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FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER 19TH MAY 2019

Psalter Week I

YEAR OF HOLINESS

DEDICATION:

May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary



THE POWER OF EXAMPLE (John 13:31-35)

At the moment of his pending betrayal, Jesus declared his glorification (i.e., his coming reputation) Love was the means that raised the status of crucifixion from the profane to the sacred. In the cross, Jesus showed God's love to the world through self-giving.

When Jesus was no longer with his followers ,how could God's glory continue to shine? Through the love of his followers. Love united the community in one mind and heart; it united the community to God .

Love is the best way we as Christians can evangelize others The way we treat others speaks volumes about our faith and invites others to join us. Love, even in the smallest of measures, is the best way to spread the glory of Go The three aspects of general ministry are the roles of priest, prophet, and king. As priests, all Christians are called to pray. As prophets, all Christians are called to witness for Jesus through their words and actions. As kings, all Christians are called to lead others as Jesus did, through loving service. (CCC 941, 942, 943)

All Christians are called to witness by example. The example of prayer, word and deed, and loving service Jesus gave an example of God's presence in the world. We are to continue that example. The love Jesus gives us is the same love we share with others. That love defines us and motivates us. It is the love that grows beyond words.

—extract 'Word Sunday', A lectionary resource for Catholics

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We live in evil times. One hardly need elaborate the multitude of crises that fill the globe. Sadly, many are being swept away by this flood of evil and are succumbing to an overwhelming anxiety and discouragement. But no matter how tempting it is, we must not shrink back. We must pray and fast with a living faith and a firm confidence—and there is no better way to do this than by praying the Holy Rosary. again to the rosary, calling on the Immaculate Virgin to come to our assistance and put our enemies to flight. —Sam Guzman

“The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labours.” – Pope Pius XI

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.

KEYS FOUND

A pair of keys (front door?) have been found. Contact Kate Hughes 01244 683538

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, 25/26st May.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 3.**

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

Other various titles are available in CTS racks at back of church.

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,

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.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Sunday 2nd June 1.15 pm for 1.30 pm: The White Swan, Old Chester Road, Great Sutton, CH66 3NZ. Transport available from St Clare's Church. Contact Catherine 01244 678825 email catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

A very big thank you to you all for your support of the Festival Mass and shared lunch which followed. The success of this mass is due to your input. Conference members and parishioners from five of the six conferences in the Chester and Ellesmere Port District attended plus the President of the Shrewsbury Central Council. St Clare's Minivinnies provided a handout and posters of their activities.

Thank you also for your generous donations to our St Clare's SVP funds . This allows us to provide help within our Parish where we find hardship and without your help supporting those in need would become increasingly difficult.

We are also collecting for the homeless through the Share Shop in town. Items needed are Haversacks/ backpacks; Bath towels & washing powder. Any items you can give are gratefully received. Thank you again 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. 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

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

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SVP THEATRE NIGHT **Wed 12th June** 7.30pm 'Outside Edge' Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tickets £8 each are now available. Contact Steve 01244 671817 email PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk

SVP SPONSORED WALK. Sunday 6th 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 pm this 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

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.



Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 18/05 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Fifth Sunday of</i>	Ac 14: 21-27; Ps 144;	Fr Emeka & Kathy (KC)
Sun 19/05 Exposition 8.30 am and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS	<i>Easter</i> <i>White</i>	Rev 21: 1-5; Jn 13: 31-35	Mark Maher
Tue 21/05 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	<i>The Dedication Of the Cathedral</i>	Ezk 47: 1-2,8-9,12; Ps 1; Jn 2: 13-22	Ursula Breslin
Wed 22/05 Exposition 8:30am & Benediction 9.00am Rosary MASS 9.30	<i>Ferial</i> <i>White</i>	Ac 15: 1-6; Ps 121; Jn 15: 1-8	Enzo
Thu 23/05 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 7.10pm MASS 7.30pm	<i>Ferial</i> <i>White</i>	Ac 15: 7-21; Ps 95; Jn 15: 9-11	First Holy Communion
Fri 24/05 Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am	<i>Our Lady Help Of Christians</i> <i>White</i>	Pr 31: 10-13,19-20,30-31;Ps Jdt 13;; Jm 3:13-18; Lk 1:39-	Meryl & Mike Golden Wedding Anniversary
Sat 25/05 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Sixth Sunday of</i>	Ac 15: 1-2,22-29; Ps 66;	Edward Craggs
Sun 26/05 Exposition 8.30 am and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am	<i>Easter</i> <i>White</i>	Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23 Jn 14: 23-29	Kieron Prendergast

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Well, we could tell it was assessment week..... the sun shone brightly! We were very proud of all the Year Six pupils who did their best and tackled their Statutory Assessment Tests sensibly and conscientiously. They all seemed very mature and grown up. Thanks must go to the staff who organised an early breakfast for the children each morning. This created a great start for the day and helped create a lovely, calm atmosphere as pupils arrived early.

This week we had to say, "Thank you and goodbye" to Kirsty Ware who has worked at St Clare's for many years- helping in Breakfast Club and at Lunchtime. Kirsty is moving onto a new role where we hope she will be very happy. She has been very dedicated in her work at St Clare's- we wish luck and hope that she keeps in touch.

Next week we are celebrating Healthy Schools week, which will culminate with Sports Day on Friday 24th May. This will be a great end to a very busy half term. The children are very much looking forward to the excitement of practising for their field and track events.

During the month of May we are continuing to pray the Rosary every lunchtime. This provides a wonderful opportunity to take a few minutes out of our busy days to reflect on a decade and the pupils continue to impress everyone with their sincerity.

We are collecting Missio boxes at the moment- hopefully we will be able to share the total raised very soon.

Please remember the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, they have shared some information about themselves which is on display in Church.

