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Psalter Week II

28th March 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

PALM SUNDAY

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit



PALM SUNDAY –A SHOCKING CONTRAST

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Reflect, today, upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Ponder the fear, confusion and despair that many would have had as they saw Jesus murdered. Reflect, also, upon this being a divine act by which the Father permitted this grave suffering so as to use it for the greatest good ever known. The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same.

Reflect upon the cross in your life. Know that the Lord can use this for good, bringing forth an abundance of mercy through your free embrace as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice. Blessed Holy Week! Put your eyes upon the Lord's Cross as well as your own.— *'Catholic Daily Reflections'*

ST CLARE'S EASTER MASSES & SERVICES

Sat 27th Confessions 11-11.40am or on request

Sat 27th 4 pm 'Drive in' vigil Mass

Clocks go forward

Sun 29th 9.30am PALM SUNDAY

Mon 30th Private Mass Mon of Holy Week

Tues 30th 9.30 am Private Mass Tues of Holy Week

Weds 31st 9.30am Mass Weds of Holy Week

3.00 pm Chrism Mass from Shrewsbury Cathedral,

link: <https://www.shrewsburycathedral.org/live-stream-mass>

HOLY THURSDAY

1st Apr 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

2nd Apr GOOD FRIDAY

3pm Celebration of The Lord's Passion

7 pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 3rd April Confessions 11-11.40am

EASTER

3rd Apr 5pm Drive-in Mass

7pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY ,

4th Apr 9.30am Mass

INTENTIONS

Agnes Latham

Lilian Maguire

Rosemary Prendergast RIP
Special intention (SB)

Freddie & Ailsa

Andrew Prendergast (b'day)
Our Parish Family

Leach family intentions

HOLY THURSDAY VIRTUAL WATCHING

There will be an opportunity following the Mass of the Lord's Supper to share in watching before the Tabernacle of Shrewsbury Cathedral via the internet from 8.30pm to 10.30pm on Holy Thursday night.

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 ,

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The annual collection to support the Church in the Holy land will be on Good Friday.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION

There will be retiring collection for Easter flowers this weekend AND NEXT.



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Our Holiday Home meeting this week agreed that we would roadmap opening the Holiday Home from the last week of June: Saturday, June 26th and complete at the end of October. That will give us 19 full weeks assuming that we are allowed into Wales. St Clare's has 2 full weeks allocated; Sat 24th July, already offered to St Clare's School and 18th September (outside School Holidays) A part week from Monday 21st June is available to us if we have any beneficiaries. One potential problem is transport to and from Talacre. It's doubtful that previous drivers will be willing to transport families so that leaves them either finding their own transport or us paying for taxis? No doubt a solution will be found. Keep safe and well this week. God bless. Steve

ROSARY CORNER

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." - St. Francis de Sales

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This week has flashed by.....I explained to the children how time flies when they are having fun! We had very successful parents' evenings, which provided an opportunity to catch up and share firstly, how pupils have settled back into school and secondly, share some of our plans for the summer term. If you have walked past school you may have noticed our 'ribbons of thanks' tied to the school fence to mark



twelve months since school entered its first period of school closure. Pupils enjoyed reflecting on the journey we have been on and also made bookmarks as a memento of the time we have been through together. It was a good opportunity to be grateful for our many blessings.

presented our special values certificates to children from each class who have been wonderful in demonstrating: Faith, Honesty, Respect and Perseverance.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our CAFOD 'walk for water appeal'. Pupils were delighted when they heard we had passed our target of raising £200. When we last looked we had raised an impressive £315. Staff in school have been so impressed with the wonderful determination shown by the children to play their part in helping others. There is still time to donate- we are still walking!

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

Next week is Holy Week and each day we will be reflecting on a different part of the Easter Story. Each class has illustrated some of the Stations of the Cross and these are being displayed in the school hall next week as a focus. Pupils have been recorded acting out different events of Holy Week. The recording will be shared in a special assembly next Thursday.

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>

