



The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!

Easter is the greatest celebration of the year. Jesus rises from the dead, beginning a new creation in which everything will finally be as God intended: free from sin, suffering or death. Today's feast – the start of a 50-day season – is a celebration of our sure and certain hope of eternal life. A very happy Easter to you all!

FOCUS ON... The Emmaus Walk at St Clare's

What did the Lord and His disciples talk about on the road to Emmaus? They walked for several miles with Him, and their hearts 'burned within them' on the road, that first Easter Sunday evening. What inspired them?

The Gospel tells us that as they walked, Jesus explained all the passages throughout Scripture (in this case, the Old Testament) that were about Himself. Their hearts burned within them because they began to see Jesus, their friend, in the Old Testament, and in doing so discovered that, despite His death, He really is the One sent by God as our Saviour and Lord. During Eastertide, each Sunday afternoon at 4pm, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a reflection on the Emmaus walk, each week looking at different places where we find Jesus present in the Old Testament. Hopefully we too will come to see that He fulfils all God's promises, and is our Saviour. Then there will be a period of silent prayer before we celebrate Vespers (evening prayer) at 4:30pm, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament just before 5pm. Why not come and make the Emmaus walk with Jesus this Eastertide?



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

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
HOLY SATURDAY	8:30pm (vigil)	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY	9:30am		Shirley Gilleade RIP
	6pm		Geoffrey Tomlinson RIP
Monday	10am	Easter Monday	Winifred Speight RIP
Tuesday	7pm	Easter Tuesday	Richard Lavery RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	Easter Wednesday	Bert Ainscough RIP
Thursday	7pm	Easter Thursday	Rob Agar RIP
Friday	12 noon	Easter Friday	John Cubbin RIP
Saturday 7 th April	10am	Easter Saturday	Keith Donaldson RIP
	6pm (vigil)	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Bill Hargreaves RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 8 th	9:30am		Keith and Joan Foster RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays 4-5pm during Eastertide, ending with Benediction.

Please note there will be **no early morning Exposition this week.**

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon.

SUNG VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): Easter Sunday 4:30pm, with Benediction.

ROSARY: Mysteries of Light prayed after 9:15am Mass, Monday and Wednesday.

ST ANTHONY: money donated in the wall box during April will go to CAFOD.

ANNIVERSARIES: Olive Halliwell, Luigina Dawson, Bert Ainscough, William Hargreaves, Krystyna Bartle, Hilda Webb, Vera Pearson, Graeme Flett, Doreen Lees, Mary Scanlan, Agnes Lancaster, Elizabeth Sumner, Susan Tankard, Jean Dobson, Michael Hampson, Mary Ann Burke, Keith Hodgson, Margaret Brown, Thomas Price.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

EASTER OCTAVE: Easter is a 50-day season, and for the first eight days, we treat every day like Easter Sunday itself. So enjoy! Friday is not a day of abstinence.

“EMMAUS WALK” SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS: Sundays at 4pm, followed by sung Vespers and Benediction at 4:30pm. See front page. A good way to mark Eastertide.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: This Friday at 7pm. Come and spend some time with the risen Lord, as the disciples did in the days after His resurrection.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION: Please keep in your prayers Monsignor Canon Paul Swarbrick, who will be ordained and installed as seventh Bishop of Lancaster at the Cathedral on Monday 9th April. Please note: admission is strictly by ticket only.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION: This year transferred to 9th April, it is also the day our new Bishop will be ordained. There will be an evening Mass (7pm) here that day, followed by refreshments. NB: no morning Mass or hospital Mass that day.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Olivia & Mollyanna Wilkinson, baptised here in March.

MORNING EXPOSITION: Please note, no Exposition Monday-Friday this week.

NEWSLETTER: Please note, this newsletter covers two weeks. Next weekend a list of Mass intentions for the following week will be posted online and in the narthex.

EASTER FLOWERS: A list of intentions for prayer is on display by the prayer book.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting, Sunday 15th April at 7pm. The book for this month is called ‘Living Fruitfully: Joy’. Copies now available from Fr Andrew.

NCW ANNUAL CATECHESIS: A simple introduction to the Christian faith, a chance to deepen our faith in God’s unconditional love. Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm, beginning on Monday 16th April. All are very welcome. Led by members of the NeoCatechumenal Way.

TALKS ON THE SACRAMENTS: The final talk in the series takes place on Tuesday 17th April at 7:30pm, and will look at marriage and the sacraments of healing.

EASTER RAFFLE: drawn today. A list of winners will be posted on the notice board.

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MILES FOR SYRIA: 723 miles pledged so far = £723 raised. Keep up the good work! Visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/milesforsyria to offer support online. Overall we have now raised £14,062.64 for Syria since the launch last May.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note: no hospital Mass this week or next (2nd/9th April).

“YOU ARE MY FRIEND”: Booklet by Philip McParland on friendship with Jesus, on sale in the narthex. Only £1. Please put money in wall box marked ‘CTS, books etc.’

LAST SUNDAY: Attended: 483; Collection: £1,298.37; Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
EASTER SUNDAY	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee & Easter draw	Parish Hall
	4pm	Exposition and 'Emmaus Walk' Easter reflection	Church
	4:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
	7pm	NCW Evening Prayer and Agape	Chapel/Hall
Friday	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Sunday	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall

Advance Diary Dates:

18th April: Whole school start of term Mass, 9:15am

23rd April: Feast of St George, Mass at 9:15am and in hospital at 5:15pm

24th April: Commentated Mass, 7:30pm

Further ahead and further afield:

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: St Mary's, Leyland, next Sunday (8th April). More details available in the narthex. Other local parishes may be having devotions, though no details have been received at time of printing.

CALLED TO GLORY V - Dig deep into the Riches of the Catholic Faith: *a weekend exploring the nature and glorious work of the Holy Spirit.* Sat 14th- Sun 15th April, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton. Donation only. To book or for more information:

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“At Easter, on the morning of the first day of the week, God said once again: “Let there be light”. The night on the Mount of Olives, the solar eclipse of Jesus’ passion and death, the night of the grave had all passed. Now it is the first day once again – creation is beginning anew. “Let there be light”, says God, “and there was light”: Jesus rises from the grave. Life is stronger than death. Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies. The darkness of the previous days is driven away the moment Jesus rises from the grave and Himself becomes God’s pure light. But this applies not only to Him, not only to the darkness of those days. With the resurrection of Jesus, light itself is created anew. He draws all of us after Him into the new light of the resurrection and He conquers all darkness. He is God’s new day, new for all of us.”

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily for the Easter Vigil, 7th April 2012