



'Unbind him and let him go'

As we approach Holy Week, our readings focus on the theme of being restored to life. The Scripture is full of hope, inviting us to trust in God's promise of resurrection and eternal life.

In the First Reading the Israelites, living in exile in Babylon, lack hope and direction. But the Lord speaks through the prophet Ezekiel, telling how he will raise them up. He will put his Spirit within them, giving them new life, and restore them to their homeland.

This prophesy is fulfilled **in the Gospel**. Here, God's love and power over death are made known as Lazarus is raised by Jesus, the One who brings life where there is death. Jesus reveals himself as

'the resurrection and the life',

calling us to believe and trust in him. His deep compassion and love are highlighted as he weeps with Mary and Martha.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday 170

Office Psalter Week: 1 Sundays: Year A.

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	6pm (Vigil)	THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Tom McAuley Senior RIP
	7:15pm (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 22 nd March	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		Lucy Clapham RIP
Monday	9:15am		Jim & Juliet Banks RIP
	5.30pm RPH		Patients and Staff of RPH
Tuesday	7pm	Nick McGourty RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Peter Campbell RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Michael & Teresa Yates RIP
Friday	12noon		In Thanksgiving
Saturday 28 th March	10am	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Dena Phillips (ill)
	6pm (Vigil)		Gerard Waddingham RIP
	7:15pm (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 29 th March	9:30am		Robin Day RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: After the 12noon Mass every Friday during Lent.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Friday 27th Mar. at 2.30pm-St. Clare's Church. **All welcome.**

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Wilfred Foy, Richard Atkinson, Roseanne Dorning, Steven Coop, Theresa Higham, Ian Gregson, Clifford Critchley, Teresa Nicklin, Isabella Main, May Flood, Thomas McGowan, Stephen Ambler, Mary Bradley, Dorothy Cavanagh, Winifred Wakeham, Elizabeth Cairns.

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 MARCH: for disarmament and peace.

Let us pray the nations move towards disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION - 29th March
Meet at Tower Lane at 9:10am to walk in
procession to St. Clare's Church for the Blessing of
the Palms before the Mass at 9:30am.

If you would like to donate towards the **EASTER FLOWER** decorations for the church in **memory of a loved or for a special intention**, please put details and the donation in an envelope and hand to Janet or Fr. John Mark or post it through the presbytery door. A list of prayer intentions will be displayed at Easter.

Easter Flowers



PARISH SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: This Wednesday 25th March at 7pm. It is one of the ways of preparing ourselves to have a great celebration of the Pascal Mysteries.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Next session Saturday 28th March from 9.30am -12 noon in the Parish Hall.

NEXT LENTEN SOUP LUNCH: After 12noon Mass this Friday 27th March. Please note there is a tick list in the Narthex to give an idea of numbers.

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.

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

MESSY CHURCH: St. Clare's Parish Hall next **Saturday 28th March from 1.30-3.30pm**. Messy Church celebrates faith with creativity and hospitality for children and adults of all ages. Please come along and join in.

HOLY WEEK PRACTICES

CHOIR: Monday 30th March at 5pm in the church.

ALTAR SERVERS: Wednesday 1st April at 6pm, **Good Friday** at 11am and **Holy Saturday** at 10am.

LAST WEEK: At Mass 14th/15th March 415 (88/160/108) NCW 59 Collections: £610.96. Thank you for your generosity.

Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday 8am -8.45am Tuesday 5.30pm -6.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament In the church
Saturday 10:30am-11:30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

ROSARY: Is prayed after the 9:15am Mass, and before the 12noon Mass on Friday.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 22 nd Mar	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
Monday 23 ^d	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6.30pm	Baptism Preparation course	Side Chapel
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 24 th	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
Wednesday 25 th	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7pm	Lent Reconciliation Service	Church
Thursday 26 th	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday 27 th	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church
	8pm	NCW Easter Catechesis	Church

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING: More volunteers are needed to join our cleaning rota. We need groups of 5/6 people to clean the Church and Narthex on a rota of once every 7/8 weeks. **VOLUNTEERS** are also needed **to help care for the church grounds**. If you can help with either of these please give your details to Janet Metcalf or the parish office enquiries@saintclares.co.uk

FOOD BANK: Collection next weekend 28th/29th March. The Salvation Army Food Bank is most in need of these non-perishable (alcohol free) items: UHT milk, tinned meats/fish/vegetables/fruit, pasta/rice/sauce, toiletries (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper). Thank you for your support.

CASTLERIGG MANOR AND THE YOUTH SERVICE

- **Family Retreat** March 27-29th £160-£230 per family. There will be streams for different ages, and fun activities for everyone.
- **May Half Term B&B (Hostel) Stays** for families, groups of friends and individuals who want to spend a bit of time in Keswick.

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