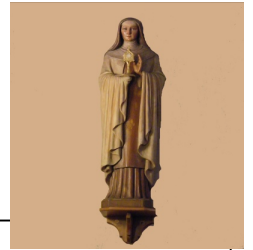




# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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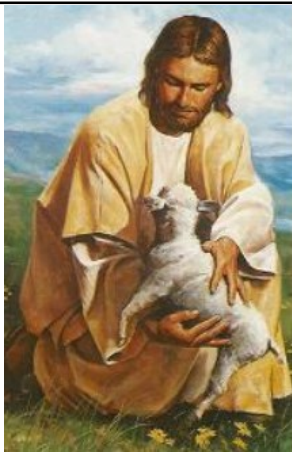
**FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

**Psalter Week IV**

**YEAR OF HOLINESS**

**DEDICATION:**

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



## THE GOOD SHEPHERD John 10:27-30

Ignatius of Loyola had a meditation to offer – that the Divine persons would look down on the world from heaven, and see us all. Many of us were lost. They had compassion and sent one of them, the Son of the Father, to find us and take us home. That was Jesus, Son of God and son of Mary, divine and human, on a life's mission to guide us to God.

He would do this by his own example and then by leaving the job to us! We are now the ones to be guided and to guide. The good shepherd has made shepherds out of sheep. Only because we are at times lost ourselves can we lead others home. We are in a partnership with God and with each other, each in our own way, and this is the meaning of Vocations Sunday. A vocation in the Christian sense is to take part with God in saving his people and in guiding them at lost times.

People today can get lost in many ways – addictions, pornography, unsatisfying relationships, financial anxiety, suicidal despair – the work of the community of the disciples is to bring the word and the love of God at those points of the journey where we are most lost.

The compassion of God has sometimes not been mirrored in the Christian community's approach to people when they are at their lowest. Jesus' heart goes out to all, and especially those in most need, because nobody can steal anyone from God – and nobody can steal God's love from anyone.

The call today is to give as best we can of ourselves in sharing the best of life we have, in sharing love and compassion and knowing that each of us with whatever our talents and goodness are, can partner God in guiding others to him.

*May I respond as fully as I can at this time of my life to your call, o Lord.* Donal Neary SJ

## **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



### 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.

### RED MISSION BOXES

It is time to bring your red Mission boxes to the church for emptying. If you can't bring it yourself please phone Tony Austin on Chester 678467 and he will arrange collection. Many thanks for your prayers and generosity.

### 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.

### PETITION

On the porch table is a Petition Form for a Post Office to be provided in the Saltney Morrisons store. If you do not ask you will not get.

### 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,

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food Bank is the weekend, 25/26st May.

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 2**.

### SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.** Time and Venue TBA. Transport available. Contact Catherine 01244 678825 or e-mail catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

### CTS READS FOR THE MONTH

#### **33 Day Consecration to**

**Jesus through Mary** - this describes how anyone, of any age or background, may consecrate their heart to Jesus, through Mary, using the celebrated method of St Louis de Montfort.

A few copies are available in the CTS racks at the back of church or from Catholic Truth Society online or as an ebook, £2.50, [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org) Other various titles are available in CTS racks at back of church.

### CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

#### **See CTS reads above**

Total Consecration Jesus is an absolutely beautiful exercise to increase your spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The basic premise set forth by St. Louis Marie de Montfort is simply that Jesus came into the world through Mary and that for us to always be assured of being close to Jesus, even closer than ever before, we should go through Mary.

Through this 33-day program you are giving Mary all of yourself - heart, mind, and soul - in order to bring you to her Son, Jesus Christ. Also that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan - i.e. this consecration allows her the free reign in your life to make you holy (as she assists you, through the Holy Spirit, to conform to her virtues) and to use your prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings for the greater glory of God

### 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.

### ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE



Vincetians are of all ages. Primary school age groups are called Mini Vinnies and are found in many of our local primary schools. Indeed, those who came to the Festival Mass on Saturday and took part in the shared lunch would have witnessed the work of the Mini Vinnies in our own St Clare's Primary School. Other Mini Vinnies conferences are found in St Werburghs Primary in Chester and Our Lady's Primary in Ellesmere Port.

Youth SVP is for those aged 11-14 in early high school; B-Attitude for 14 -18 yr olds in schools and colleges and SVP 18 -33 for those in Universities. All these age groups can of course exist in Parishes where there is sufficient interest.

## **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**

**CLIMATE CHANGE TALK Monday 20 May at 7.30 pm** Iona Chapel St Columba's—see below

**CELEBRATION OF CREATION Saturday 1 June, 6.30 pm on** Mass followed by shared table—see below

**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.** Time and Venue TBA. Transport available. Contact Catherine 01244 678825 or e-mail catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

**SVP THEATRE NIGHT Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June** 7.30pm 'Outside Edge' Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight

**SVP SPONSORED WALK.** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October. 1.30pm Route TBA but it will be in and around Chester. Proceeds to the SVP Chester and Ellesmere Port District Holiday Home day to day running and replacement costs.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE WITH CAFOD**

Following her journey to the UN Climate Conference with CAFOD, **Catherine Green will give a talk on Climate Change**, Caring for Our Common Home at 7.30 on Monday 20 May in the Iona Chapel, St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA.

Following this will be a Celebration of Creation at St Columba's Vigil Mass at 6.30 on Saturday 1 June, followed by a shared table in the church hall with an opportunity to talk about how we can respond to the climate crisis. More information from Catherine 01244 383866 or [catherine.green@care4free.net](mailto:catherine.green@care4free.net)

## **Youth Zone**

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY @ HOME**

Join young people from across the country on Pentecost weekend for World Youth Day @ Home at Alton Castle. The beautiful site in Staffordshire will be hosting this amazing event featuring Matt Maher, Sarah Kroger, Rise Theatre, David Wells and more!

SYMT will be heading down and we'd love young people from the Diocese of Shrewsbury to join us. Please consider sending a group from your parish, school, youth group to what promises to be an incredible weekend!

Please [email us](#) for more information or check out the **WYD@Home website!**

### **Festival Passes**

There are several pass options available

#### **Camping**

Access to all areas of the festival, including food, just bring a tent.

£60

#### **Day Festival Passes also available**

#### **Dormitory**

#### **Male or Female Dorm**

Access to all areas of the festival, including food, including accommodation.

£80

#### **Male or Female Dorm En-suite**

Access to all areas of the festival, including food, including accommodation.

£115. See the notice board for details.

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Feast/Colour</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Offered For</b>
Sat 11/05 SVP Festival Mass at 12 noon Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Fourth Sunday of</i>	Ac 13: 14, 43-52; Ps 99; Rev 7: 9,14-17	<b>Peggy Crenin</b>
Sun 12/05 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am	<i>Easter White</i>	Jn 10: 27-30	<b>Sophy Varghess</b>
Tue 14/05 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	<i>St Matthias, Ap Red</i>	Ac 1: 15-17,20-26; Ps 112; Jn 15: 99-17	<b>Kate Hughes (Birthday)</b>
Wed 15/05 Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30 am	<i>Ferial White</i>	Ac 12: 24-13:5; Ps 66;	<b>Krystyna Weselak</b>
Thu 16/05 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 7.10pm Mass 7.30pm	<i>Ferial White</i>	Ac 13: 13-25; Ps 88; Jn 13: 16-20	<b>Eniliana Lewis</b>
Fri 17/05 Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am	<i>Ferial White</i>	Ac 13: 26-33; Ps 2;	<b>Fr. Emeka (Birthday)</b>
Sat 18/05 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Fifth Sunday of</i>	Ac 14: 21-27; Ps 144;	<b>Fr Emeka &amp; Kathy (KC)</b>
Sun 19/05 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Tridentine Latin MASS 12.30pm	<i>Easter White</i>	Rev 21: 1-5; Jn 13: 31-35	<b>Mark Maher</b>

## St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Last week the children in the Mini Vinnies organised and ran a cake sale within school. They all worked together to ensure that there were enough cakes for everyone! The event was a huge success and raised £65. Many parents and carers generously donated some amazing cakes for the event, which proved to be extremely popular!



On Tuesday children in 'North America' went to Delamere for a one night residential. The children had a wonderful time participating in a wide range of exciting activities including jungle survival, orienteering and pond dipping. They had great fun toasting marshmallows in a campfire and enjoyed singing many funny songs! The staff at the centre commented on the teamwork demonstrated by all the children who were supportive of each other throughout the adventure as for many it was their first night away from home.

On Thursday our hockey team went to a tournament at Deeside Ramblers- Oliver B, Oliver I, Miley, Mia, Emma, Krzysztof, George, Julia, Lillie, Emily and Harry played in teams against other primary schools and the results were collated. The children were delighted when they found out that St Clare's had won the event overall. Each player received a lovely medal and I have heard that the trophy is on the way! Thank you to Mr Wright, Miss Bradley and the parents who helped with transport. It was a wonderful experience for all the children.

Next week our pupils in Year Six are completing their Statutory Assessment Tests. These begin on Monday 13 th May and run until Thursday 16 th May. Please remember them in your prayers during the coming days.