



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week II 17th May 2020 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER Year of The Word

MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



GOD AS OUR ADVOCATE Jn 14:15-21

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth”. Why does this promise make Christianity unique? When we grasp its meaning, we understand that Jesus came not only to reveal how to live a fully human life, in the image and likeness of God, but He also made it possible for His own life to be lived in us. His plan was to send the Holy Spirit into the world to enlighten believers with the knowledge of how God wants us to live (for our own happiness), and to give them the power to actually live what they believe. -*Catholic Exchange* extract

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension. which It expresses our belief that in Christ human nature, the humanity in which we all share, has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God.

NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST.

The novena in preparation for Pentecost is here with us again. This novena to the Holy Spirit **starts this Friday (22nd May)** after Ascension. We are glad to inform all that there are resources available on the parish website. Those on our mailing list will receive the prayer for each day prior to the actual date. Many thanks to Kate Hughes for taking time to prepare the daily prayers and reflection.

GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS FROM BISHOP MARK.

Bishop Mark called the parish house on Thursday and through Fr. Emeka sent his greetings and blessings to all parishioners of St. Clare's. He wished everyone well and encouraged all in the parish to keep well and stay safe. Bishop Mark promised to keep everyone in his prayers and later gave a blessing to all parishioners. Fr. Emeka thanked the bishop on behalf of all in St. Clare's for the pastoral care of the souls under his care in Shrewsbury diocese.

LIVESTREAM MASS< ADORATION AND THE ROSARY FROM ST CLARE'S

Masses from our Church St. Clare's are being live streamed every day at 9.30am. The link to join is found on the new parish website stclares.co.uk

Adoration follows immediately after Mass.

Rosary is also said by zoom every day at 6pm during the month of May

Opt in/subscribe to our website at: george@stclares.co.uk

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Fr. Emeka/Katty Craggs

Monday: Andrew Prendergast

Tuesday: Enzo Mansuti

Wednesday: Mary whiteside

Thursday: Paul Prendergast

Friday: Intentions of Bozena

Saturday: Dorothy Harding RIP

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

FROM BISHOP MARK ON THE RE-EMERGENCE OF SOCIETY FROM THE STATE OF NATIONAL LOCKDOWN : “ I write to you this morning following governmental announcements in the past 24 hours. Sadly, the first stage of the re-opening of the churches may be delayed for at least two months. See full text on our website and Facebook page.

There will be a brief Parish council meeting on Tuesday 26th May at 4.00 pm. Link to the meeting will be provided later.

ROSARY CORNER

If you wish to convert anyone to the fullness of the knowledge of Our Lord and of His Mystical Body, then teach him the Rosary. One of two things will happen. Either he will stop saying the Rosary — or he will get the gift of faith

~Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen



ST CLARE'S SVP

The lockdown continues and SVP members keep in- touch with beneficiaries by phone and text with the odd “safe distancing” visit. Prison visiting, which used to occur at Berwyn Prison near Wrexham, was stopped at the start of the pandemic. Covid-19 has found its way into prisons but we have no knowledge of occurrences at Berwyn. Prisoners are only allowed out of cells for 1 hour per day and meals are taken to their cells. Catholic leaflets have been produced and are being taken to those men who regularly attended the weekly masses by “Listeners” who are cleared to visit men in prison.

Mental issues have risen and calls to the Samaritans increased. BT have reduced the cost of calling home and each man is given £5 to call their families. The loss of social contact exacerbates any mental problems. Do keep these men in your prayers. God bless Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This week was 'Wellbeing Week' for all our families. Every day had a theme-'Take Notice', 'Giving', 'Get Active', 'Connected' and 'Grateful'. Each day we had a 'Class Catch Up' with a different class which was a real highlight of the week for everyone; we all sang a song together and then each pupil had the opportunity to share some news with everyone. This week was supposed to be SATs week so it was lovely to meet with pupils to explain that we don't need exams to find out how wonderful our pupils are! Overall a great week. The photo celebrates Harry freeing a dinosaur from ice! Paisley celebrated VE Day by dressing up.

