



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Psalter Week I**

**21st March 2021**

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March is dedicated to St Joseph**

## ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

## INTENTIONS

Sat 20th 4 pm 'Drive in' vigil Mass	Joseph & Josephine Russell
Sun 21st 9.30am <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Peter Byrne
Mon 22nd 9,30am Private Mass <i>Ferial</i>	
Tues 23rd 9,30am Private Mass <i>St Toribio</i>	James Prendergast
<b>Wed 24th 9.30am <i>Ferial</i></b>	Ann & Wilfred Davies
Thurs 25th 9,30am Private Mass <b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	Pat Cummins (birthday)
Fri 26th 9.30am Private Mass <i>Ferial</i>	Tony Shea
<b>7pm Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Day of Special Prayer for survivors of abuse</b>	

## EASTER SEVICES

Sat 27th Confessions 11-11.40am or on request	
Sat 27th 4 pm 'Drive in' vigil Mass <i>Clocks go forward</i>	Agnes Latham
Sun 28th 9.30am <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	Lilian Maguire
Weds 31st 9.30 am Mass <b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	
Weds 31st 3.00 pm <b>Chrism Mass from Shrewsbury Cathedral</b> , link: <a href="https://www.shrewsburycathedral.org/live-stream-mass">https://www.shrewsburycathedral.org/live-stream-mass</a>	
<b>1st Apr 7pm Holy Thurs <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i></b>	
<b>2nd Apr 3pm Good Friday The Lord's Passion</b> <b>7 pm Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>3rd Apr Holy Saturday 5pm Drive-in Mass</b> <b>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 7pm</b>	
<b>4th Apr EASTER SUNDAY , 9.30am Mass</b>	

## NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION

Tuesday 23rd March 2021 – A National Day of

Prayer Tuesday next week will to be the national remembrance for the first anniversary of the beginning of lockdown in the pandemic of 2020/2021. The Government is proposing a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8.00pm that evening. **(11am-1pm, St. Clare's church is open. All welcome)**

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (4th May 2021 )

Pope Francis has asked all Bishops Conferences to establish a day of prayer for the victims and survivors of abuse. In England and Wales this day will be held on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, 4th May 2021. Bishop David Oakley of Northampton in liaison with the Let's Be Honest Group will provide resources

**Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type.**

Nigel Clayton, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt, Mark Wilson.  
**Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross ,**

### **CATHOLIC HIGH FOUNDATION GOVERNOR**

The Catholic High School has a vacancy for Foundation Governor. If you would like to be part of our future, could you please apply



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

The Chester and Ellesmere Port SVP District Holiday Home, used by St Clare's, is one of 4 such Holiday Homes within the England and Wales SVP National organisation. An electronic meeting last Tuesday assessed the opportunities for offering 2021 holidays. Birkenhead SVP Holiday Home gave 8 families holidays in 2020 with increased costs (£120 in taxi fares plus £100+ cleaning between each family). 5-day holidays were spaced at least 3 days apart.

The other Holiday Homes remained closed including ours. Our revenue was reduced by £5000+ (80%) last year and costs exceeded revenue by £1000 thus reducing our reserves. A meeting on Monday next will discuss our way forward. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God Bless. Steve

### **ROSARY CORNER**

The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying. - Pope Leo XIII

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



It is great to have the whole community settled back into school. Children have been brilliant, settling back into lessons enthusiastically. Next week teachers are meeting with parents to share celebrations and next steps.

One of the things we have missed during the last academic year is having a great sing song all together in the school hall! However, we are still finding opportunities when class bubbles can sing....every Thursday morning classes join lots of other schools virtually in singing sessions with AmaSing.



Currently classes are recording their re-enactment of events from Easter week, so we have had the absolute pleasure of hearing beautiful singing around school. All classes are also illustrating the Stations of the Cross, which will be displayed in the school hall so that classes can use these as a focus for reflection during the last week of the term.

Pupils were delighted to see that we have reached our goal of raising £200 to

support Cafod's Walk for Water Lenten appeal. Thank you to everyone for your kind support and generous donations. Pupils have risen to the challenge with a passion to help others. We are going to continue walking throughout Lent, so for anyone who would like to add to our total please visit:



<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-clares-catholic-primary-school-is-walking>

Our fortnightly school newsletters where you can see more about school life are available of the school website: <http://www.stclares.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters-2020-2021/80865>