



Christ the Spring of life

Through Baptism Christ becomes within us a source of living water and grace. Through the Holy Spirit the love of God is poured into our hearts, and our spiritual thirst is quenched.

We come alive.

From this Sunday onwards, our Lenten Gospels come from John and focus on very personal encounters with Jesus. Today, Jesus risks scandal by approaching a Samaritan woman at a well. Seeing her deepest need for healing, he invites her to draw from the well of living water. He is the Messiah she has been waiting for, and her response is a model of Christian discipleship. She believes, and with joy-filled faith, invites others from her community to encounter Jesus (Gospel).



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

MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book – Sunday 158

Office Psalter Week: 3 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	Zoe Carr RIP
	7:15pm (Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 8 th March	9:30am		Derrick Flowers RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Anna Stephen RIP
	5.30pm RPH		Patients and Staff of RPH
Tuesday	7pm		P J Abraham RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Ian Sweeney RIP
Thursday	9:15am	Doreen Barker (Sick)	
Friday	12noon	Joan Bradley RIP	
Saturday 14 th March	10am	THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Laetare Sunday)	Holy Souls
	6pm (Vigil)		Joan Kershaw RIP
	7pm(Vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 15 th March	9:30am		Neville Buckley 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.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Violet Donnelly, Neville Buckley, Louise Marie Ross, Constance Ashcroft, Ron Smith, Frances Bamber, May Wilkinson. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen**

PLEASE ALSO PRAY For those in our parish and our families who are sick, and for P. J Abraham, and Charlotte Rosbrooke who have died recently.

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.

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.

CRITICAL CARE SERVICE: In St. Clare's Church **today** Sunday 8th March at 3pm. This is to remember the patients who have passed away in critical care over the last twelve months, and their families. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall following the Service to support our church and hospital link.

WELLBEING: A fresh look at Lent. A day of reflection in Lent will be held in St Clare's Parish Hall on **Saturday on 14th March**. This day will be led by Philip McParland. It will begin at 10.30am and finish at 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. Offering: £20.



Our Parish Project 2026 is THE HOLY LAND

Our funds will: support efforts to build interfaith relationships in areas of severe conflict; help grow businesses of local underprivileged woodcarvers in Bethlehem; support local seminarians in the region and support those affected by the war in Gaza. Thank you in anticipation of your donations fundraising and your prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Next session Wednesday 18th March from 3.30am -5.30 in the Parish Hall.

SOCIAL AFTERNOON AT ST. GREGORY'S: A talk by Brian Topping '**More Tales of a Customs Officer**' on Tuesday 17th March at 2pm in the Social Centre. Admission is £4 (by ticket only) available after Sunday Mass from Janet Metcalf.

SPECIAL ROSARY SERVICE: to celebrate **The Feast of St Joseph**, husband of Mary, at St. Mary's Fernyhalgh on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 2.00pm.

NEXT LENTEN SOUP LUNCH: after the 12 noon Mass **this Friday** 13th March. Please note there is a tick list in the Narthex to give an idea of numbers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help care for the grounds in front of the church.

This includes mowing the lawns, tidying all edges, caring for the flower beds and rose beds in front of the Presbytery. If you are willing to volunteer or to **help form a small group or rota**, please give your name & phone number to Fr John Mark or Janet Metcalf or email: enquiries@saintclares.co.uk

DIARY NOTE: On Sunday 29th March we will continue our tradition of a Palm Sunday 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.

LAST WEEK: At Mass 28 Feb/1st March 455 (89/176/120) NCW 70 Collections: £666.06. Collections via the Bank, and card payment terminal payout, in February totalled £2073. 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 8 th Mar.	10:30am	After Mass Tea /Coffee	Parish Hall
Monday 9 th	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7pm	Marriage Preparation course	Narthex
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday 10 th	6pm	Seekers (age 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7.45pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Wednesday 11 th	9:45am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
Thursday 12 th	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
	7pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side Chapel
Friday 13 th	7pm	Lectio Divina	Church

FOOD BANK: Collection next weekend **14th/15th 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, and toiletries (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper). Thank you for your support.

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.

CASTLERIGG MANOR AND THE YOUTH SERVICE

- **Faith & Fitness** weekend, March 13-15th 18+ women, tickets from £99
- **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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