

St Clare's Catholic Church

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

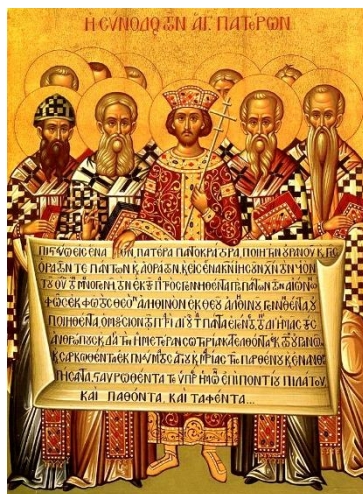


## “I believe in one God...”

These first words of the Creed remind us that there is only one God, and we put our faith in Him. The Jewish people have a prayer, the ‘Shema’, which they recite twice a day: “Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is One. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.” These words were written 1300 years or so before Jesus, and He quoted them in His teaching. Our faith in the one God is very ancient, but the challenge of loving God with all our heart remains difficult. This week’s prayer: **“Lord, I do believe; help my unbelief”** (Mark 9:24).

## FOCUS ON... the Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed, which we say Mass on Sundays, was written at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 as a statement of the Church’s faith. All Christians, whether Catholic or not, share this profession of faith, which invites us to believe in the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also to recognise the Church and the sacrament of baptism, and to live in hope of eternal life. These words are not just to be spoken; they must be lived out daily. During Lent and Eastertide, at Mass and on the newsletter, we will explore this beautiful and challenging statement of our Christian faith.



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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 151

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

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm (vigil)	First Sunday of Lent	Tom McAuley, Snr RIP
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Holy Souls
Monday	9:15am		Mary and David Wilkinson (Ruby Wedding)
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm	St John of God	Mary Amridding RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Sheila Gahan RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Neil Byrne RIP
Friday	12noon		John Britten RIP
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Second Sunday of Lent	Gladys Worsley RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Jack Burton RIP
	7pm		<i>NeoCatechumenate Way</i>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Ted McMahan RIP

Please keep in your prayers 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:** Wednesday-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:** Winifred Taylor, Jack Farnworth, Elizabeth Duffy, Ted Boulton, Mary Hickson, Joseph Moss, Violet Donnelly, Marion Holden, Anne Fisher, Marie Anderson, Ella Grall, Daniel Rainford, Florence Hastie, Robert Wilkinson.

### 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](http://www.saintclares.co.uk)

**WALK WITH ME:** Books for Lent available in the porch – one per family.

**FAMILY FAST DAY:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Envelopes are supplied to make donations to CAFOD; these may be returned next weekend.

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

**LENT – READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Quiet afternoon with prayer and a brief meeting, Saturdays 2-4pm. For readers: 25<sup>th</sup> March; for Eucharistic Ministers: 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please make every effort to attend.

**HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICE** takes place Saturday 11 March, 2pm in the church. This is open to everyone – we need keen singers! Please come if you can.

**LENTEN LUNCHESES** but resume on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Soup and a roll. Donations to ACN.

**PARISH RACE NIGHT** in aid of Youth Lourdes Fund. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm in the hall. Tickets just £2, available after weekend Masses.

**HODOVO:** The project has now been wound up. Donations for charity are still being accepted, but will be used for a new charity fundraising project in partnership with Aid to the Church in Need. Find out more at the parish meeting.

**200 CLUB:** Feb: 1<sup>st</sup> prize: £158.75 Charles Webb; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £105.25 Philip Wilcock; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: £63.50 Prisca Lepcha.

**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.

**IMPACT YOUTH GROUP:** open night at Our Lady and St Edward's Social Centre, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30-9pm.

**ART & RELIGION – the Journey to Easter:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30-9pm at St Wilfrid's in the city centre. See poster and flyers.

**THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM:** Lenten series of Prayer & Bible Study, each Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm, St Wilfrid's. See [www.metanoiaproject.co.uk](http://www.metanoiaproject.co.uk)

**GRANTS AVAILABLE:** from the Catenian Association, for young Catholics (16-25) volunteering to assist in pilgrimages to Lourdes or taking part in projects further afield. See [www.thecatenians.co.uk](http://www.thecatenians.co.uk), or contact Anthony, tel: 713046.

**OUR LADY & ST EDWARDS:** Ladies Group - Thurs, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm. This will be a presentation by Dr Bill Shannon, 'The 1715 Battle of Preston and its Aftermath.'

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 474; Collection: £1179.45. 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
Sunday	3pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Church
Mon-Fri	7:45am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b>	Church
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	7pm	<b>Baptism Preparation (3)</b>	Chapel
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Scouts	Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Chapel
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	<b>Social Committee</b>	Presbytery
Wednesday	8pm	<b>NCW Lent Announcement</b>	Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	9am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Saturday	10:30am	Spanish Class	Parish Hall
Saturday	2pm	<b>Holy Week Music Practice</b>	Church
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Cenacolo Collection</b>	Garage
Sunday	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
Sunday	10.30am	<b>First Communion prep (4)</b>	Hall
Sunday	3pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Church

#### **Advance Diary Dates:**

18<sup>th</sup> March: Messy Church 1:30-3pm

21<sup>st</sup> March: Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm

#### **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, 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September 2017. £265 full board and sharing. See poster.

**CALLED TO GLORY IV:** Old Convent, Wigton, 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March 2017. See poster.

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

**POLAND:** Pilgrimage & holiday. 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Aug. More information on the poster.