

***The stone that
the builders
rejected has
become the
cornerstone***

This week, we pray for all who are unable to accept Jesus as the cornerstone of their life. As we go about our own lives in the coming days, we might use the response to the psalm: 'May your merciful love be upon me, as I hope in you, O Lord'.

As we continue to live through this joyful Eastertide, the readings this week show us the new Christians attempting to organise their community. After prayer and discernment, they solve the dispute between the Hebrews and the Hellenists and appoint seven leaders. **(First Reading)**

The **Gospel** today comes from the Last Supper discourse, where Jesus prepares his friends for his departure. Thomas and Philip find it hard to follow his words, but they will never be alone, for Jesus will be alongside them.

He is the way, the truth and the life.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – page 265

Office Psalter Week 1: Sundays: Year A: Weekdays: Weekdays of Easter

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 2 nd May	6pm (Vigil)	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Mary Fernandes RIP (100 birthday)
	7pm Vigil		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 3 rd May	9:30am		Relatives & Friends of the Gornall Family
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	10am	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	Ben Hunter RIP
	5.30pm RPH		Patients and Staff
Tuesday	7pm		Survivors of Sexual Abuse
Wednesday	9.15am		Marie Teresa RIP
Thursday	9.15am		Michael Hampson RIP
Friday	12noon		David & Pat Boyd RIP
Saturday 9 th May	10am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Holy Souls
	6pm (Vigil)		John & Joan Burns RIP
	7.15pm Vigil		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 10 th May	9:30am		Intentions of the Alvin Family
	6pm	For a 90 th Birthday.	

NB note change of time to **10am** for Bank Holiday Monday Mass, and there will be no Mass in the Hospital on that day.

ROSARY: Is prayed after the **9.15am** Masses and before the 12noon Mass on Friday.

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Geoffrey Pyke, Vivian Ball, Cliff Jackson, Les Burns, Mary Kate Clague, Josphine Brenda Cornah, David John Dean, Barbara McCann, Thomas Lupton, Lilian McGuire.

WE PRAY for Vera Eaves, Mary Oldcorn and Marcia Mallet who have died recently. ***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 MAY: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

DIARY DATE: Preston Corpus Christi Procession with Benediction is on Sunday 7th June, beginning at 2pm at St. Walburge's Church. More details later.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Next session Saturday 9th May from 9.30am -12 noon in the Parish Hall.

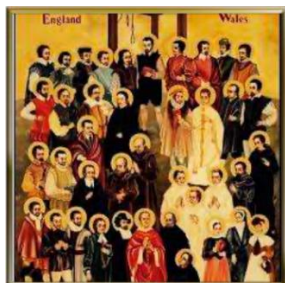
SPONSORSHIP FOR PARISH MASS BOOKS: Please can you continue to help by sponsoring the next set of Parish Mass Books (for Pentecost). There is an explanation sheet (pink) in the Narthex together with Sponsor form

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. **NB There are still quite a few envelopes to be collected**, please don't miss the opportunity to boost your donation at no extra cost, including those who donate by bank standing order. Thanks for your continued generosity.

VISITS BY A PRIEST: If someone is in hospital, a nursing home or is housebound and would like Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament for the Sick please let Fr. John Mark know. Email: enquiries@saintclares.co.uk or Tel. 01772 719604.

THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST? Come to the **Day of Reflection and Discernment on Saturday 30th May 12.15pm – 2.30pm at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT.** Gather in the Cathedral for Mass at 12.15pm, followed by lunch and meeting with Bishop Paul. The day is for single men age 16 or over who are considering priesthood. To book email: Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190 (no charge.) This is an opportunity to find out how discernment works, and to meet others from across the Diocese exploring a vocation to priesthood.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Friday 15th May 2026. St Clares Church at 2.30pm.



THE ENGLISH MARTYRS- Feast May 4th

This feast celebrates the many men and women who suffered for their Faith between 1535 and 1680. On October 25th, 1970, Pope Paul VI canonized a group of priests, both secular and religious, as well as laity who were prepared to shelter them and arrange Masses to witness the Faith.

LAST WEEK: At Mass 25th/26th April 405 (73/188/91) NCW 53. Collections: £595.81. Ecclesiastical Education Fund: £245.70. Thank you for your generosity.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8am-9am 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

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Monday 4 th May	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6.30pm	Baptism Preparation	Side Chapel
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 5 th	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Wednesday 6 th	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday 7 th	6.15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Friday 8 th May	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church

FOOD BANK: Collection weekend **9th/10th May**. The items urgently needed include tinned meats, fish, vegetables, fruit and custard, pasta, rice and sauces, toothpaste & brushes, soap & shower gels. Thank you for your support.

YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIP SCHEME: Aimed at recent graduates, but open to anyone aged 18-24 who is serious about their faith and wants to learn how to minister to young people in the Church. For more detailed information email: director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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.



CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE

The Annual Pilgrimage to the **Shrine and Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes Cleator, Cumbria**

takes place on Sunday 6th September. Please note the date and there will be more details later.