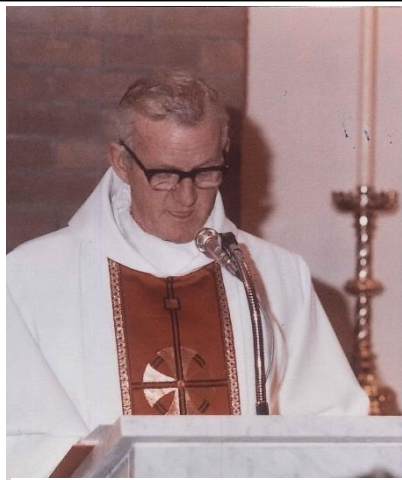


Our first 50 years: 1985

On 31st March 1985 Fr Odran Callan, the first Parish Priest of St Clare's, died. It was Palm Sunday. In the afternoon there was a service in church with readings and slides from the life and death of Jesus, and it was at this service that Fr Callan's death was announced to the parish. His funeral was held on Easter Thursday, so his death and burial were marked in the context of the Lord's death and resurrection, our hope of glory.

Fr Stephen Cross left the parish in this year and would be replaced by Fr Joe O'Connor, who served the parish as assistant priest until 1991. The diary and school log book record very few unusual events for the rest of the year. Beyond the parish, Bishop Brewer took over as Bishop of Lancaster after a year as coadjutor, in an inauguration Mass celebrated in the Cathedral on 22nd May. He was no stranger to St Clare's in those early weeks: he made a formal visitation to the parish on 2nd June and confirming the Junior 4 children that evening; he also visited school on 15th July.



Fr Callan at the opening
of the church in 1979.

Today's Readings

On this final Sunday before Lent we hear one more extract from Jesus' 'Sermon on the Plain'. Today He speaks to us about not judging others, but allowing Him to lead us forward and correct our faults. The importance of our words is emphasised in both the first reading and the Gospel; we are reminded that they are a sign of what is in our hearts. In the second reading we continue to read chapter 15 of 1 Corinthians, a chapter which expresses the centrality of the resurrection in our lives. Today St Paul asks, "Death, where is your sting?" All has been won by Christ.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass Book page 144

Office: Psalter week 4; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year 2, week 8, then 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)	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ronald and Mary Airey RIP
Sunday 27 th	9:30am		Deacon John Kilshaw RIP
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Alan Little RIP
Monday	9:15am		Holy Souls
Tuesday	7pm	St David	Margaret Lee RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	ASH WEDNESDAY	Dec. memb. Meek family
	7pm		Thanksgiving (Emily Grace Chaise)
Thursday	9:15am		Donor's Intention
Friday	12noon		Holy Souls
Saturday	10am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Eric Bamber RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Alan Little RIP
Sunday 6 th	9:30am		Margaret Rainford RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **Julie McCallion, Joan Warburton, Alan Little** 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 12:30pm-6pm.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Isabella Main, Joe McCallion, John Kirk, Jean Bateson, Isabelle Maxwell, Mary Hurley, Maureen Ford, James Woodruff, Anthony Finnerty.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. There will be Mass with distribution of ashes at 9:15am and 7pm. This is a day of fasting and abstinence (no meat or other luxuries, and those who are healthy should observe the fast by eating only one main meal and a light collation). The Holy Father has asked us all to offer our fasting on Wednesday for peace in Ukraine.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: During Lent, please remember to pray especially for those who will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Church at Easter.

VIGIL FOR UKRAINE: This Monday (28th) at St Wilfrid's in town, 6-10pm. Readings, adoration, prayer and music. Come for as much or as little as you want.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: From next weekend, Sunday Masses are Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:30am and 6pm; there will no longer be an 11:30am Mass on Sundays.

LENT WALK WITH ME BOOKS: These are available, free of charge, in the narthex this weekend. Infant and Junior 'Day by Day' books are also available. Please take a copy and use it to accompany you through the holy season of Lent.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT? Lent begins on Wednesday. During this time we are all invited to spend more time in prayer, to fast (or give something up) and to give more generously of our time and resources. What will you do this year?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed publicly on Sundays at 3pm during Lent. Following your feedback we have ordered the second hand Stations, which are currently being restored and will be installed in the church when they are ready.

IN THE BEGINNING... A series of four talks for Lent exploring the beginning of the book of Genesis. Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm. 8th March: Creation; 15th March: The Fall and its consequences; 22nd March: Noah to Babel; 29th March: Redemption in Christ.

LENT IN THE PARISH: Our spiritual programme for Lent 2022 also includes a full reading of St Mark's Gospel (25th March) and Lenten lunches (4th and 11th March, 1st April). A reconciliation service is planned for later in the season.

BUY A BRICK: Thanks to everyone who has so far contributed to building a new church/hall in India. Although the 'buy a brick' scheme is suggesting a £30 donation, any donation, large or small, helps. If you would like to donate, simply mark your envelope 'ACN' or 'bricks' and we'll make sure it goes to the project. **Gift Aid** envelopes for ACN are now available in the narthex – please use them if able.

COVID SAFETY MEASURES IN CHURCH: Please be mindful of those who would like to keep a safe distance from others, and use the hand sanitisers on entry and exit.

FOOD BANK: Collection next weekend: 5th/6th March.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 318 (figures for individual Masses: 74/93/60/51; NCW 40). Collection: £651.28. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 27 th	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
	7:30pm	Marriage Preparation (5)*	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
Wednesday	10am-12	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	12:30pm	Lenten Lunch	Parish Hall
	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank collection	House porch
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates*	Parish Hall
	10am	Confirmation Preparation day session*	Parish Hall
	10:30am	Spanish Class*	Parish Hall
	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 6 th	10:20am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Journey in Faith Group	Side chapel

Events marked * are open only to members or those who have booked ahead.

Using a card to donate to your parish (updated)

From this weekend our new 'digital collection plate' is available for use in the narthex. Many parishes have started to use these, as fewer people are now carrying cash. It offers an alternative way to donate to the parish. To use the new facility:

1. Input the amount you wish to give (either using an amount displayed on screen, or by selecting 'Other amount' and then entering the amount you wish to donate).
2. Use the card reader (to the right of the screen) to make the donation. You can use contactless payment or insert your card in the top of the reader and use the keypad to enter your PIN.
3. The machine will ask if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. This brings extra money to the parish at no cost to you. If you select this, you will be asked for additional information, which need only be inputted once – all future donations *using the same card* will be Gift Aided unless you tell us otherwise.