



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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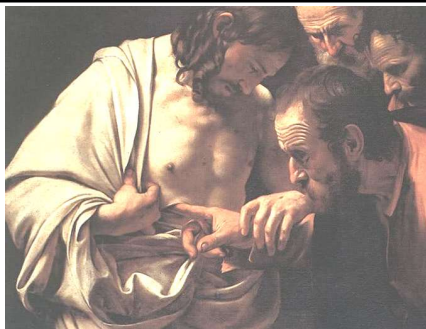
**SECOND WEEK OF EASTER 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

**Psalter Week 11**

**YEAR OF HOLINESS**

**DEDICATION:**

**May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary**



### THE CHURCH GETS GOING ( John 20:19-31 )

Our faith, and the faith of all Christians throughout the centuries, is built upon the solid foundation of the apostles' testimony to the risen Christ, a testimony validated by twenty uninterrupted centuries of Church life, of saints and martyrs, of sacraments, Liturgy, and a college of bishops that links us directly, even physically, to that little group of frightened apostles who encountered the Risen One.

Blessed indeed are we who have believed: although we have not seen Christ in the flesh, we have seen, experienced, and benefited from the undeniable work of his Spirit. In times of darkness and doubt, we know where to look to recover the light.

*Why don't I trust you more? If you were to let me see the wounds in your hands and feet and sides, would that be any more evidence than you have already given me of your greatness, your goodness, your presence, and the transforming power of your love? Lord Jesus, I want you to be in the centre of my life. You are God, and you know my name, and you call to me. I want to hear you, Lord...*

*I have tasted the life you have in store for me. I know the difference you have made in my life. I know that I need your grace, and I know where to find it and how to cooperate with it: by seeking out and fulfilling your will. But what about all the people in the world who don't know what a difference you can make, who don't know where to find the grace they thirst for? Make me a channel of your peace... -extract 'The Better Part' Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D,*

**Today (Sunday is 'Divine Mercy Sunday')**

### PLEASE DON'T FORGET

**Vigil Mass attendees please stay after Mass for the celebration to mark the renovation of our parish room, and meet parishioners who attend other Masses**

### 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 this week to celebrate our parish room renovation –see inside"**



**Welcome Visitors!**

#### 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



Gwen Spurr, Eileen Wyatt.

### 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,

### ANNIVERSARY DURING THE WEEK

Please pray for the soul of Elsie Chidlaw whose anniversary falls during the week.

### PARISH ROOM HIRE

Our renovated parish room is now available for hire.

Please contact Paula on: [st.clareschester@sky.com](mailto:st.clareschester@sky.com) or telephone her on 01244 671015,

### HOSPITAL MASS

The regular 'First Thursday' Mass will be celebrated this week on Thursday 2nd May at 12.15.p.m. in the Countess Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, incl. Bowmere. All are welcome.

### 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

### RETIRING COLLECTION—Advanced Notice

There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of SVP after Masses the weekend of 11/12 May

### 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](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### REPOSITORY – 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

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**May:** That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

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

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 1**.

### SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Sunday **5<sup>th</sup> May** 1.15pm Venue:- The White Swan, Old Chester Road, Great Sutton, CH66 3NZ. Transport available. Contact Catherine 01244 678825 or e-mail [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

### ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

The ST Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales) has a quarterly magazine called Vincentian Concern. The Spring 19 edition is just out and has the front cover stating "An amazing adventure. SVP Vinnie Camps" and shows youngsters in wet suits and hard hats having fun around a waterfall. The SVP has seven Vinnie Camps which offer summer holidays usually of a week's duration for disadvantaged children aged 7 to 13. Two of these camps are offered in the Shrewsbury Diocese; Birkenhead and Sale. The cost ranges between £150 & £300 and 75% of children are sponsored by conferences.

Other articles in the magazine cover the 40 community shops; University students helping rough sleepers and the SVP help for ex-prisoners. If you would like a copy of Vincentian Concern just ask. Regards and 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. New Members welcome. Contact Steve 01244 671817 or e-mail PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk

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

**CHESTER SPUC GROUP** next meeting contact 01244 681816 for details

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**PARISH PARTY** Saturday 27th April after 6 pm Mass

**HOSPITAL MASS** Thursday 2nd May 12.15 in Countess hospital chapel

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

**SVP THEATRE NIGHT** Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.christofidelis.org.uk), and through the diocese: [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Thursday, 2nd May, midday.

## SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM

We hope you are already having a blessed Easter season. We have had a busy Lent and Holy Week here at the SYMT office and it seems as though summer is fast approaching!

We wanted to let you know about some exciting opportunities for young people in the coming months. We hope that many of you will be able to support these events. **If you are interested in sending a group or an individual, or would like more information then please contact us at [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)** Wishing you a happy and holy Easter, Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team



## Youth Zone

### LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP 11th-15th August

With the summer comes another chance to be a part of the #bestcampever! Spend a week on the beautiful Alton Castle site at Lifeteen Camp UK for a week of outdoor activities, day trips, theme parks, messy games, inspiring talks, small group time, praise and worship and Mass -all for young people aged 12-18.



### YOUTH 2000 WALSINGHAM FESTIVAL 22nd-26th August

With our host Dom Quaglia and worship leader Sarah Kroger making the great leap across the pond from Nashville for camp, and the LTCampUK already planning and raring to go, camp promises to once again be an incredible experience for all involved!

Email us for more information!

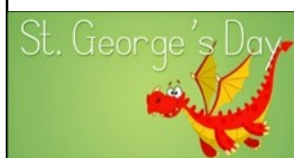
### DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 21st-28th October

A prayerful journey in the footsteps of Jesus under the leadership of Bishop Mark Davies



<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Feast/Colour</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Offered For</b>
Sat 27/04 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Second Sunday of</i>	Ac 5: 12-16; Ps 117	<b>Jack Yarwood (KC)</b>
Sun 28/04 Exposition 8.30 am Benediction 9 am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	<i>Easter White</i>	Rv 1 9-11,12-13,17-19; Jn 20 19-31	<b>Charlotte Prendergast</b>  <b>People of the Parish</b>
Tue 30/04 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	<i>St George Red</i>	Ac 2: 36-41; Ps 32; Jn 20: 11-18	<b>Grace Williams</b>
Wed 01/05 Exposition 8:30am Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30 am <i>Day of special prayer for Human Work</i>	<i>Ferial White</i>	Ac 3: 1-10; Ps 104; Lk 24: 13-35	<b>Jones Family (KC)</b>
Thu 02/05 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 7.10pm MASS 7.30pm	<i>St Athanasius, B,D White</i>	Ac 3: 11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24: 35-48	<b>Mrs Bates</b>
Fri 03/05 <b>NO MASS</b>	<i>SS Philip &amp; James, Ap</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Sat 04/05 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Third Sunday of</i>	Ac 5: 27-32, 40-41; Ps 29;	<b>Roger Jones RIP (KC)</b>
Sun 05/05 Exposition 8.30 am Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am	<i>Easter White</i>	Rv 5: 11-14; Jn 21: 1-19	<b>Mary Kiernan</b>

## St Clare's Catholic Primary School



On Tuesday children in 'Africa' went into Chester to participate in the parade and celebrations to mark St George's feast day. Recently, the children had worked with artist Russell Kirk to create props for the event. The children were involved in the acting out of different parts of the story of St George as they wandered to different points around Chester. It was a wonderful experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed all the activities.

This week we have been holding pupil progress meetings. It has been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate pupils' achievements.

Mr Wright, our Sports coach, was very impressed with the number of pupils who have signed up for after school sports clubs, which started this week. We have got a very busy sporting calendar for this term and pupils will be able to practise their skills after school as well as during the school day.



This term our Year Six pupils are receiving swimming lessons. In their first lesson it was great to see how most of the children are able to swim at least 25metres. This bodes well for the rest of the term. Tennis coach, Tom, from, Glan Aber tennis club, has returned to teach the children the skills of playing tennis.

### Currently we have two vacancies in school:

Breakfast Club Assistant- this is to help with the running of our very popular before school club. It is open each day during the school week. The hours are from 8am until 9am.

Midday supervisor- this is to help supervise pupils whilst they are eating their lunch, then playing outside. Hours are 12pm until 1:30pm. Both posts are term time only. If you are interested in applying for these posts, please contact the school office for application forms.