



# ***St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church***

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**Psalter Week III    26th APRIL 2020    3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER    Year of The Word**



## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Luke 24:13-35**

Today's Gospel speaks to us of the apparition of Jesus to the disciples at Emmaus. Luke writes in the year 80 for the communities of Greece, which for the most part were made up of converted Gentiles. The years 60's and 70's had been most difficult ones Jesus meets the two friends in a situation of fear and lack of faith. "Jesus himself came up and walked by their side."

Christ continues to do this every day in the Blessed Sacrament. In every Mass, in every Tabernacle, he draws near to us and walks by our side. In Holy Communion, he continues to share his life with us. He is truly present, reaching out to us, speaking to our hearts, behind the thin veil of faith. If only we, like these two disciples, are honest and courageous enough to open our hearts to him and invite him into the secret places of our souls, we will see him anew, and his love will burn within us - *'Catholic Exchange.'*

## **YEAR OF THE WORD**

Read your Bible continually, not to learn what you do not yet know, but as proof of your love and faithfulness to God. If you persevere, He will give you all the understanding you need. The word of God is life-giving, but that does not mean that every word is an instant problem solver today. Each word was given by God to people living under concrete circumstances. Let us ponder what their problem was and what God wanted them to understand. Then we may ask: What light does this message shed on the present time and circumstances?

In the Bible what is important is clearly taught. However some pages that have little to teach us were written in a sophisticated way according to an old literary style. Do not cling to some strange sentences to the point of forsaking what is clear and fundamental. From the very first message God gave to his people, he had in mind the coming of His Son and the mystery of His cross and resurrection. All is to be understood in this light.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE**

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been added to the Parish website. Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way. You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order. Thank you for your support.

## **OUR NEW WEBSITE**

As well as our brand new St Clare's Website (link below) and we also have an email system for the Parish for newsletters etc. If you haven't already done so, can you please email him to opt in/subscribe at: [george@stclares.co.uk](mailto:george@stclares.co.uk) If your email address has changed please update it too. You can also subscribe from the website

We are also on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StClaresLache/>

**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.

### **IF YOU NEED FOOD**

Please contact the CWAC call 0300 123 7065 for advice.

### **Cheshire West and Chester Helpline for**

**People in the Vulnerable Groups:** To provide advice and support, and where necessary make arrangements for food, medicines and social contact. Telephone: 0300 123 7031 open 8am to 7pm.

**FOODBANK** . Donations of food are urgently needed, as the church is closed and can be dropped off in main Tesco stores and other large supermarket

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

\_(Fr. Emeka's private Mass)

Sunday: Parishioners

Monday: Hugo Guillermo Herrera Flores

Tuesday: Anthony Rip

Wednesday: Aleck Shone

Thursday: Steven Gentile

Friday: Divine healing of the world

Saturday: Parishioners

If you wish for a Mass to be offered for your intentions simply send an email or text Fr. Emeka with the intention attached.

### **HELP — 'SCRUBS FOR NHS**

Due to the ongoing demand, a group in of people are making scrubs for medical use, and have made 50 so far, as well as head covering More volunteers to sew to the pattern they would supply are needed. They would also welcome bed sheet size darkish material . For those less proficient with sewing machine they have other items that can be made. Thanks to the two parishioners who have already joined the group

Contact: Vivian Dowling and Robin Norrie on 01244 300678



### **ST CLARE'S SVP**

As you know most of the St Clare's SVP Conference are in the "At Risk" group and so are self isolating. We do contact our beneficiaries by phone, text and e-mail on a regular basis and help where we can. We speak with each other using the same methods and also recently via the Zoom conference system. The SVP Nationally keeps in contact with us and offers help and guidance at this time so we have access to some funds if anyone is in need.

Help in organising deliveries can be made by us on-line and has helped those in need. Do please contact me if you think I may be able to help. You and yours stay safe and well. God bless. Steve. 01244671817; [stevebonsall@outlook.com](mailto:stevebonsall@outlook.com)

### **ROSARY CORNER**

"If families give Our Lady fifteen minutes a day by reciting the Rosary, I assure them that their homes will become, by God's grace, peaceful places -Father Patrick Peyton

## **St Clare's Catholic Primary School**

All our wonderful pupils are amazing staff daily with their positivity, creativity and wide ranging achievements. We are so proud of all of them. Here we have Henry's fish, Levi's Easter artwork and Emma's sewing- she made an apron. This week staff created their own special message for the pupils- it can be found on the school website:

[www.stclares.cheshire.sch.uk/](http://www.stclares.cheshire.sch.uk/)

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