



'Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness'

Lent is a good time to become more aware of the choices that we make in our own daily lives. We can do this by spending a little more time each day with the Lord, as we accompany him on his journey towards Jerusalem and his Passion, and then to the resurrection at Easter.

Christ conquers sin and temptation

God created the human race free from sin, but our first parents yielded to the temptation of evil. In them each one of us has sinned; but in Christ we are given the power to overcome the temptations of the world just as he did. **In the Gospel**, Jesus himself, even though he was sorely tempted, made the right choices by refusing the devil's repeated offers; preferring instead to serve and worship God at all times.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday 151

Office Psalter Week: 1 Sundays: Year A: Weekdays Year 2

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)	THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	Myron Jones RIP
	7:15pm (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 22 nd Feb	9:30am		Ronnie McLoughlin RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Joan Burton RIP
	5.30pm RPH		Patients and Staff of RPH
Tuesday	7pm	Thanksgiving (MW)	
Wednesday	9:15am	Lucy Clapham RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	Rita Harrison RIP	
Friday	12noon	Joyce Cooper RIP	
Saturday 28 th Feb	10am	THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	People of the Parish
	6pm (Vigil)		David Cape RIP
	5pm (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 1 st March	9:30am		John McGeoghan 70 th Birthday
	6pm		Veronica Anderton RIP

ROSARY: Is prayed after the 9:15am Mass, and before the 12noon Mass on Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sat. 10:30am-11:30am and by request.

PLEASE PRAY For those in our parish and our families who are sick, and for **Lucy Clapham** (whose Requiem and Burial will take place on Monday 23rd Feb 10.30am at Alston Lane.)

MASS INTENTIONS ENVELOPES are in the Narthex. Please add your contact details, offering, and preferred date. Hand it to the priest or Janet, or post through the Presbytery door.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Will be prayed after the 12noon Mass every Friday during Lent

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK
George Henry Green, Bill Walmsley, Anne Lovell, Norma Douds, Edwin Smith, Isabella Main, John Kirk, Joe McCallion, Florence Spencer, Jean Bateson,
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary care and support, never losing strength and hope.

DAY OF RENEWAL---Led by Fr. Eamon Mulcahy on Saturday 28th February in St Clare's Parish Hall. (Starts with Mass at 10am). The theme for the day is **"Unpacking the Paschal Mystery – to get the best Celebration of Easter"**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Next session Wednesday 25th February from 3.30pm-5pm in the Parish Hall.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If your child requires the **Sacrament of Baptism**, please email enquiries@saintclares.co.uk, or speak to Fr. John Mark or Janet Metcalf.

WALK WITH ME: for Lent available free in the Narthex. One per family.



**CAFOD LENT APPEAL – Family Fast Day
27th February 2026**

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection using the CAFOD envelope provided or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope Please could you return envelopes by next weekend.
Thank you for all your support.

CAFOD: This Lent, a group of generous CAFOD supporters will be matching all online donations, doubling the impact of your generosity!

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE: Friday 27th Feb. at 2.30pm-St. Clare's Church. **All welcome.**

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES -- after the 12 noon Mass

This Friday 27th February – **CAFOD Family Fast Day.** Next lunches Friday 13th March and Friday 27th March. **Please note** there will be a tick list in the Narthex the week before each lunch to give an idea of numbers.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: Next Collection 28th Feb./1st March.

FOOD POVERTY in Preston is real and rising. In **2024**, the Salvation Army Food Bank processed over 2,100 referrals, and by mid-**2025**, more than 1,400 referrals had been received. Many users are working families struggling with soaring bills and food prices. Please support by giving non-perishable items.

LAST WEEK: At Mass 14th/15th February 377 (82/144/93 NCW 58). Ash Wednesday 395. Collections: £682.52. Thank you for your generosity.

Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday 8am -8.45am Tuesday 5.30pm -6.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament In the church
Saturday 10:30am-11:30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 22 nd Feb	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
Monday 23 rd	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Marriage Preparation course	Narthex
	7pm	F & F Meeting	Presbytery
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 24 th	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7.45pm	PPG Meeting	Presbytery
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Wednesday 25 th	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday 26 th	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Friday 27 th	1pm	Family Fast Day Lunch	Parish Hall
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church

LOURDES: The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage this year is from the **23rd-30th July**. Booking is now open for travel and accommodation – see information on the pilgrimage website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or www.ioewalshtours.co.uk. There are a few booking forms in the Narthex.



THE SHROUD OF TURIN and supporting exhibition will be displayed at **Blackburn Cathedral** from Monday 23rd March until Sunday 12th April 2026. It is a life-size replica of the original burial shroud believed to have been used to wrap the body of **Jesus after the Crucifixion**. It offers a wonderful opportunity to learn more and study this sacred cloth - which for some, has proved to be a deeply moving and profound experience.

<https://blackburncathedral.com/turin-shroud->