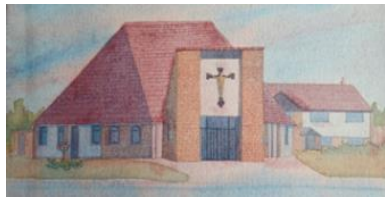


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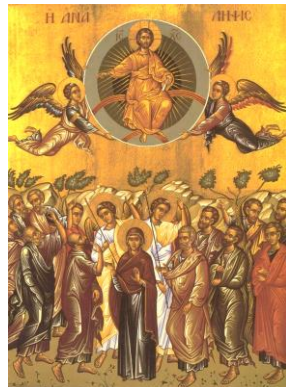
## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017



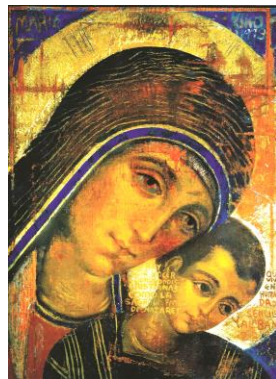
### “He ascended into heaven...”

It's still a few weeks before we actually celebrate the Ascension (28 May), but today we have a chance to think about what it means. 40 days after His resurrection the Lord ascended body and soul into heaven, yet promised the disciples: “I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.” So although no longer physically present in the same way, the risen Lord is still with us: in prayer, in the sacraments and in His Word. This week's task: **spend a few minutes in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.** The church is open weekdays 7am-6pm and weekends 8:30am-7pm.



### FOCUS ON... Adult Catechesis

Formation in our Catholic faith never finishes. The Neocatechumenal Way is just one of the many ways to deepen our faith. Started over 50 years ago in the slums of Madrid, it is present in every continent, with 40,000 communities and over 100 seminaries forming diocesan priests. Sometimes we can lose sight of the Good News of Christianity; we can find it hard to reconcile our 'church' life and our 'everyday' life. The Neocatechumenal Way offers all parishioners catechesis, the formation of small parish based communities for fellowship, support and formation for evangelisation. The Catechesis starts on Monday at 7:30pm in the side chapel – more details on the invitation inside this newsletter.



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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 255

Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: week 2 of Easter

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 22nd	6pm (vigil)	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Jack Burton RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 23rd	9:30am		Catherine Brogden RIP (anniversary)	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am		<b>St George</b>	Anne Topping RIP (anniv.)
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	<b>St Mark</b>	Thanksgiving: 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday	
Wednesday	9:15am		George Oldcorn RIP	
	11am	<b>Requiem</b>	Tom Price	
Thursday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP	
Friday	12noon		Bernard Nicklin and the Ekbery Family RIP	
Saturday	10am	<b>St Catherine of Siena</b>	Holy Souls	
Saturday 29th	6pm (vigil)	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Bill Hargreaves RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Ellen Catterall RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

**LATELY DEAD:** Please keep in your prayers **Bill Hargreaves** whose funeral took place this week, and **Tom Price** whose Requiem will be on Wednesday at 11am.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Sundays 3:30-4:30pm during Eastertide.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 11am-12noon.

**SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER):** Sundays 4pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**ROSARY:** Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before 12noon Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

**REGINA CAELI:** Sung at 12noon on Fridays during Eastertide, at the start of Mass.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anne Topping, Sarah Harrison.

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**HE IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA!** Happy Easter to you all, and to your families. May you and all your loved ones have a joyful and holy celebration of this, the greatest feast of the year. Alleluia!

**HOLY WEEK PHOTOGRAPHS** available on our website: [www.saintclares.co.uk](http://www.saintclares.co.uk)  
Thank you to all those who helped to make the Holy Week liturgy so beautiful and prayerful. Thank you also for the very generous Easter offerings.

**ANNUAL CATECHESIS:** A great opportunity to deepen your faith by hearing anew the message of salvation, of God's love and mercy. Led by members of the NeoCatechumenal Way. On Mondays and Thursdays, 7:30pm in the side chapel.

**VESPERS AND BENEDICTION:** Sundays during Eastertide. Exposition at 3:30pm with a Gospel reading and reflection, this week on St Thomas's encounter with the risen Lord (John 20:24-29). At 4pm, sung evening prayer and Benediction.

**ANOINTED:** a new youth group for school years 7-9, meeting on Sundays after the evening Mass. This group replaces GFF, and starts on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**SEEKERS** youth group (school years 4-6) restarts this Wednesday, 6pm.

**NARTHEX PLANS:** The architect's plans for the new narthex are now on display in the porch. These give a good impression of how the new building will look, and show clearly how much extra space will be available for parish use. Don't forget that you can raise money when you shop online, at no cost to you! Just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stclaresnewporch/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stclaresnewporch/) to help the cause.

**200 CLUB:** April Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> prize: £165 No.38 Christine Burgess; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £99 No. 5 Janet Metcalf; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: £66 No. 122 Philip Wilcock. Narthex Fund £5,433.90 to date. If you are not already a member please consider joining.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Thanks to all who entered the Easter Raffle. We will be in contact with prize winners. £385.50 was raised for the narthex project.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Many thanks to those who made donations in memory of loved ones. A list of prayer intentions is displayed by the prayer book in church.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:** Study sessions on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*. 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May at Our Lady & St Edwards, 7-8pm.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** taking place on Divine Mercy Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> April), 4pm at St Joseph's church, Skeffington Road; also at 2:45pm at St Mary's, Fernyhalgh. See posters in the church porch for more details.

**SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN:** campaigning for the protection of life. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 11am-1pm on London Road. More details from Tony Mullett – 01772 204511.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 599; Holy Places collection: £591.45. Thank you.

## This Week (one-off/occasional events are listed in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	<b>First Communion Prep (6)</b>	Parish Hall
	3:30pm	<b>Exposition and Gospel Reflection</b>	Church
	4pm	<b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b>	Church
Monday-Friday	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	<b>NCW Catechesis</b>	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
	7:30pm	<b>Parish Council</b>	Presbytery
Wednesday	6pm	<b>Seekers (school years 4-6)</b>	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	7:30pm	<b>NCW Catechesis</b>	Chapel
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	3:30pm	<b>Exposition and Gospel Reflection</b>	Church
	4pm	<b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b>	Church

### Advance Diary Dates:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May: launch of Anointed youth group (school years 7-9), 7:30pm-9pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: May procession, 2pm

### Further ahead and further afield:

**DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS:** Family Weekend 28-30 April (at Castlerigg Manor near Keswick); Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage 19-29 July. There are spaces for young people (ages 16-21): if you wish to travel to Lourdes with this group, please see Fr Andrew. You can also visit [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**BRIGHTLIGHTS FESTIVAL:** annual event for young Catholics (16-30), 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June in the grounds of Alton Castle, Staffordshire. Live music, liturgy and worship, stimulating input. From just £56. More info/booking, see poster or visit [brightlights.org.uk](http://brightlights.org.uk), call 0300 075 0115 or on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

**ENCOUNTER:** at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May. Input and prayer to help us encounter the risen Lord. More details at [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org)

**ST JOSEPH'S RC HIGH SCHOOL, Workington** are currently looking to appoint a Senior Deputy Headteacher. The post requires the holder to be a practising Catholic. Email: [office@st-josephs.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs.cumbria.sch.uk)