

Our first 50 years: 1993-1994

On 12th Jan 1994, the 300th meeting of St Clare's SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul). Although this group ceased in our parish some years ago, it is still active locally and some of its work has been picked up by the parish visiting group. 1994 was a special year for the parish, as the church was consecrated on 1st June, the feast of Corpus Christi, at the 7:15pm Mass. Churches



cannot be consecrated until all the debt of building work has been paid off, hence the 15-year delay since the opening of St Clare's. Bishop Brewer consecrated the church, and Fr Francis Worden, who, as Parish Priest of Our Lady and St Edward's, had been instrumental in founding the parish, preached the homily. Later in the year, 21st-28th October, there was a parish pilgrimage to Assisi (pilgrims pictured!)

Today's Readings

On this final Sunday before Holy Week we hear readings which speak of God's mercy. The Gospel is a beautiful account of the Lord's mercy towards a woman caught in adultery. Here we see the gentleness and the power of Jesus' forgiveness and His call to conversion. St Paul speaks of His own journey in the second reading, telling us that he tries to imitate as closely as possible the self-giving love of Jesus, on whose cross Paul places all his hope. The first reading comes from Isaiah and speaks of the newness of God's action; here we see a pointer to the unexpected death and resurrection of the Messiah, a divine intervention which changes all.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book page 176

Office: Psalter week 1; 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) | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | Winifred Speight RIP |
| Sunday 3 rd | 9:30am | | David Whittle RIP |
| | 6pm | | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 9:15am | | Bert Ainscough RIP |
| Tuesday | 7pm | | Winifred Hamilton RIP |
| Wednesday | 9:15am | | John Cubbin RIP |
| Thursday | 9:15am | | Elizabeth Carden RIP |
| Friday | 12noon | | Alan Little RIP |
| Saturday | 10am | PALM SUNDAY | James Banks RIP |
| | 6pm (vigil) | | May & Bill Hargreaves RIP |
| Sunday 10 th | 9:30am | | Catherine Harrison RIP |
| | 6pm | | People of the Parish |

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for 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: Bert Ainscough, Bill Hargreaves, Winifred Hamilton, Jim Grant, Krystyna Bartle, Rita Lyons, Hilda Web, Vera Pearson, Graeme Flett, Annie Elizabeth Green.

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.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: This Wednesday at 7pm, a reconciliation service with opportunity for individual confession and absolution. 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 this Wednesday (6th).**

EASTER MINISTRIES: Please could readers and extraordinary ministers indicate when they are available for the Easter weekend, using the tick box sheets in the narthex.

EASTER FLOWERS: As usual, donations are welcome, especially in memory of loved ones. A list of prayer intentions will be displayed in the church throughout Easter.

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. A further £750 from St Anthony has been added to the Ukraine collection, so that we have sent a total of just over £4400 to Ukraine via CAFOD's emergency appeal. Thank you all.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: The new itinerary and booking forms are now available in the narthex. The pilgrimage takes place 22nd-29th October this year. Please contact All Saints Travel directly to make a booking or for further information.

IN THE BEGINNING... A series of talks for Lent exploring the beginning of the book of Genesis. Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm. This week: Jesus, Saviour of a Fallen World. The first three talks are now on our YouTube channel.

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>

FOOD BANK: Collection this weekend: 2nd/3rd April. There is currently urgent need of almost all food supplies due to very high demand. Thank you for your generosity.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 316 (86/126/59 NCW 45). Collection: £549.51. Thank you.

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

| Day | Time | What? | Where? |
|-------------------------|---------|---|-------------|
| Sat/Sun | At Mass | Food Bank collection | House porch |
| Sunday 3 rd | 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 | 6:50pm | Baptism Preparation (3)* | Side chapel |
| Tuesday | 6pm | Seekers (school years 4-6) | Parish Hall |
| | 7:30pm | In the Beginning – Talk 4 Jesus Christ, Saviour of a fallen world | Narthex |
| Wednesday | 10am-12 | Parish Coffee Morning | Parish Hall |
| | 7pm | Reconciliation Service with confession | Church |
| Friday | 7pm | Lectio Divina | Side chapel |
| Saturday | 8:45am | Pilates* | Parish Hall |
| | 10:30am | Spanish Class* | Parish Hall |
| Saturday | 11am-12 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |
| Sunday 10 th | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
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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)

Holy Week 2022 at St Clare's

Palm Sunday: Masses as usual; Stations of the Cross at 3pm

Monday-Wednesday: Weekday Mass at usual times

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm, watching until Midnight

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil and first Mass of the Resurrection, 8:30pm

Easter Sunday: Mass at 9:30am (N.B. – no evening Mass on Easter day)

Easter Octave: Daily Mass at usual weekday times