

St Clare's Catholic Church

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2nd April 2017



“For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” During these lines of the Creed we bow our heads. Why? Perhaps because we should be filled with awe and reverence at the coming of Jesus. We have already declared that He is “true God from true

God... consubstantial with the Father”, the eternal Son of God through whom all things were made. Now we proclaim that the Son of God Himself chose to come and live among us, and we bow in reverence at His coming. This week's task: **pray the Angelus – copies available in the church porch.**

FOCUS ON... Holy Week Talk

Holy Week is the greatest celebration of the year, when we live through the Last Supper and the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

On Monday evening at 7:30pm in the chapel, there is a chance to find out more about how we celebrate Holy Week and what it all means. The Last Supper, death and resurrection of Jesus are the greatest event the world has ever known or ever will know. Come along and discover more about the rich symbolism of the Holy Week liturgy, and so prepare for this greatest of weeks. The talk takes place as part of the Journey in Faith group, but all parishioners are welcome.



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Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: of Lent (Week 5)

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 1 st April	6pm (vigil)	Fifth Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 2 nd	9:30am		Doris and James Mattinson RIP
	6pm		Winifred Speight RIP (anniv.)
Monday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Burt Ainscough RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Treá Blaney RIP
Thursday	9:15am		John Cubbin RIP (anniv.)
Friday	12noon		Anne Appleton RIP
Saturday 8 th April	10am	Palm Sunday	Gerard & Angela Waddingham
	6pm (vigil)		Ronald Bond RIP
Sunday 9 th	9:30am		Fr Bernard Woods RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

Details of services during Holy Week (9th-16th April) are printed on the back of this newsletter.

LATELY DEAD: 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: Olive Halliwell, Luigina Dawson, Bert Ainscough, Krystyna Bartle.

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.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE with individual confession and absolution, taking place this Wednesday 7pm. Be reconciled to God! Confession is also available next Saturday morning, 11am-noon, but not on Holy Saturday (15th April).

CONGRATULATIONS to Max Titley, Zachary Woodacre and Quinn McAlea, who were baptised here in March. Please pray for them and their families.

HOLY WEEK TALK: this week the Journey in Faith group will explore Holy Week, and all parishioners are welcome. Monday 7:30pm in the chapel. See front page.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: this Friday, 7pm in the church. All welcome. An excellent chance to prepare spiritually for Holy Week, in the presence of Christ.

THANK YOU to those who organised and those who supported the Race Night. £401 was raised for our Lourdes Youth Fund.

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

HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICES: next practice on Wednesday, 4:15pm in the church; the final practice will be on Monday 10th April at 7pm.

CENACOLO COLLECTION: next weekend. Please leave items in the garage.

NEOCATECHUMENATE MASS: there will be no 7pm Mass next Saturday evening.

EASTER RAFFLE: in aid of the Narthex (church extension). Please return with a donation (box in the porch) for your chance to win. More envelopes available.

PARISH OPEN MEETING: Thanks to those who attended and contributed. Feedback from the meeting will be published soon.

EASTER FLOWERS: marked envelopes with donations for flowers gratefully received. A list of prayer intentions will be published over Easter.

LENTEN LUNCHESES on 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.

SCHOOL - BISHOP'S FUND DAY: Events in school this Tuesday at 1:30pm, to raise money for CAFOD. Please come along and support this event.

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

PRESTON PASSION PLAY: Good Friday at 11:30am in the City Centre. Further details on the poster in the church porch.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 475; Collection: £1,283.39. 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	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	7:30pm	Holy Week Talk	Chapel
Tuesday	1:30pm	CAFOD Fundraising Afternoon	School
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
Wednesday	4:15pm	Holy Week Music Practice	Church
Wednesday	7pm	Reconciliation Service	Church
Friday	12:30pm	Lenten Lunch	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo Collection	Garage
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Sunday	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel

Holy Week Liturgy (9th-16th April)

The main celebrations are printed in bold type.

Palm Sunday Mass as usual

Monday-Wednesday Mass as usual

Holy Thursday **Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7pm

Chapel open for watching until midnight.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Prayer around the Cross, then Compline 7pm

Holy Saturday **Paschal Vigil and first Mass of Easter** 8:30pm

Easter Sunday Mass 9:30am and 6pm

Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction 4pm

During Eastertide Vespers and Benediction, each Sunday at 4pm.