



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Psalter Week III**

**15th MARCH 2020  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Year of The Word**

**DEDICATION:**

**March is dedicated to St Joseph**



## **QUENCH MY THIRST WITH YOUR LIVING WATER**

The Samaritan woman was an outcast among outcasts. She was an outcast from the Jews, who considered Samaritans to be half-breed Jews, perverting the true religion of Israel. Being a woman, she was a non-citizen in a culture that often viewed women as chattel. Being a woman with a "reputation," having had a string of husbands and living loosely with yet another man, she was an outcast even from other women. "Good" women didn't want to associate with her.

What better person could Jesus have chosen to show the world that he came for sinners? The woman, representing all of us sinners, has nothing at all to offer Jesus except her own thirst for God. She had questions, she had thirst. Just as Jesus knew about the husbands, He knew about the thirst. His thirst met her thirst, head-on. "The woman said to Him, 'I know that the Messiah is coming...when He comes, He will tell us everything.' Jesus said to her, 'I am He, the One speaking with you.'" Her life would never be the same. She has already started to taste the Living Water.

**Possible responses:** Jesus, You are always looking to give me what I often look elsewhere to get. Help me quench my thirst with Your Living Water.

I am here today feeling the weight of my sin. I need to remember that I am just the person you are looking for. – *Catholic Exchange extract*

## **LET US UNITE OUR ASSENT TO THE WILL OF GOD WITH MARY'S**

Bishop Mark, is asking all of us to **say the Angelus on a daily basis ahead of the National Day of Rededication on March 29th, thus we will copy the fidelity of the Virgin Mary by uniting their assent to the will of God with hers.**

In his pastoral letter he said: "In a time of amnesia – forgetfulness – of the Christian past, we recall how England began with this desire to say 'yes' to God's grace, in order that a once pagan people might share Christ's victory in the wilderness". The Re-dedication will take place throughout the country. More information on: <https://www.behold2020.com/>



### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.30am

Sunday 11.15 am (Latin)

Weekday Masses Please see back page

### **Confessions**

Saturday 5.30 -5.45pm

or on request

### **Children's Liturgy**

Takes place Sundays 9.30am

In Sacristy

### **For Baptisms, Confirmation,**

### **Weddings & Funerals**

Please call or email Fr Emeka above



### 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, W. Downes, Mike Edwards, Mary Frain, David Gardiner, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Alex Shone, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

### ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME

Patrick Casey, Gerard Huxley, John Williams, Mary Pink, Mary Bride, Elizabeth McHugh, Joseph Morrell, May Kilduff. Mary Cummins, Mary Patterson, Edward Eccleston, and Christine Long

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 4**  
**New volunteers are needed urgently.**  
Please contact Medi on 01244 677006 or [medi@fendts.com](mailto:medi@fendts.com)

### EASTER CHICKS

If anyone would like to donate some Cadbury's Easter eggs to fill the chickens, we would be delighted if you could leave them for us at the back of the church

### ADVANCE NOTICE

There will be a leaving Collection for Easter Flowers the weekend of 21/22 March

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Collection next will be the weekend 28/29th March

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

That the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the gospel and grow in unity

### SVP LUNCH

SVP Lunch: The SVP lunch will be held on Sunday, 5th April at Gladstone's Library, Church Lane, HAWARDEN, CH5 3DF. Commencing at 1p.m. This event is becoming very popular so please book early to make ensure you have a place. ,

### CORONA VIRUS

Please take home with you your copy of the Newsletter AND the Mass sheet AND the music sheet. DO NOT leave them behind so as to avoid any possibility of passing on infection.

### OUR LADY'S INTERCESSION

From this Saturday the candle on Our Lady's altar will be lit and left burning as a reminder to us all to pray and seek her intercession during these coming weeks of this emergency until the re-consecration of England as her dowry

### PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Please see a copy of last weeks Parish council minutes on the notice

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Deanery Penitential Service will be in St Clare's with opportunity for Confessions on Monday 30th March

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Preparation of children who are not in St. Clare's Primary School for First Communion is ongoing every Tuesday at 5.30pm. Venue is parish room.

### HOSPICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Friday, 20 March, the Hospice is hosting an Auction of Promises evening at Vicars Cross Golf Club CH3 7HN 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets £5 per person.

There will be many great prizes to bid for as well as nibbles and a complementary glass of wine when you arrive. See the Parish Notice Board for information.

### SVP TABLE TOP SALE

**Cancelled** owing to concern over the Coronavirus.



### ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

The recent Shrewsbury SVP Central Council survey considered issues around conference membership. Shortage of people is a main issue (St Clare's SVP Conference included). The Shrewsbury SVP Diocese has (38 conferences) with c700 conference members and 94 of these completed the survey. 87 joined a conference to be useful and 58 to help: 38 did so because they were asked and 23 to use their skills. Friendship was the main reason for staying (48) and helping (44) was also important. 36 people wanted to give something back.

Clearly there were no responses from anyone who had left however in general those who join stay until they leave through illness. **If you feel you can help, then contact us.** You might have fun! 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) ) St Clare's SVP Conference** meets every fortnight in the Parish Room on Mondays usually at 7pm. Contact Steve on 01244 671817 or [stevebonsall@outlook.com](mailto:stevebonsall@outlook.com)

**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB (St Clare's SVP Conference.** First Sunday of each month.

**CHESTER SPUC GROUP** 3rd Wednesday every other month next meeting contact Kevin 01244 681816

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday at 7.30pm during Lent

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** Monday 30th March St Clare's

**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB** Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>. See P2 over,

**SVP THEATRE NIGHT** Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June. 'The Vicar of Dibley'

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE –BUDAPEST** 14-21 Sept.

## **BEHOLD 2020**

Behold 2020 is the official companion to the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary. Their website on [www.behold2020.com](http://www.behold2020.com) gives information and many details of events here and around the country. An extract of Behold 2020 is given in the latest 'Crusader' magazine in the church porch

## **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

New boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April are now available in the porch.

Spare boxes are available if you have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so. If you take a set of envelopes to use for the first time, contact Mike Russell (659434) and let him know the envelope number you are using. Or write your details and envelope number on the card at the front of the box and put completed card with your Offertory giving in the first envelope you use. Thank you.

## **HELP THE PARISH GET EXTRA FUNDS! CAN YOU ANSWER "YES" TO THE FOLLOWING?**

- **Do you give money at the Offertory?** (however small or large the amount)
- **Are you a Tax Payer?** (even if you only pay very little in tax)
- **If you don't already do so, are you willing to make your Offertory donations either in Offertory Envelopes, or by Standing Order?**

Whatever you give, if you give it through the **Gift Aid Scheme**, it's worth an extra 25% to the Parish! If you give **£5** per week a further **£1.25** will be added to your donation making it worth a total of **£6.25**. A weekly donation of **£3** would be worth **£3.75**

Write your name and address and tick whether you would like to use Offertory Envelopes or to give by Banker's Standing Order on a Gift Aid form at the back of Church. Then either send the form to the address on the envelope provided or hand it to Mike Russell as you leave Mass.

## **YOUTH ZONE**

### **NOT IRISH ON ST PADDY'S DAY ?**

Saint Paddy's Day — the day everyone has a chance to be Irish for 24 hours. This is my day for celebrating as well. While most people have completely forgotten what the day is actually about, it's a great opportunity to share about our faith through St Patrick's life (such a crazy story - you can't make this stuff up!).

At the age of 16, the Roman-Brit teen was kidnapped by Irish pirates and forced into slavery. After six years of captivity, Patrick was able to escape and return to his homeland. Though he was safe and removed from his afflictions in Ireland, Patrick could not take Ireland out of his heart. As he prepared for his vocation to the priesthood, Patrick felt for the pagan people he left behind. His mission soon became very clear: to minister to and evangelize the native people of Ireland. *Life Teen Blog*



## **ROSARY CORNER**

Fr. Groeschel said of Mother Teresa: "Even for Mother Teresa the Rosary was not only an act of devotion but also a place of refuge at certain times amid interior storms of darkness."



Date/Time		Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 14/03	Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<b>Third Sunday</b>	Ex 17: 3-7; Ps 94;	<b>Judy Kearney (SB)</b>
Sun 15/03	Exposition 8.45 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Tridentine Latin MASS 12.30pm	<b>Of Lent</b> <b>Purple</b>	Rm 5: 1-2,5-8; Jn 4: 5-42	<b>Arnold Timmins</b>  <b>Babs Byrne</b>
Tue 17/03	Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm St Anthony Devotions followed by MASS 7pm	<b>St Patrick</b> <b>White</b>	Jr 1: 4-9; Ps 116; Ac 13; 46-49; Lk 10: 1-12,17-20	<b>Mrs Bates</b>
Wed 18/03	Exposition 8.30am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30 am	<b>Ferial Purple</b>	Dt 4: 1,5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5: 17-19	<b>Eileen Wyatt (SB)</b>
Thu 19/03	Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm MASS 7.30pm	<b>St Joseph</b> <b>White</b>	2 S 7:4-5,12-14,16 Ps 38; Rm 4:13,16-18,22;Mt 1:16,18-	<b>Peter and Mary Cummins</b>
Fri 20/03	Rosary 9.10 am MASS 9.30am Stations of the Cross 7.30pm	<b>Ferial Purple</b>	Ho 14: 2-10; Ps 80; Mk 12: 28-34	<b>Lorenzo Mansutti</b>
Sat 21/03	Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm <i>Collection for Easter flowers</i>	<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	1 S 16: 1,,6-7,10-13 Ps 22; Ep 5: 8-14	<b>Agnes Latham (SB)</b>
Sun 22/03	Exposition 8.45 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin mass 1115am <i>Collection for Easter flowers</i>	<b>Of Lent</b> <b>Purple</b>	Jn 9: 1-41	<b>Julia Mary Walsh and Dorothy Lamb</b>

## St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Well, where did that week go! It seems to have flown by with a lot of uncertainty in the air. We have stepped up our hygiene practices in school and have bottles of sanitizer everywhere. We are keeping our parents informed about actions to protect everyone during this pandemic.

On Wednesday Kristy, from the NSPCC came to school to talk to the children about keeping safe. She led workshops for Key Stages One and Two and then worked closely with Year Five and Six pupils, helping them to understand ways of keeping themselves safe. The children were very attentive and asked some very pertinent questions. Kristy was very complementary about the children and their sensible attitudes.



Pupils in Asia (Years five and six) prayed the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday afternoon. It was incredibly atmospheric because of the gale force winds blowing

outside the Church! Yet again I was impressed with how reflective the children were

On Thursday Ruth, from Dee Radio, came to interview the children and find out about St Clare's as we had been nominated as 'School of the Week'! Lots of children prepared pieces of information about the school which they shared with Ruth. Each day next week at around 3:30pm a short snippet of the recording will be aired. There was huge excitement around school during the afternoon of recording!



On Friday Mr Gates brought his daughter's pony to school so that all the children in 'St Bernadette' could have a ride. This was their reward from being the winning school house last half term!

This week we received thirty saplings. Each class is going to be responsible for planting five and the pupils can keep a close eye on the young trees as they grow.

