Parish Service of Reconciliation: Wednesday 9th April at 7pm. It is one of the ways of preparing ourselves to have a great celebration of the Pascal Mysteries.

ANNIVERSARIES: Krystyna Bartle, Margarita Lyons, Hilda Webb, Vera Pearson, Graeme Pearson, Annie Green, Doreen Lees, Mary Scanlan, Agnes Lancaster, Elizabeth Sumner, Kathleen Smith, Susan Tankard, Geraldine Christine Southworth.

PLEASE PRAY: For all who have died especially Peter Dorning who died recently, and for all the sick and housebound of our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS: We have spaces for Mass intentions over the next few weeks. There are envelopes for Mass offerings in the Narthex. Please make sure you add your contact details.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: For the use of new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

In this **Jubilee Year** as a witness to our faith and a great sign for the beginning of Holy Week, on **Sunday 13th April** we will continue our tradition of a Palm Sunday Procession from **Tower Lane Park to St Clares Church**. Please join us at **09:10am** to walk in procession to the Church for the **Blessing of the Palms** before the Mass at 9.30am.

CAFOD EASTER RAFFLE/SOUP LUNCH: Together these raised £409.90. The list of prize winners is in the Narthex. A big thank you to all organised and supported these events.

PARISH HALL: Will be closed 10th to 16th April inclusive whilst the Hall is being re-decorated.

EASTER FLOWERS: Donations for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one can be posted through the presbytery door in a marked envelope with details of your intention. A list of prayer intentions will be displayed in the Narthex at Easter.

FOOD BANK: Collection of items next weekend 12th/13th April 2025. Donations of Easter Eggs for the children, and hot drink ingredients are needed.

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS: This continues in the parish every **Monday and Thursday at 7pm in the Narthex**. in this Jubilee Year of Hope, Christ wants to fill us with his Holy Spirit so we can give Hope to others. We are all invited to come and listen.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The envelopes for 2025/26 are available for collection from the Narthex. Donations that are gift aided enable us to claim £0.25 for each £1 given, at no cost to the donor. Thanks for your continued generosity.

DONATIONS: We have sent £1000 to both the Salvation Army Foodbank, and the Foxton Homeless Centre, from the monies collected in the St. Anthony and the Homeless wall boxes respectively. Thank you for all the donations.

THE CHOSEN: *The Chosen - Last Supper Part 1* is showing at the Odeon, Preston on 10th April at 7.50pm and 13th April at 12.20pm. A good film to prepare for Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICES: Wednesday 9th and Monday 14th April at 5pm in church. Everyone is welcome to come and practice the Holy Week music.

JUBLIEE 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Reflection Guide: A few copies of this booklet to help you to reflect on the meaning of this special year are available in the Narthex.

JUBILEE ORGAN RECITAL

On Wednesday 23rd April at 6:30 pm we are holding a Jubilee Organ Recital led by **Mr Harold Jackson**. £5.00 per ticket with refreshments included. Come along and celebrate the Pope's Jubilee Year with music and prayers.

LAST WEEK: At Mass 29th/30th March 438 (70/204/114). NCW 50.
Collections last weekend £667.86. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sun 6 th April	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	Anointed and Sent groups (Age 11-18)	Parish Hall
Mon -Wed	3:20pm	After School Club	Parish Hall
Monday	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Fabric and Finance meeting	House
	7pm	Catechesis for adults	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	5:30-6:30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Evening Prayer of the Church 6.15pm	Church
	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Wednesday	9:45am	Parish Coffee morning	Parish Hall
	7pm	Parish Service of Reconciliation	Church
	8-8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	Catechesis for adults	Narthex
	8:45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina	Narthex
	10.30-11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Saturday 12 th April			

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a time in quiet prayer with Jesus. All welcome.

SPONSORSHIP FOR PARISH MASS BOOKS: Thank you for your donations already received. Please can you continue to help by sponsoring the Parish Mass Books? There is an explanation sheet (pink) in the Narthex together with Sponsor form.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you have a child who requires the Sacrament of Baptism, please speak to Fr. John Mark or contact the parish office.

FR. PHILIP NEWBOLD: Is doing a **Sponsored Walk for Aid to the Church in Need** to help provide a hot meal every day for 1500 people. Can you Sponsor him? Sheets in the Narthex or online at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/fr-philip-newbold-2>

We are Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year.

Let's continue to move upward into Holy Week as Christ's chosen, praying that we might be agents of his forgiveness and mercy in all the situations of our lives.