



***'I have risen and I am with you still. Alleluia!'***



***Praising the goodness and mercy of God is our central and joyful purpose within the Easter Sunday liturgy.***

The **First Reading** and **Gospel** for today's celebration proclaim God's ultimate victory over death. The One hung on a tree and laid in the tomb is no longer rejected, but raised to be appointed judge of the living and of the dead.

Christ is forever the cornerstone (**Psalm**) and, having taken his place at the right hand of God (**Second Reading**), he continues to offer to us the priceless gift of a share in his life.

**Let us pray, during this Easter week**, that Christ's constant, faithful love will raise us up to fresh encouragement and greater hope, so that we may bear witness to his resurrection in our daily lives. Amen

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**Church is open daily from 8am until 6pm for private prayer.**

**MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Easter Sunday from page 216**

**Office Easter Octave: Sundays: Year A: Weekdays: Easter Octave**

Sunday morning Mass is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later on our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	<b>8:30pm</b> (Easter Vigil)	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am		William & Winifred Hamilton RIP
<b>No Evening Mass at 6pm today</b>			
Monday	<b>10am</b>		Marie Teresa RIP
	<b>No Hospital Mass at 5.30pm today</b>		
Tuesday	7pm	<b>EASTER TUESDAY</b>	Michael & Teresa Yates RIP
Wednesday	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>EASTER WEDNESDAY</b>	Norden Lepcha healing
Thursday	<b>10am</b>	<b>EASTER THURSDAY</b>	Nora Daly RIP
Friday	12noon	<b>EASTER FRIDAY</b>	Clare Finch RIP
Saturday	10am	<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>	Holy Souls
	6pm (Vigil)	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)</b>	Rev Tadgh Tierney OCD RIP
	7.15 pm Vigil		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Doreen Barker Sick

**PLEASE CHECK-** the changes in the times for morning Masses this week.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Sat. 10:30am-11:30am and by request.

**ROSARY:** Is prayed after the **morning** Masses, and before the 12noon Mass on Friday.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Krystyna Bartle, Hilda Webb, Vera Pearson, Margarita Mary Lyons, Graeme Flett, Annie Elizabeth Green, Agnes Lancaster, Doreen Lees, Mary Scanlan, Elizabeth Sumner, Kathleen Smith, Susan Tankard, Geraldine Christine Southworth. ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen***

**WE PRAY ALSO** for those in our parish, our families and our friends who are sick.

**MASS INTENTIONS ENVELOPES** are in the Narthex. Please add your **contact details, offering, preferred** (and an alternative) **date** and hand it to Fr. John Mark or Janet, or post through the Presbytery door.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (at St Clare's)  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 2.30pm**

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions,  
all are welcome.

Refreshments will be available in the parish  
hall after the service.



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

**SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am-1pm. Please join them for a silent act of witness to **remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion.** Meet on London Road, Preston (near the river). **Contact** Tel. 07523 183758 or Email [spucpreston@gmail.com](mailto:spucpreston@gmail.com) All are Welcome

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Next session Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am -12 noon in the Parish Hall.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The envelopes for **2026/27** are available for collection from the Narthex. Donations that are gift-aided enable us to claim £0.25 for each £1 given, at no cost to the donor. If you would like to join the scheme, please contact the Parish Office. Thanks for your continued generosity.

**SPONSORSHIP FOR PARISH MASS BOOKS:** Please can you continue to help by sponsoring the next set of Parish Mass Books (for Pentecost). There is an explanation sheet (pink) in the Narthex together with Sponsor form.

**THANK YOU:** To the organisers and all who helped with, and supported, the Friday Lent Lunches. Over £140 was raised for ACN.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** A list of prayer intentions is on display on the sacristy door. Thank you for your generous donations.

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING:** There will be no coffee morning after Mass this week or next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**HAPPY EASTER:** Fr. John Mark would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter and would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the Easter liturgy.  
***The Lord is risen, Alleluia Alleluia!***

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March 513 (84/305/124) Collections: £749.89. Thank you for your generosity.

<b>THIS WEEK --Wednesday Thursday and Friday 8am-9am Tuesday 5.30pm- 6.30pm</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church
<b>Saturday 10:30am-11:30am</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.15	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church

**FOOD BANK:** Next collection weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April. The **Salvation Army in Preston** is located on Harrington Street and is dedicated to supporting individuals and families facing food insecurity. Items needed include tinned meats, fish, vegetables and fruit, pasta, rice, sauces & toiletries. Thank you for your support.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** If your child requires the **Sacrament of Baptism**, please email [enquiries@saintclares.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@saintclares.co.uk), or speak to Fr. John Mark or Janet Metcalf.



**THE SHROUD OF TURIN and supporting exhibition will be displayed at Blackburn Cathedral until Sunday 12th April 2026.** It is a life-size replica of the original burial shroud believed to have been used to wrap the body of **Jesus after the Crucifixion**. It offers a wonderful opportunity to learn more and study this sacred cloth - which for some, has proved to be a deeply moving and profound experience.

<https://blackburncathedral.com/turin-shroud-exhibition/>