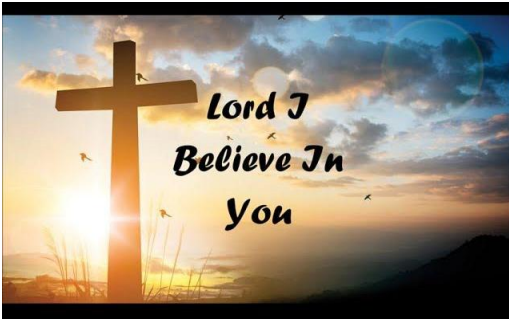




**St Clare's**  
Roman Catholic  
Church

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Laetare Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026



*Today we are reminded of  
the joy of the presence of  
Jesus,  
**the light of our world,**  
and of the love of God  
shining through our lives.*

The **First Reading** and the **Psalm** speak of the shepherd caring for the flock. Despite David's youth and outward appearance, the Lord sees the strength of his heart, which will enable him to lead God's people.

In the **Gospel**, the blind man's sight is restored, and he comes into the light. Not only is he physically able to see for the first time, but he also recognises **Jesus as the Son of Man**. In contrast, those around him remain in the darkness of un-belief, trapped by their unwillingness to see Jesus as he really is.



This week, we pray for those who have yet to allow the light of Christ into their lives. We pray that **we** will carry Christ's light to others as we walk beside them, sharing their hardships and sorrows.

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

## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday 164

### Office Psalter Week: 4 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)	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Laetare Sunday)</b>	Joan Kershaw RIP
	7pm (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am		Neville Buckley RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		John & Annie Grace RIP
	5.30pm RPH		Patients and Staff of RPH
Tuesday	7pm	<b>ST. PATRICK</b>	Trevor Hughes RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Thanksgiving (PL)
Thursday	9:15am	<b>ST. JOSEPH</b>	Pauline Almond RIP
Friday	12noon		Robin Day RIP and Peter Campbell RIP (Birthday)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	10am	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	Pignotti/Spila Family, Dad & friends. In thanksgiving
	6pm (Vigil)		Tom McAuley Senior RIP
	7:15pm(Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm	Lucy Clapham RIP	

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

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

**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.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Theresa Howarth, Frank Dickox, Rita Morris, Baby Greenwood, Emily Chibulu, Anne Noblet, Anne Sybil Gallagher, Robin Day, Angela Holt, Alice Barker, Douglas Middlemiss, and Clair Brooks.

**WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR** P. J Abraham, and Charlotte Rosbrooke 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 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.



**SPECIAL ROSARY SERVICE:**

to celebrate **The Feast of St Joseph**,  
husband of Mary, at St. Mary's Fernyhalgh on  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 2.00pm.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Next session is in St. Clare's Parish Hall **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Next session **this** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm -5pm in the Parish Hall.

**SOCIAL AFTERNOON AT ST. GREGORY'S:** A talk by Brian Topping '**More Tales of a Customs Officer**' Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the Social Centre, followed by tea & cakes. Admission is £4 (ticket only) available after Sunday Mass from Janet Metcalf.

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

**FOOD BANK:** Collection this weekend 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:enquiries@saintclares.co.uk)

**FARMERS' MARKET:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** A total of £1139.52 was donated in the Family Fast Day/CAFOD envelopes, and the soup lunch, and has been sent to CAFOD. Thanks for your great generosity.

**DONATIONS:** We have sent £900 to the SVP, and £500 to the Foxton Homeless Centre, from the monies collected in the St. Anthony and the Homeless wall boxes respectively. Thank you for the donations.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March 420 (79/190/91) NCW 60 Collections: £638.58. Collections via the Bank and card payment terminal payout in February totalled £2073. Thank you for your generosity.

<b>Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday 8am -8.45am 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

**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 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Marriage Preparation course</b>	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Parish Hall
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church



**ON PALM SUNDAY** 29<sup>th</sup> March we will continue our tradition of a procession from Tower Lane to St. Clare's Church. Please join us at 9:10am to walk in procession to the Church for the Blessing of the Palms **before the Mass at 9:30am.**

**DIVINE MERCY SERVICE:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Mar. at 2.30pm-St. Clare's Church. **All welcome**

#### **CASTLERIGG MANOR AND THE YOUTH SERVICE**

- **Family Retreat** March 27-29<sup>th</sup> £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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