



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

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**Psalter Week II 5th APRIL 2020 PALM SUNDAY Year of The Word**



## **PALM SUNDAY**

Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have also issued liturgical advice in this time of Covid-19

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated, this year: but there is no Solemn Entrance. Or blessing of palms There will be a short order of celebration available on the Diocesan website for people to download and use to follow the liturgy, especially if they are watching a live streamed Mass.

## **HOLY WEEK**

**We are asked that we should dedicate time for prayer during Holy Week, in particular, the Liturgy of the Hours should be used to sanctify this most precious time in the liturgical year, and we can follow the adapted liturgy on the live streams from the our cathedral as set out below and other churches**  
**The Universalis app has all Liturgy of the Hours, mass readings and much more**

## **HOLY WEEK AT SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL 2020**

### **BY LIVE STREAMING:**

**Palm Sunday** 8am Morning Prayer. 8.30am Mass. 10.45am Mass. 5pm Adoration, 5.45pm Evening Prayer, concluding with Benediction for the Sick 8.30pm Night Prayer

**Monday of Holy Week** - Wednesday of Holy Week 7.30am Morning Prayer 11.45am Rosary 12.15pm Mass 5pm Adoration 5.45pm Evening Prayer concluding with Benediction for the Sick 8.30pm Night Prayer

**Holy Thursday** **The Chrism Mass** noting that the Holy Father has deferred the celebration of the Chrism Mass, our Bishops have asked that a gesture of solidarity with the Holy Father is made so Chrism Masses will be postponed

**Sacred Triduum** 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching concluding with Night Prayer at 9pm

**Good Friday** 8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Stations of the Cross 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday** 8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.15pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday** 8.00 am Morning Prayer 8.30am Mass 10.45am Mass 5.00pm Adoration 5.45pm Evening Prayer concluding with Benediction for the Sick

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**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, Alex Shone, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

**POPE FRANCIS**

*“Because this is God’s strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.”*

**THE SICK**

Please remember to pray for our sick parishioners, all those suffering around the world during these difficult times as well as the lonely and homeless. Also because of coronavirus charities are receiving less donations than usual

**PARISH COMMUNICATIONS**

We are trying to gather a list of as many email addresses of Parishioners as possible who would like to be kept informed throughout these difficult weeks. Please email me if you wish to be included in this group: [patriddell31@aol.com](mailto:patriddell31@aol.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

(Fr. Emeka’s private Mass)  
 Sunday: Parishioners  
 Monday: Veronica Comerford  
 Tuesday: Steven Gentile  
 Wednesday: Special Intention  
 Thursday: Parishioners  
 Friday: Mary and Peter Cummins  
 Saturday: Sydney and Margaret Bell  
 Please Note If you wish to have a Mass offered simply send an email or text Fr. Emeka with the intention attached. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ST CLARE’S SVP CONFERENCE**

The Coronavirus has taken its first SVP victim locally as one of the very active members of the Birkenhead conference died earlier this week after being taken into intensive care last week. Our condolences go to his family particularly his daughter who is also an active SVP member in Birkenhead.

Locally conference members are confined to home as all are self-isolating. We keep in phone and text contact with those we regularly visit and are on the lists at church in our localities and the NHS nationwide request for volunteers even though we can only make phone contact. The Holiday Home has been closed for this year and the 3 families booked from St Clare’s parish have been informed. If you think the SVP can help then please call me Steve Bonsall on 01244671817 or email [stevebonsall@outlook.com](mailto:stevebonsall@outlook.com). Keep safe and well. God bless.

**ST CLARE’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Children have been coping well with their new experiences of being home schooled. They have been very busy as ever! We have celebrated excellent cooking, painting, dancing, writing, research and mathematical skills. We even celebrated one of our pupils learning to ride their bike without stabilizers!

The school will remain open throughout the Easter Break and staff will continue to deliver lunches to families. We have added two links to Masses and a link to family daily prayer on the school website. You will find these links under the Catholic Life of the School Tab, should you want to use them.

This week we celebrated the birthdays of Louisa, Charlie, Miss Bradley and Miss Newall. We are continuing to add our school newsletter to the school website.



**ROSARY CORNER**

*“...If we do what we have always done, what our fathers did before us, we cannot go wrong. Satan wants to destroy this prayer, but in this he will never succeed. The Rosary is the prayer of those who triumph over everything and everyone. It was Our Lady who taught us this prayer, just as it was Jesus who taught us the Our Father.” ~St. Padre Pio*