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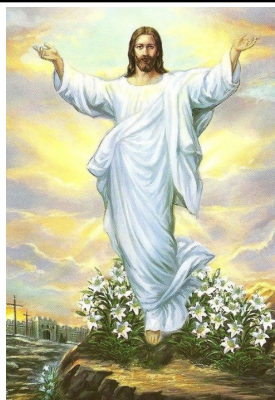
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**Psalter Week I 12th APRIL 2020 PALM SUNDAY**

**Year of The Word**



## **TO ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST. CLARE'S**

I write you once again during this period of lockdown to bring a message of consolation and hope as we celebrate Easter. With the hope that everyone and their family are keeping well.

You will testify that this year's Easter celebration will be one like no other. We are all aware that we are in very strange and unusual times marked by shades of fear and uncertainty.

I know that many are finding it difficult to get into the right frame of mind for the Holy season because of the absence of the grandeur of the Easter liturgies especially the triduum. The fact that we cannot gather in person to support each other and celebrate the Eucharist makes it more and more difficult for people to cope with the

challenges of the time. This is why I write to encourage you in the light of Easter to stay calm and be hopeful. The very nature of Easter is one that commemorates a victory preceded by all forms of agony, trials, betrayals and shades of hopelessness. But as always, the feast of the resurrection will come to brighten the face of the earth and restore fallen humanity to God's original plan.

In this period when many are trying to adapt to new ways of living, of having to stay much more at home, social distancing, or having to go into isolation whilst others are having to work from home, I want to salute the courage of all who carry out essential services for the good of all, especially health workers, those who work in shops and many others whose services are absolutely essential to our livelihood in this period.

May I also salute and encourage all the good neighbours who are helping the isolated with their essential needs. I encourage every one of us to continue to abide by the recommendations of the civil authorities until this common enemy is defeated by our common resolve and the hope the Easter season brings to us. One thing we cannot forget is that The Risen Lord walks with us through the ups and downs of life as He did with the Emmaus disciples.

Let us all continue to keep up the faith by our prayer and support of each other in the church and local community. I know some of us have been to more churches during this period than their entire lives whilst searching for live streaming of Masses, may our risen Lord bless you all.

Happy Easter everyone. From Fr. Emeka.

## **BROADCAST EASTER SERVICES**

BBC Radio 4 and local radio stations will be broadcasting a short Easter Sunday Service by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at 08.10 am on Easter Sunday morning.

**URBI ET ORBI** On this the eighth Easter of his pontificate, Pope Francis gives his Easter message and blessing to the city and to the world screened at 11 am on BBC1

**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, Mary Frain, David Gardiner, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for soul of Aleck Shone who died on 4th April RIP

**RED BOX HOLDERS**

Tony Austin says a big thank you and well done to all the Red Box holders for their continuing generous contributions to Missio/APF. Total donations over the last three years are:

2019 - £1969    2018 - £1978    2017 - £2126

These amounts place us a fairly consistent 18th place out of 120 contributing parishes in the Shrewsbury Diocese, a wonderful effort for a small parish. Note next collection of boxes will be at a future point when we all can celebrate together again in St. Clare's .May I wish you all a Happy Easter.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

-(Fr. Emeka's private Mass)

Sunday: Parishioners

Monday: Andrew Prendergast

Tuesday: Hugh Acworth

Wednesday: Joseph Walshe

Thursday: Steven Gentile

Friday: Aleck Shone

Saturday: Lila Bradburn

Sunday :Kathleen Mary Bratherton

For a Mass to be Mass simply send an email or text Fr. Emeka with the intention attached.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Hugh celebrates his 87th birthday is on Tuesday. Let us remember to say a prayer for him

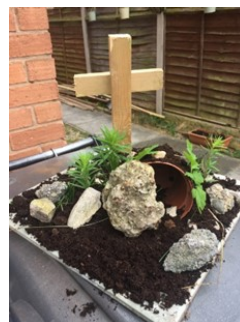


**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE**

The annual report to end March 2020 shows that our conference made 291 visits to 24 families, elderly, prisoners and others and your SVP spent 840 hours on SVP activities. We gave 100 transport lifts and 221 hours at the foodbank. This could not happen without your support. Thank you so much. You and yours keep safe at this time. God bless. Steve

**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Pupils have been busy this week creating their own Easter gardens. We wish everyone a very happy and healthy Easter.



**ROSARY CORNER**

*"The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual..." - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*