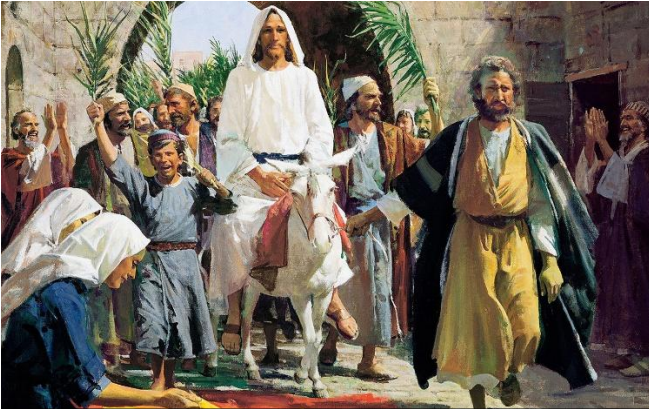




St Clare's
Roman Catholic
Church

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD
29th March 2026**



***'Behold,
your King
is coming
to you'***

We begin our Holy Week Liturgies in a spirit of joyful jubilation, as we accompany Jesus our Servant King into Jerusalem (**Entrance Gospel**). The Hosannas and waving palms of an expectant people soon turn to jeers of violence and angry fists as we walk alongside Jesus through this most holy of weeks.

Now is the time for us to pay loving attention to the Passion, suffering and death that Jesus willingly entered into for our sake (**Gospel**). Never once condemning, but always and forever loving us, Jesus forgives us and heals us. This is the nature of his Kingship. God became fully human, to transform sin and human weakness. (**Second Reading**)

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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Palm Sunday from page 176

Office Psalter Week: 2 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)	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Gerard Waddingham RIP
	7:15pm (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 29 th March	9:30am		Robin Day RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Doreen Barker (Sick)
	5.30pm RPH		Patients and Staff of RPH
Tuesday	7pm		Lou Barton (age 6 Surgery)
Wednesday 1 st April	9:15am		T. J. Joseph RIP
HOLY THURSDAY	7pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	The sick and housebound in our parish
GOOD FRIDAY	10am	Stations of the Cross	
	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		William & Winifred Hamilton RIP

HOLY THURSDAY: Watching after Mass with **Night Prayer at 11.50pm**
GOOD FRIDAY: CONFESSIONS: 12noon to 1pm, or by appointment.
EASTER SUNDAY: Please note Mass is 9.30am and there is **NO Evening Mass.**

GOOD FRIDAY is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

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

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.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Ray Hodges, Anne Connor, Tom Dickinson, Fr. Odran Callan, Carol McCarthy, Olive Halliwell, Luigina Dawson, Bert Ainscough, William Hargreaves, Winifred Hamilton, Jim Grant.

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.

LOTS OF HELP NEEDED PLEASE: On **Holy Saturday** afternoon at **2pm** to tidy and clean the Church in preparation for Easter.

If you would like to donate towards the **EASTER FLOWER** decorations for the church in **memory of a loved one 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.



SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN: Saturday 25th 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 All are Welcome

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.

PRESTON CHURCHES: ***Good Friday Walk of Witness*** sets off from outside Fishergate Shopping Centre at 11.15am. All welcome to join in.

GREAT PRESTON FAIRTRADE EGG HUNT: See the poster in the Narthex for more information and entry forms for this event.

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.

HOLY PLACES: There will be the usual **Good Friday** collection for the Holy Places on Friday.

LAST WEEK: At Mass 21st/22nd March 478 (100/238/83) NCW 57 Collections: £779.67. Thank you for your generosity.

Monday, Wednesday Thursday this week 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

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 29 th Mar	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
Monday 30 th	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6.30pm	Baptism Preparation course	Side Chapel
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 31 st	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
Wednesday 1 st	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday 2 nd	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall

FOOD BANK: Collection **this** 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.

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

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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (at St Clare's)
12th April 2026 at 2.30pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions,
all are welcome.
Refreshments will be available in the parish
hall after the service.

The 9-day novena starts on Good Friday,
and leaflets are available in the Narthex.