

St Clare's Catholic Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laetare Sunday, 26th March 2017



“... God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made; consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made.” In the prologue to his Gospel, St John describes Jesus as “the Word”, saying that “the Word was with God, and the Word was God”: Jesus is truly God. He goes on to say that Jesus is a light the darkness could not overpower, and “through Him all things came to be, and not one thing had its being but through Him.” All these

words of St John feed into the Creed: Jesus is ‘God from God, Light from Light’, and ‘through Him all things were made.’ This week’s task: **prayerfully read through the prologue of St John’s Gospel (John 1:1-18).**

FOCUS ON... Parish Meeting this Friday

You may remember a parish meeting which took place about five years ago, out of which several new parish ventures arose to respond to comments made at the meeting – things like Helping Hands, the visiting group, various social events and welcomers at each Mass. This coming Friday another open meeting will take place. Please come along, with your ideas about how to develop our parish. What are our strengths and weaknesses? How can we move forward together? Starts at 7pm in the hall. All welcome.



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Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: of Lent

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 25 th March	6pm (vigil)	Fourth Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 26 th	9:30am		Angela & Gerard Waddingham 50 th Wedding Anniversary
	6pm		Holy Souls on the November List
Monday	9:15am		Holy Souls
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	10:45am	Requiem	Constance Ashcroft
	7pm		Waddingham Family
Wednesday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Holy Souls
Friday	12noon		Shirley Gilleade RIP
Saturday 1 st April	10am	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Fr Odran Callan RIP
	6pm (vigil)		People of the Parish
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 2 nd	9:30am		Doris and James Mattinson RIP
	6pm	Winifred Speight RIP (anniv.)	

LATELY DEAD: Constance Ashcroft, whose requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10:45am; also Marie Horam, who died recently. Please keep in your prayers all those who have died recently and all those who are ill at this time.

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon (for priestly vocations)

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Monday-Friday 7:45am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, or by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sundays 3pm during Lent.

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

ANGELUS: Friday 12noon.

ANNIVERSARIES: Stephen Coop, Theresa Higham, Isabella Main, May Flood, Thomas McGowan, Stephen Ambler, Mary Bradley, Clifford Critchley, Ray Hodges, Tom Dickinson, Fr Odran Callan.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

FRIDAY: PARISH OPEN MEETING at 7pm in the parish hall. See front page.

LENT: some good ideas for Lent on our website: www.saintclares.co.uk

RECONCILIATION SERVICE with individual confession and absolution, taking place on Wednesday 5 April at 7pm. Confession is also available on Saturday mornings, 11am-noon. Be reconciled to God!

EAST AFRICA COLLECTION: further donations accepted (in marked envelopes) up to and including next weekend. Please give generously for this urgent need.

QUIET AFTERNOON FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: prayer and a brief meeting, next Saturday 2-4pm, meeting in the church. Please make every effort to attend.

HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICE: this Tuesday, 7:30pm in the presbytery. All welcome, even if you didn't make the first practice. Please come and share your enthusiasm! There is no celebration more important than Holy Week.

EASTER RAFFLE: in aid of the Narthex (church extension). Envelopes distributed this weekend. Please return them with a donation, for your chance to win.

NARTHEX (CHURCH EXTENSION): As announced last weekend, fundraising will need to continue in order for us to pay for the extension. The project is of great importance for the future of the parish, and we are still hopeful that work can begin in September. Further details of fundraising will be announced soon.

200 CLUB: March Winners: 1st prize: £163.75 Philip Wilcock; 2nd prize: £98.25 Carmel Hall; 3rd prize: £65.50 Prisca Lepcha.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED: for the Rota (2 hours once every 6-8 weeks). If you can help please give your name and contact details to Fr Andrew or to the office.

LENTEN LUNCHESES each Friday after Mass. Soup and a roll. Donations to ACN.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2017-18 available in the porch. If you pay tax and have not signed a gift aid declaration, please let us know. It costs you nothing and brings a lot of extra income to the parish.

CORPUS CHRISTI HIGH SCHOOL: Mass is celebrated each Thursday during term time, at 3:15pm. All welcome. Please sign in at reception. Car parking available.

SCHOOL BISHOP'S FUND DAY: This year in aid of CAFOD. Events in school on Tuesday 4th April. All welcome. More details to follow.

THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM: Lenten series of Prayer & Bible Study, each Thursday, until 6th April, 7:30pm, St Wilfrid's centre. See www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

LAST WEEK: Attended: 468; Collection: £1007.52; Special Collection: £756.53; Family Fast: £647.41. 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
Sunday	10:30am	First Communion prep (5)	Parish Hall
Sunday	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Sunday	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel
Mon-Fri	7:45am	Morning Prayer of the Church	Church
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (School Years 4-6)	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	GFF (School Years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Prayer Group	Chapel
Tuesday	7:30pm	Holy Week Music Practice	Presbytery
Wednesday	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	12:30pm	Lenten Lunch	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Parish Open Meeting	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Saturday	2-4pm	Eucharistic Ministers' Quiet Afternoon	Church
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Sunday	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel

Advance Diary Dates:

9th April: Palm Sunday – start of Holy Week

Further ahead and further afield:

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS: Easter Retreat, 13-16 April; Family Weekend 28-30 April (both at Castlerigg); Lourdes pilgrimage 19-29 July. See posters.

WALSINGHAM: Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady, 26th-29th September 2017. £265 full board and sharing. See poster.

THINKING SCRIPTURE: rest and study time at Boarbank. Poster in the porch.

POLAND: Pilgrimage & holiday. 10th-19th Aug. More information on the poster.