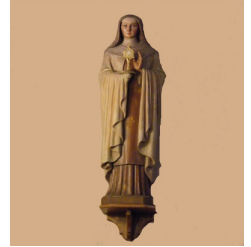




St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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PALM SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2019
Psalter Week II **YEAR OF HOLINESS**

DEDICATION: **April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit**



HOLY WEEK

During this final week of Lent we celebrate the very highs and lows of Jesus' earthly life **but all of them might be summed up in one word LOVE.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that we might have life" (Jn 3:16)

We must remember Jesus did not come into the world just to be crucified, rather He came to show us how much He and His Father love us.

Palm branches are recognised as symbols of peace and victory hence their use on Palm Sunday

At Mass there is a blessing of palms which the faithful hold as they process. The palms are later kept in the home as witness to faith in Jesus Christ

HOLY THURSDAY 18th April MASS of the Lord's supper 7 pm

Then watching until midnight For watching and prayer at the altar of repose after Mass (please put your name on the list in the porch)

Also if you would like to be part of the washing of feet during the MASS again please sign on the other list in the porch

GOOD FRIDAY 19th April (DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE) 3pm

PASSION 3 pm. There will be individual VENERATION OF THE CROSS during the liturgy

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 20th VIGIL MASS OF EASTER 8.30 pm

The dramatic Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy of the Church and marks the beginning of Easter. We are awaiting our Master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that he will find us awake and seat us at his table (cf Lk 12;35ff) All catholics should try to attend.



EASTER SUNDAY

Day MASS of Easter

9.30 am

Tridentine Latin MASS

12.30 pm

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.30am

11.15 am (Latin)

Confessions

Saturday 5.30 -5.45pm

or on request

Children's Baptisms, Confirmation,-

Sundays 9.30am

In Sacristy

Weddings and Funerals

Please call or email Fr Emeka above

Weekday Masses: Please see back page



OUR SICK LIST

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type. Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross ,

Dot Bell, Veronica Creaney, Mike Edwards, Mark Evans, Mary Frain, Stafford Hutchins, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Lorna Jarvis, , Dorothy Jones, Ann Leach, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Bob McConnell, Mary McDonough, Mrs Julie Reece, Alex Shone, SR, Maureen Oliphant, Gwen Spurr, Eileen Wyatt.

PARISH PARTY

To celebrate the renovation of our parish room we plan a 'bring and share' party in the parish room on Saturday 27th April after Mass

PARISH ROOM HIRE

Our renovated parish room is now available for hire. Please contact Paula on: st.clareschester@sky.com or telephone her on 01244 671015,

REPOSITORY

Thanks to Sue Pilot who will take responsibility for the repository stock. An 'honesty box' will be provided for purchases.

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a leaving collection for Easter flowers **THIS Sunday**, so that the flower arrangers can help us welcome the Joy of Easter with a wonderful celebratory display as in previous years

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Swing Band Dance Night fun and musical entertainment at the annual PA Dance Night with music from the school's acclaimed City Jazz Swing Band on Friday 26 April, 7.30 pm until late, in the School Hall. Free entrance. Donations welcome. The bar will be open. Many thanks for your support.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 4**.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be a reconciliation service **followed by individual confessions here in St. Clare's on Monday 15th April . Time 7.00 pm to 8pm**

LITURGY MEETING

There will be a liturgy meeting immediately after the 9.30 am Mass on Palm Sunday

HOLY PLACES

There will be a leaving collection on Good Friday when we are encouraged to donate to the Holy Places

CHILDREN AT NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Please give names to Father Emeka of children at non Catholic schools eligible to make their First Holy Communion this year. Preparations have started.

EASTER CHICKS

Easter Chickens (costing £1) will be on sale after both Masses this weekend (13/14th April); all monies raised will be sent to CAFOD's S E Africa Cyclone Idai Appeal.

Those who have been busy knitting confirm that the rare breeds of the last few years are back again this year but warn of another surprise in store for us?!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

April:

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

The SVP in England and Wales is controlled from offices in London, Westminster Bridge with finance being in Bradford. The finance to support these offices and their vital work comes from a variety of sources including subvention from parish collections and an annual raffle. One was held recently and a ticket from St Clare's parish won one of the prizes. Others were won in Worcester, Durham, Halifax, Leeds and other cities across the country.

The national SVP's work can be viewed at www.svp.org.uk and along with support stories of individuals helped and community projects, there is also an on-line shop selling some fair-trade gifts and Christmas cards at reduced rates. Ways of becoming involved are also discussed. Thank you for all your support. God bless. Steve

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

PRAYER GROUP. Meets after Wednesday 9.30 am Mass, in the Parish Room . All welcome.

CHOIR Thursdays after the 7.30 pm Mass, in the Parish Room . New members needed.

CAFOD. Meets in the Parish Room on the first Tuesday of the month, after the evening Mass.

SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) Meets fortnightly in the Parish Rooms on Monday Evenings. Next Meeting Monday 15th April 7.30pm. New Members welcome. Contact Steve 01244 671817 or e-mail PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB **Sunday Lunch Club** **Sunday Lunch Club** 1st Sunday of month 1pm Contact Catherine 01244 678825 or e-mail catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday during Lent 7pm

CHESTER SPUC GROUP next meeting contact 01244 681816 for details

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LITURGY MEETING Palm Sunday 14th April after 9.30 am Mass

RECONCILIATION SERVICE Monday 15th April , followed by individual confessions 7-8pm

SWING BAND DANCE NIGHT Friday 26th April 7.30 pm CHS PA in school hall– see over

PARISH PARTY Saturday 27th April after 6 pm Mass

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB Sunday 5th May 1pm Venue TBA. Transport Available. Contact Catherine 01244 678825 or e-mail catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

SVP FESTIVAL MASS & LUNCH Saturday 11th May. Mass in St Clare's Church and afterwards a bring and share lunch in the School Hall.

SVP Theatre Night Wed 12th June 7.30pm 'Outside Edge' Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight



WELCOME TO ST CLARE'S

Everyone is welcome . We would like you to feel very much at home with us whether you are Catholic or not, or if you have lost touch with the Church, and young children are equally welcome

This is God's house and his arms are always open. Forgive us if we fail to notice a new face, because we really do want to welcome each new face personally, and do please join us for coffee after Mass.

Youth Zone

I WAS MADE FOR WORSHIP

Today at Mass you will probably hear two Gospel readings about two very different responses of the crowds to Jesus; many people in Jerusalem would have been in both crowds.

It can be easy to criticise those people for their fickle hearts, but how often have we been that crowd too? Have you ever been part of a group praising Jesus? Maybe at an event such a Flame or a pilgrimage to Lourdes where it's wonderful to be part of a community of faith.

Yet when we leave, it can be so easy to deny Jesus in front of our friends, to go along with that other crowd who encourage us to turn our backs on Him.

Pray with us today that God may give us all His Spirit of courage and love, so that even when it's difficult we can remember the poignant experiences we have had with Him and still be followers of Jesus. Jesus reminds us today that if the people stopped praising Him then even the stones would cry out, that all of creation was made to worship God. You were made for worship.

Here's a song to listen to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyYn21RdBBQ>



Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 13/04 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Is 50: 4-7; Ps 21	<i>Imy O'Connor</i>
Sun 14/04 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9.am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am	<i>Red</i>	Ph 2; 6-11; Lk 22; 14-23,56	<i>Kate Drury</i>
Mon 15/4 Reconciliation Service followed by individual confessions 7-8pm			
Tue 16/04 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> <i>Purple</i>	Is 49: 1-6; Ps 70; Jn 13: 21-33,36-38	<i>Jack Yarwood (KC)</i>
Wed 17/04 Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30 am	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> <i>Purple</i>	Is 50: 4-9; Ps 68; Mt 26: 14-25	<i>Agnes Latham (SB)</i>
Thu 18/04 HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7pm Followed by watching until midnight	<i>White</i>	Ex 12; 1-8,11-14; Ps 115;1 Co11:23-36 1 Jn 13: 1-15	<i>Paul Prendergast</i>
Fri 19/04 GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3pm	<i>Good Friday</i> <i>Red</i>	Is 52: 13-53;12; Ps 30; Heb 4: 14-16,5: 7*9	
Sat 20/04 EASTER VIGIL LITURGY and VIGIL MASS OF EASTER 8.30pm	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Special Readings	<i>Catherine O'Mahony (Anniv)</i>
Sun 21/04 EASTER SUNDAY DAY MASS OF EASTER 9.30am Tridentine Latin MASS 12.30pm	<i>White</i>		<i>People of the Parish</i>



THE LITTLE FEET CLUB



The Little Feet Club was set up by the Chester branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) to raise funds for Pro-Life organisations that give help and advice to pregnant women about alternatives to abortion, organisations such as SPUC and ARCH (Abortion Recovery, Care and Helpline funded by the SPUC Trust).

A draw takes place at the Chester SPUC branch meetings and there is a monthly prize of £50 to each lucky winner. Entry into the draw works out at £2 per month.

If you would like to help to save babies' lives and those affected by abortion, please join the Little Feet draw. You can Either Give an annual payment cash or cheque or complete a standing order for £24 per annum. The forms available at the back of the church need to be sent to your bank or building society, but please ensure you send the tear off slip to Kevin Prendergast at the address shown on the form.

If you would be interested in attending the Chester SPUC branch meetings which are held every 2 months, then ring Kevin on 01244 681816 for further details. We are very keen for members

Thank you. (Chester branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)

The pictures above show an unborn baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception

SILENT WITNESS PRO LIFE CHAIN

This will take place on 27th April from 11 am-12,30 pm

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

The school is closed for Easter holiday

