



*Jesus is  
transfigured in  
glory.*

*'Rise,  
have no fear'*

Traditionally on this **Second Sunday of Lent**, we read and pray with the **Transfiguration of Jesus**. On the mountain Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his Apostles. His message to them, **'Do not be afraid'**, reminds us that God calls us to bear the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Christ is everything. It is an episode that gives us a glimpse of both Jesus' humanity and his divinity, where Jesus reassures his friends – and us – that there is no need to be afraid, even as we witness such extraordinary things.

In the **First Reading**, the Lord speaks to Abram, telling him to leave behind everything he knows. The promise of great blessings will follow.

Both Abram's call and the disciples' witnessing of the Transfiguration do not occur as a reward, but by God's 'own purpose and grace' (**Second Reading**). Paul encourages Timothy to accept the hardships he encounters, relying on the power of God, and strengthened by the grace of the appearing of Jesus Christ.

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

**MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday 155.**

**Office Psalter Week: 2 Sundays: Year A.**

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)	<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	David Cape RIP
	<b>5pm (Vigil)</b>		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9:30am		John McGeoghan 70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
	6pm		Veronica Anderton RIP
Monday	9:15am		Michael & Teresa Yates RIP
	5.30pm RPH		
Tuesday	7pm	Marie Teresa RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am	V. P. Paul RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	Lucy Clapham RIP	
Friday	12noon	<b>Women’s World Day of Prayer</b>	Veronica Anderton RIP
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	Deceased members of the O’Donnell Family
	6pm (Vigil)		Zoe Carr RIP
	7.15pm(Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am		Derrick Flowers RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** after the 12noon Mass every Friday during Lent.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** this Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm **NB** no morning Adoration.

**PLEASE PRAY** For those in our parish and our families who are sick, and for **P. J Abraham** who died recently.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Isabelle Maxwell, Mary Hurley, Pat Brown, Maureen Ford, James Woodruff, Anthony Finnerty, Winifred Taylor, Bernard Warriner, Jack Farnworth, Mary Hickson, Ted Boulton, Elizabeth Duffy, Joseph Moss.

**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 MARCH: for disarmament and peace.**

Let us pray the nations move towards disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**CRITICAL CARE SERVICE:** In St. Clare's Church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. This is to remember the patients who have passed away in critical care over the last twelve months, and their families. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall following the Service. To support our church and hospital link.



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**Our Parish Project 2026 is THE HOLY LAND**

Our funds will: support efforts to build interfaith relationships in areas of severe conflict; help grow businesses of local underprivileged woodcarvers in Bethlehem; support local seminarians in the region and support those affected by the war in Gaza. Thank you in anticipation of your donations fundraising and your prayers.

**WELLBEING: A fresh look at Lent.** A day of reflection in Lent will be held in St Clare's Parish Hall on **Saturday on 14<sup>th</sup> March**. This day will be led by Philip McParland. It will begin at 10.30am and finish at 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. Offering: £20.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Next session Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am -12 noon in the Parish Hall.

**CAFOD LENT APPEAL:** Please return envelopes as soon as possible or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope).

**SPECIAL ROSARY SERVICE:** to celebrate **The Feast of St Joseph**, husband of Mary at St. Mary's Fernyhalgh on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 2.00pm.

**NEXT LENTEN SOUP LUNCH** -- after the 12 noon Mass Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
**Please note** there will be a tick list in the Narthex the week before each lunch to give an idea of numbers.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help care for the grounds in front of the church.**

This includes mowing the lawns, tidying all edges, caring for the flower beds and rose beds in front of the Presbytery. If you are willing to volunteer or to **help form a small group or rota** please give your name & phone number to Fr John Mark or Janet Metcalf or email: [enquiries@saintclares.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@saintclares.co.uk)

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February 376 (80/152/113) NCW 31 Collections: £627.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Marriage Preparation course</b>	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>NCW Liturgy of the Word</b>	<b>Side Chapel</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>NCW Penitential Liturgy</b>	Parish Hall
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>First Friday Holy Hour</b>	<b>Church</b>
	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church

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

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION: Collection this weekend 28<sup>th</sup> Feb./1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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