

Our first 50 years: 1991-1992

A glance at the parish diaries for these years reveals an array of activity, with plenty of different spiritual, pastoral and social initiatives. Fr Lakeland continued as Parish Priest, whilst Fr Adrian Towers arrived in 1991, replacing Fr Joe O'Connor (Fr Towers, now our local Dean, stayed until 1993). Fr Noel Pate was also in the parish 1992-2003. 1992 was, of course, a Guild year – only the second in the life of the parish. Guild week is timed to begin in the week after the feast of the



The Gift 92 van, a familiar sight at St Clare's.

beheading of St John the Baptist (August 29th). In 1992 events kicked off on Sunday 30th August, with a sing-along followed by an ecumenical service in Avenham Park. Cardinal Hume was among faith leaders at the event, which took place despite unseasonable weather! The following day St Clare's was among 88 churches taking part in the Churches' Procession (the first time that a single procession had been held for all the churches). Around 8000 people took part in that procession and a large crowd lined the streets. This was also the year that the local charity Gift 92 was founded. Although not a St Clare's initiative, the parish supports the great work they do in and around our city. You can find out more at www.gift92.com

Today's Readings

The first reading recounts the moment the Israelites first ate the fruit of the Promised Land, and no longer relied on the manna which had fed them in the desert. It is a sign for us of the promise that we will one day eat at the eternal banquet in the promised land of heaven. St Paul gives us an appeal to be reconciled to God, a message at the heart of this season, whilst in the Gospel we have a beautiful sign of the welcome of our Father when we seek reconciliation with Him.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book page 169

Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: of Lent

The first Mass each day is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Tom McAuley Snr RIP
Sunday 27 th	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Intentions of Sister Anne
Monday	9:15am		Alan Little RIP
Tuesday	7pm		Ints Gerald Topping
Wednesday	9:15am		Anne Connor RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Fr Odran Callan RIP
Friday	12noon		Thanksgiving
Saturday	10am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Joseph Thondickal
	6pm (vigil)		Winifred Speight RIP
Sunday 3 rd	9:30am		David Whittle RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Deacon John Selby, Deacon Brian Burns** and all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11am-12noon and by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sundays 3pm during Lent.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: Evening Prayer Monday-Friday 5:45pm during Lent.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is also open Monday-Thursday: morning-6pm; Friday 12:30pm-6pm; Saturday 11am-6pm and Sunday 10:30am-6pm.

ROSARY: After 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass on Fridays.

ANNIVERSARIES: Isabella Main, May Flood, Thomas McGowan, Stephen Ambler, Mary Bradley, Dorothy Cavanagh, Winifred Wakeham, Clifford Critchley, Ray Hodges, Anne Connor, Tom Dickinson, Fr Odran Callan, Carol McCarthy, Olive Halliwell, Luigina Dawson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: We pray for healthcare workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: This Friday, 7-8pm. Come and pray before our Lord.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume at 9:30am Mass from this Sunday (27th). Thank you to those who are helping to lead this important ministry for our children.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL recently received an 'Outstanding' rating for its Section 48 inspection, both for RE provision and for the Catholic life of the school. Congratulations and thanks to all who help to support our school's life of faith.

CHARITY: We have recently sent £850 from our regular homeless collection to the Foxton Centre, and also £750 from our St Anthony collection to the SVP at St John XXIII parish (St Joseph's) for local work with those struggling with poverty. Thank you.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: The new itinerary and booking forms are now available in the narthex. The pilgrimage takes place 22nd-29th October this year. **Price is £1297 if you book by this Thursday (31st).** Transport to and from the airport will be provided.

IN THE BEGINNING... A series of talks for Lent exploring the beginning of the book of Genesis. Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm. This week: Noah to Babel (Genesis 5-11), postponed from last week. The first two talks are now on our YouTube channel.

HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICES: This Wednesday (30th), 6:30pm in church. Everyone is welcome to come and practice the Holy Week music.

LENTEN LUNCH: This Friday (1st) after the 12noon Mass. Soup and a roll. All welcome.

PARISH 50th ANNIVERSARY MEAL: Friday 22nd April at Deepdale Stadium. From this weekend you can sign up. Info sheets/forms now available in the narthex. Please feel free to invite former parishioners. The deadline for booking is Wednesday 6th April.

ACN INDIA PROJECT: Donations of any size are welcome for our project to build a new church/hall in India. **Gift Aid** envelopes for ACN are now available in the narthex.

AMDG (For the Greater Glory of God): Talks, videos, prayer, and reflection helping us to explore the life of St Ignatius and the impact he has made upon the Church and the world. Thursdays until 7th April 7:30-9:30pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre in the city centre. For more details, see poster or call 07957 566741.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2022/23 are ready for collection from the narthex. If you have moved house or are no longer eligible for Gift Aid, please let us know.

23 LRGS SIXTH FORMERS, including Ben from our parish, are fundraising for the DEC Ukraine appeal. They are each running, rowing or swimming 100km to total the distance from Lancaster to Kyiv! Support or follow them: <https://2300tokyiv.org>

FR ANDREW is feeling well and hoping to be out of isolation early this week. Thank you for your kind messages, prayers and offers of practical help.

FOOD BANK: Collection next weekend: 2nd/3rd April.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 354 (67/151/101 NCW 35). Collection: £608.20. Thank you.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 27 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Journey in Faith Group	Side chapel
Mon-Fri	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	5:45pm	Vespers (Evening Prayer)	Church
	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:50pm	Baptism Preparation (2)*	Side chapel
	7:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council*	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	In the Beginning – Talk 3 Noah to Babel – Genesis 5-11	Narthex
Wednesday	10am-12	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	5pm	St Clare's School Easter Play	YouTube
	6:30pm	Holy Week Music Practice	Church
	7:30pm	Fabric and Finance Committee*	Presbytery
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	12:30pm	Lenten Lunch	Parish Hall
	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates*	Parish Hall
	10am	Confirmation Preparation (6)*	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class*	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank collection	House porch
Saturday	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 3 rd	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
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Diary Dates

10th April: Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week

14th-17th April: Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday

22nd April: Parish 50th anniversary meal at PNE (booking forms in narthex)

A very happy Mothers' Day to all mothers in our parish!