

St Clare's Catholic Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

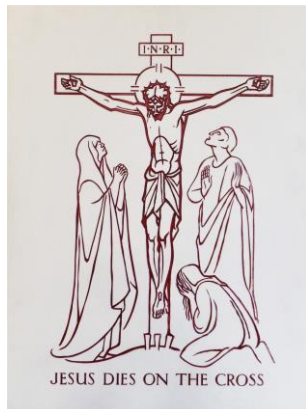
19th March 2017



“I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages...” After speaking of the Father, the Creed moves on to the Son of God, who – when He came to earth – took the name Jesus, meaning “God saves”. He is also called “Christ”, meaning “anointed one.” When we are anointed in the sacraments – in baptism, confirmation, ordination or anointing of the sick – we are given grace to become more like Christ. This week’s task: **pray St Thomas’ words to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”** (John 20:28)

FOCUS ON... Stations of the Cross

As hospital chaplain, I often notice how people spend long periods by the bedside of a loved one who is dying, accompanying them in their final hours. In the Stations of the Cross we have the same opportunity: we accompany Jesus in the final hours of His life on earth, as He makes the journey from condemnation to the tomb. Praying the Stations allows us to better appreciate what Jesus did for us, and discover how much He loves us. He made that last journey for you. Will you accompany Him this Lent? Stations are prayed in the church each Sunday at 3pm. If you can't make that time, call in on your own and walk the way of the cross privately: just you and the Lord.



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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 158

Office: Psalter Week 3; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: of Lent

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 18 th March	6pm (vigil)	Third Sunday of Lent	Thanksgiving
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 19 th	9:30am		Eileen McCroary RIP
	6pm		Ann/Joe Singleton
Monday	9:15am	St Joseph	Robin Day RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Betty Rigby RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Mary Nolan RIP
Thursday	9:15am		May Amriding RIP
Friday	12noon		Jack Burton RIP
Saturday 25 th March	10am	Annunciation of the Lord	Holy Souls on the November List
	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	

LATELY DEAD: Constance Ashcroft.

Please keep in your prayer 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: Robin Day, Douglas Middlemiss, Alice Barker, Wilfred Foy, Richard Atkinson, Ian Gregson, Roseanne Dorning.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

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

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

FAMILY FAST DAY: In aid of CAFOD. Box in the porch for your envelopes.

PARISH MEETING: There will be an open meeting on Friday 31st March at 7pm in the parish hall. A chance to find out more about what's going on at St Clare's and to offer your ideas for development in the parish. Note it in your diary!

LENT QUIET AFTERNOON FOR READERS: with prayer and a brief meeting, next Saturday 2-4pm, meeting in the church. Please make every effort to attend. Similar gathering for **Eucharistic Ministers:** 1st April.

NARTHEX (CHURCH EXTENSION): A brief update on this important project will be given at the end of Mass this weekend.

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.

HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICE: on Tuesday 28th March, 7:30pm in the presbytery. All welcome, even if you didn't make the first session. Please come and share your enthusiasm! There is no celebration more important than Holy Week.

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

THIS FRIDAY: PARISH RACE NIGHT in aid of Youth Lourdes Fund, 7pm in the hall. Tickets just £2, available after weekend Masses or on the door. Please come and support this important cause – it will be a lot of fun!

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.

FEASTS THIS WEEK: Monday is St Joseph's day, and Saturday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Both are great feasts, and Lenten fasts do not apply on these days. Why not make a special effort to come to Mass and celebrate?

SCHOOL BISHOP'S FUND DAY: This year in aid of CAFOD. Events in school on Tuesday 4th March. 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

OUR LADY & ST EDWARD'S: Ladies Group, Thursday 23rd March at 8pm. A talk given by Canon Robert Brunswick 'Trees and why we need them'. Admission £2.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 458; Collection: £1161.57. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	Garage
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
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	Parish Council Meeting	Presbytery
Wednesday	7.30pm	NCW Penitential Liturgy	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Parish Race Night	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Saturday	2-4pm	Readers' Quiet Afternoon	Church
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

Advance Diary Dates:

28th March: Holy Week music practice, 7:30pm

31st March: Parish Meeting, 7pm

1st April: Eucharistic Ministers' Quiet afternoon, 2-4pm

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.