

St Clare's Catholic Church

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

9th April 2017



"For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried..." The Creed uses only a few words to describe the astonishing fact that the Son of God, having come to earth, chose to be suffer and die. The Judge of all allowed Himself to be judged by a Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, and to die a most shameful and painful death on a cross. This week we have the chance to live through these events with Our Lord, so our task for the week is simply to **attend the Liturgy of the Triduum:**

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm



We find ourselves at the Last Supper, as the Lord washes the feet of His disciples and then gives us the Eucharist: His own Body and Blood. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose, representing the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3pm



Today we are at the foot of the cross. We hear the reading of St John's account of the Passion, and we come forward to venerate the cross, showing our love for Jesus, who loved us enough even to die for us on the cross.

Holy Saturday – Paschal Vigil, 8:30pm



We gather in darkness, which is then dispelled by the light of the Paschal Candle, representing the risen Christ. We listen to God's Word, until the Church is flooded by light and the first 'Alleluia' of Easter is proclaimed. We renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the first Mass of Easter.

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Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: of Holy Week

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 8 th	6pm (vigil)	Palm Sunday	Ronald Bond RIP
Sunday 9 th	9:30am		Fr Bernard Woods RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in Hospital Chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Special Intention
Wednesday	9:15am		Constance Ashcroft RIP
HOLY THURSDAY	7pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	Michael Hampson RIP (anniversary)
GOOD FRIDAY	3pm	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
HOLY SATURDAY	8:30pm (vigil)	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY	9:30am		Moira Sharpe
	6pm		For the spread of the Gospel

The full diary for Holy Week is printed on the back of the newsletter.

LATELY DEAD: Please keep in your prayers **Bill Hargreaves**, who died recently, and whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 18 April at 11am.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Wednesday 7-8am, Easter Sunday 3:30-4:30pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Monday-Wednesday 7:45am

CONFESSIONS: Good Friday 12noon-1pm. Please note that there are no confessions on Holy Saturday, as the sacraments are not celebrated on this day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Palm Sunday 3pm, Good Friday 10am.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Hilda Webb, Vera Pearson, Graeme Flett, Doreen Lees, Mary Scanlan, Agnes Lancaster, Elizabeth Sumner, Susan Tankard, Michael Hampson, Jean Dobson, Mary Ann Burke, Keith Hodson, Margaret Brown, Barbara Levett.

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.

EASTER TRIDUUM: The main celebration of the year. Come and take your part!

CHRISM MASS: 11:30am on Thursday at Lancaster Cathedral. All welcome.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Each Sunday during Eastertide there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30pm, with a Gospel reading, brief reflection and time for silent prayer; then sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Benediction at 4pm. A beautiful way to celebrate the Resurrection.

EAST AFRICA: Thank you for all the donations for those suffering from the famine. Total raised was £1,036.94. You can still donate at www.cafod.org.uk

HOMELESS: £772.54 from the boxes in church has been sent to Fox St Shelter.

HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICE: final practice is on Monday, 7pm in the church.

CENACOLO COLLECTION: this weekend. Please leave items in the garage.

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

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICES: times are printed on the back of the newsletter.

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 next Sunday after 9:30am Mass.

200 CLUB: Do you fancy an 'Easter bonus'? The April draw for the 200 Club will take place on Easter Sunday morning. The prizes will be £165, £99 and £66. Numbers are still available. Application forms are in the church porch.

PARISH OPEN MEETING: Thanks to those who attended and contributed. Feedback from the meeting will be published soon after Easter.

EASTER FLOWERS: marked envelopes with donations for flowers gratefully received. A list of prayer intentions will be published over Easter.

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 7th May.

SEEKERS youth group is moving to Wednesdays after Easter. It still takes place in the hall, 6-7:30pm, and is for school years 4-6. Restarts on Wednesday 26 April.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2017-18: remaining envelopes still available in the porch.

HOSPITAL MASS: Please note that there will be no Mass in the hospital on Easter Monday (17th April).

PRESTON PASSION PLAY: Good Friday at 11:30am in the City Centre. Further details on the poster in the church porch.

LAST WEEK: Attended: 410; Collection: £1,068.39. Thank you.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Cenacolo Collection	Garage
PALM SUNDAY	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	4:30pm	Young Adults Group	Chapel
Mon-Wed	7:45am	Morning Prayer of the Church	Church
Monday	7pm	Holy Week Music Practice	Church
Tuesday	8pm	NCW Easter Announcement	Parish Hall
HOLY THURSDAY	11:30am	Mass of Chrism	Lancaster Cathedral
	4pm	Altar Servers' Practice	Church
	7pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	Church
	8pm-Midnight	Watching before the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
	11:50pm	Compline (Night Prayer)	Chapel
GOOD FRIDAY	10am	Stations of the Cross	Church
	10:30am	Altar Servers' Practice	Church
	12noon-1pm	Confessions	Confessional
	3pm	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	Church
	7pm	Quiet Prayer around the Cross, with Compline (night prayer)	Church
HOLY SATURDAY	10am	Altar Servers' Practice	Church
	8:30pm	PASCHAL VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER	Church
Sat/Sun	At Mass	Food Bank Collection	Garage
EASTER SUNDAY	3:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection on one of the Easter Gospel stories	Church
	4pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church

“By humbling Himself, Jesus invites us to walk on His path.

Let us turn our faces to Him, let us ask for the grace to understand at least something of the mystery of His obliteration for our sake; and then, in silence, let us contemplate the mystery of this Week.”

Pope Francis, Palm Sunday Homily, 20 March 2016