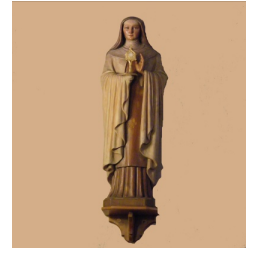




St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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EASTER SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019
Psalter Week I **YEAR OF HOLINESS**

DEDICATION: April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit



HE IS RISEN ALLELUIA!

In the very centre of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivaled motive for our joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life.

Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

On this feast of feasts, a time of unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians, I wish you all the joy and blessings of Easter and my thanks to all the many parishioners who have worked so hard to make our liturgy and celebrations so meaningful. Happy Easter!

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. All Catholics should try to attend.
EASTER SUNDAY Day MASS of Easter 9.30 am
Tridentine Latin MASS 12.30 pm

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 of course young children are especially 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



Do please join us for coffee after Mass and especially at the party next week to celebrate our parish room renovation –see inside"

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, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Lorna Jarvis, , Dorothy Jones, Ann Leach, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Bob McConnell, Mary McDonough, Alex Shone, SR, Maureen Oliphant,

Gwen Spurr, Eileen Wyatt.

ANNIVERSARY DURING THE WEEK

Please pray for the soul of Ann Brennan whose anniversary falls during the week.

LETS PARTY!

Next Saturday 27th April to celebrate the renovation of our parish room we plan a 'bring and share' party in the parish room **after the 6 pm Mass**

Please come along and meet new parishioners and fellow parishioners who perhaps attend a different Mass to you

PARISH ROOM HIRE

Our renovated parish room is now available for hire.

Please contact Paula on:
st.clareschester@sky.com

REPOSITORY – MORE GOOD NEWS

Our thanks also to Sheila Green who has kindly agreed to help Sue Pilot with the repository. This means that we now have cover for the vigil Mass and Sunday morning

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.

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.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food Bank is the weekend, 27/28st April.

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.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Sunday **5th May** 1.15pm Venue:- The White Swan, Old Chester Road, GreatSutton, CH66 3NZ. Transport available. Contact Catherine 01244 678825 or e-mail catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

The SVP nationally has an accounting year from April to March. The accounting includes not only finance but a statistical count of the work carried out by each conference annually.

For St Clare's Conference this shows that last year we helped 35 beneficiaries which included 14 families; 9 elderly in their own homes and 1 in residential care; 1 prison was visited and 9 other people. Most, if not all of these were visited many times taking an estimated 214 hours. Materially we helped 5 times with furniture; 4 with clothes; 14 fuel grants made and 5 food parcels given outside the food bank. 71 times we helped with transport. 270 hours were spent at the foodbank and 740 hours in our other activities.

We are able to offer this support because of your help and backing. On another note regarding the gifts to the Share Shop this is the last week for jogging trousers. Thank you so much for all your help. 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

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

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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

HEADTEACHER VACANCY, CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHESTER:

This vacancy is currently being advertised. Full details of the post, the application process and an application form are available on the school's website, www.christofidelis.org.uk, and through the diocese: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Thursday, 2nd May, midday.

DIOCESAN CARITAS VACANCIES

Two Part-Time (21hrs & 28hrs term time only) Early Help Support Workers. Wirral based. To apply please visit our website: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk or contact Head Office on 0151 652 1281 or email trish.spencer@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk Closing date 23rd April.

CATHEDRAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:

A vacancy has arisen for a Cathedral Development and Events Officer for Shrewsbury Diocese. For more information and an application form please visit <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>.

Completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
Closing date Friday 10 May 2019.

Youth Zone

HE IS RISEN

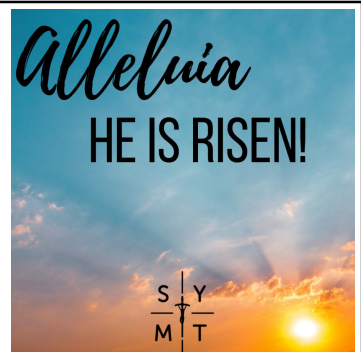
The disciples had been with Jesus throughout all of his ministry. They had heard him teach, prayed with him, shared meals with him and seen him heal others yet, we hear in the gospel, had not fully understood the scripture about him rising from the dead, or even believed – the other disciple ...he saw and believed' It seems strange to think that even after all that they shared together and all of their time together that the disciples did not fully understand or believe.

This joyful occasion of the empty tomb and new life is something that we happily celebrate but do we fully understand? Do we realise that even if we were the only person on earth, out of his great love for us, Jesus would have still died on the cross and rose for us?

Do we really share this news and love with others? If not, why not? We are the living disciples, we have to go and tell others of this great love and help them to understand and believe. How will you do this?



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



Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 20/04 EASTER VIGIL LITURGY and VIGIL MASS OF EASTER 8.30pm	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Special Readings	Catherine O'Mahony (Anniv)
Sun 21/04 EASTER SUNDAY DAY MASS OF EASTER 9.30am Tridentine Latin MASS 12.30pm	<i>White</i>		People of the Parish
Tue 23/04 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	<i>Tuesday of Easter Octave White</i>	Ac 2: 36-41; Ps 32; Jn 20: 11-18	Yarwood Family (KC)
Wed 24/04 Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30 am	<i>Wednesday of Easter Octave White</i>	Ac 3: 1-10; Ps 104; Lk 24: 13-35	Thanksgiving (SB)
Thu 25/04 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 7.10pm MASS 7.30pm	<i>Thursday of Easter Octave White</i>	Ac 3: 11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24: 35-48	Special Intention (KC)
Fri 26/04 Rosary 9.10 am MASS 9.30 am	<i>Friday of Easter Octave</i>	Ac 4: 1-12; Ps 117; Jn 21: 1-14	Mary Whiteside
Sat 27/04 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Second Week of</i>	Ac 5: 12-16; Ps 117	Jack Yarwood (KC)
Sun 28/04 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am	<i>Easter White</i>	Rv 1 9-11,12-13,17-19; Jn 20 19-31	Charlotte Prendergast

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Our celebration of Holy week began with a lovely assembly led by Mr Wilson to celebrate Palm Sunday. During the week Fr Emeka visited Year Six pupils in 'Asia' and Year Four and Five pupils in 'Africa' to lead services of Reconciliation within the classes.

On Wednesday afternoon all the children followed prayer trails around the school grounds which reflected on different parts of the Easter story. The activities really engaged the children, whilst creating opportunities for them to discuss themes. During the week classes also visited Church to follow the Stations of the Cross.

The highlight of the week was the celebration of the Sacrament of Forgiveness received for the first time by: Izabella, Joseph, Julia, Killian, Lexie, Lillie, Romy, Tiffanie, Veronica and Wiktor in Church. The children were incredibly focused on the importance of the Sacrament and I am sure will always remember the special experience.

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of welcoming artist Russell Kirk to school. He worked with pupils in 'Africa', preparing banners for a special procession, which they will be participating in next week in Chester to celebrate St George's day. The children had a wonderful day, whilst Russell commented on how impressed he was with the way the children worked well as a team.

Continuing with the theme of teams.....on Tuesday our Year One/Two football team played a football match with Lache Primary. The children were incredibly excited when they scored three goals to win the match. Archie, Harry, Harvey, Jacob, Leo, Olly and Zach had a wonderful time and have not stopped talking about the match since!

Thank you to all the wonderful parishioners who knitted Easter chicks to hold delicious chocolate eggs, the pupils loved buying them - especially as all proceeds went to CAFOD. Staff and pupils in St Clare's wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.

