



St Clare's Catholic Church  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
16<sup>th</sup> April 2017



**“... and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...”**

This brief statement from the Creed is actually lifted from St Paul's writings (1 Corinthians 15:4), at the start of a passage where Paul explains that we are all destined to rise again. Christ's resurrection is our hope: without it, we could not have eternal life. But today, as foretold by Scripture, Jesus rose from the dead to a new and glorious life, beginning the new creation promised by God (Revelation 21:1-4). This day is our joy, our hope, our comfort and our salvation. This week's task: **pray the 'Regina Caeli':**

**Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! Has risen as He said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!**

**FOCUS ON... Exposition, Reflection,  
Sung Vespers and Benediction**

An opportunity to reflect on the Gospel accounts of the resurrection, to pray before the risen Lord present in the Eucharist, and to celebrate Vespers, the Evening Prayer of the Church. The disciples recognised the risen Jesus in the Breaking of Bread – the Eucharist – so we have the chance to come before Him in prayer, thanking Him for staying with us. Sundays throughout Eastertide, 3:30pm Exposition and Reflection, 4pm Vespers and Benediction.



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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book Page 251

Office: of the Easter Octave; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: of Easter Octave

| Date          | Time           | Occasion                            | Intention/Details                       |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Saturday      | 8:30pm (vigil) | <b>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> | People of the Parish                    |
| EASTER SUNDAY | 9:30am         |                                     | Moira Sharpe                            |
|               | 6pm            |                                     | For spread of the Gospel                |
| Monday        | <b>10am</b>    | <b>Easter Monday</b>                | Intentions of Fr Loughran and Fr Darren |
| Tuesday       | <b>11am</b>    | <b>Easter Tuesday</b>               | Requiem: Bill Hargreaves                |
| Wednesday     | 9:15am         | <b>Easter Wednesday</b>             | Roger and Florence O'Donnell RIP        |
| Thursday      | <b>7pm</b>     | <b>Easter Thursday</b>              | Mary Sinnott RIP                        |
| Friday        | 12noon         | <b>Easter Friday</b>                | Harry O'Brien RIP                       |
| Saturday      | 10am           | <b>Easter Saturday</b>              | Holy Souls                              |
| Saturday      | 6pm (vigil)    | <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>      | Jack Burton RIP                         |
|               | 7pm            |                                     | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>              |
| Sunday 23rd   | 9:30am         |                                     | Catherine Brogden RIP (anniversary)     |
|               | 6pm            |                                     | People of the Parish                    |

**LATELY DEAD:** Please keep in your prayers **Bill Hargreaves** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday at 11am.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7-8am, Sundays 3:30-4:30pm during Eastertide.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 11am-12noon.

**SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER):** Sundays 4pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**ROSARY:** Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, and before 12noon Mass on Fridays. These prayers are offered for the protection of life at all stages.

**REGINA CAELI:** Sung at 12noon on Fridays during Eastertide, at the start of Mass.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter McNeela, Joyce Botes, James Greenwood, Mary Sinnott Victoria McGowan, Caroline Terrel, John Dorning, Irene Wilson, Lavinia Brennan, Ann Counsell.

### 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.

**HE IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA!** Happy Easter to you all, and to your families. May you and all your loved ones have a joyful and holy celebration of this, the greatest feast of the year. Alleluia!

**SINCERE THANKS** to all who participated in the Holy Week liturgy. Special thanks to sacristans, servers, musicians, flower arrangers, readers, ministers and all who gave up extra time this week (and in recent weeks) to help us celebrate worthily the Lord's death and resurrection.

**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:** Please note changes to Mass times this week: Monday 10am, Tuesday 11am, a Requiem for Bill Hargreaves, Thursday 7pm. There is no hospital Mass on Monday, and no Tuesday evening Mass this week.

**VESPERS AND BENEDICTION:** Each Sunday during Eastertide, beginning this week. Exposition at 3:30pm with a Gospel reading and reflection (this week, on the story of Emmaus). At 4pm, sung evening prayer and Benediction. More details on the front of the newsletter. All welcome.

**ANNUAL CATECHESIS:** A great opportunity to deepen your faith by hearing anew the message of salvation, of God's love and mercy. Led by members of the NeoCatechumenal Way. On Monday and Thursday evenings beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION:** this weekend. Please leave items in the garage.

**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. The raffle will be drawn this Sunday after 9:30am Mass.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Many thanks to those who made donations in memory of loved ones. A list of prayer intentions is now displayed in the church.

**ANointed:** a new youth group for school years 7-9, meeting on Sundays after the evening Mass. This group replaces GFF, and starts on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**SEEKERS** youth group moving to Wednesdays: restarts on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:** Study sessions on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*. 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May at Our Lady & St Edwards, 7-8pm

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** taking place on Divine Mercy Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> April), 4pm at St Joseph's church, Skeffington Road. All welcome. See poster in porch.

**SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN:** campaigning for the protection of life. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 11am-1pm on London Road. More details from Tony Mullett – 01772 204511.

**FARMERS' MARKET** with Fairtrade goods, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Fulwood Methodist church, 9:30am-1pm. Details on a poster in the porch.

**LAST WEEK:** Attended: 489; Collection: £1,137.99. Thank you.

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

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>What?</b>                            | <b>Where?</b> |
|------------|-------------|---|---------------|
| Sunday     | 3:30pm      | <b>Exposition and Gospel Reflection</b> | Church        |
| Sunday     | 4pm         | <b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b>     | Church        |
| Wed-Fri    | 9am         | Pre-school                              | Parish Hall   |
| Wed-Fri    | 3:20pm      | After-school club                       | Parish Hall   |
| Wednesday  | 7pm         | NCW Evening Prayer                      | Chapel        |
| Saturday   | 9am         | Pilates                                 | Parish Hall   |
| Saturday   | 10:30am     | Spanish Class                           | Parish Hall   |
| Saturday   | 10:30am     | <b>Confirmation Prep (6)</b>            | School        |
| Sunday     | 9:30am      | Children's Liturgy                      | At Mass       |
| Sunday     | 10:30am     | First Communion Group (6)               | Hall          |
| Sunday     | 3:30pm      | <b>Exposition and Gospel Reflection</b> | Church        |
| Sunday     | 4pm         | <b>Sung Vespers and Benediction</b>     | Church        |

### **Advance Diary Dates:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April: Feast of St George, patron of England, Mass at 9:15am

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Parish Council, 7:30pm

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April: Seekers (school years 4-6) restarts, 6pm-7:30pm

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May: launch of Anointed youth group (school years 7-9), 7:30pm-9pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: May procession, 2pm

### **Further ahead and further afield:**

**DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS:** Family Weekend 28-30 April (at Castlerigg Manor near Keswick); Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage 19-29 July. There are spaces for young people (ages 16-21): if you wish to travel to Lourdes with this group, please see Fr Andrew. You can also visit [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**ST JOSEPH'S RC HIGH SCHOOL, Workington** are currently looking to appoint a Senior Deputy Headteacher. The post requires the holder to be a practising Catholic. Email: [office@st-josephs.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs.cumbria.sch.uk)



A very happy and  
holy Easter to all  
at St Clare's and  
to all your loved ones.

The Lord is truly risen,  
alleluia, alleluia!