



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week III

18th April 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

A NEW CONTEXT (Lk 24:35-4)

In this Sunday's Gospel as witnesses, the early disciples were charged to tell others what they saw. We too are called to share what we have seen, heard, and touched with others. Witness involves speaking the truth in love. . The cost of this endeavour is high for it leads to the cross. The reward is that much greater, for it leads to the resurrection.

This Sunday added a new element to the disciples' vision experience: a context for understanding. We, like most Christians, are tempted to take the context for granted. The Good News might become the old news. To shake off this inclination, let us place ourselves in the company of those who first heard the words of the two from Emmaus.

Better yet, let us place ourselves in the company of those who evangelize others by word and deed. Let us walk with those who serve the poor and needy in the name of Christ. Let us walk with those who serve the children or those outsiders who seek Christ. In the mere process of being witness, the context comes alive. For Christ walks with us when we serve others. -'A *Lectionary resource for Catholics' Word Sunday.com*

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

Sat Apr 17th Sacrament of Reconciliation 11-11,40am

4 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Sun 18th Apr 9.30am *Third Sunday of Easter*

Mon 19th April private Mass -Ferial

Tues 20th Apr 9.30am Private Mass- Ferial

Weds 21st Apr 9.30am - *St Anselm of Canterbury*

Thurs 22nd Apr 9.30am Private Mass- *Ferial*

Fri 23rd Apr 9.30am Private Mass- ***St George***

Sat 24th Apr 11-11,40am Sacrament of Reconciliation

4pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Sun 25th Apr 9.30am *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Confessions every Saturday 11-11.40 am or on request

INTENTIONS

David Brown (SB)

Eileen Green

Fr. D. Nwachukwu (R.I.P)

Paul Prendergast (b'day)

Mickey Murphy (SB)

Theresa Hart

Justina Aninye (R.I.P)

Mary Whiteside

Alison Duke

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION

This year's first communion in our parish will hold towards the end of school year. The programme has been worked out and preparation for children in St. Clare's primary will be done in school. We appeal to parents whose children are not in St. Clare's school to contact Fr. Emeka or ring the parish office. Those who started preparation classes for first Holy Communion last year are also expected to get in touch.

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** ,

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

At Saint Anthony's, Wythenshawe, on the Memoria of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Friday 16th July at 7.00pm, Bishop Mark will ordain three new priests for the Diocese: Deacons Patrick Breeze, Humphrey O'Connor and Stephen Roberts.

At Saint Michael and All Angels, Woodchurch, on the Saturday Memoria of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 24th July at 12.00 noon, John McKay from Saint Peter's, Hazel Grove and Wilfred McSherry from Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Stephen Harding, Market Drayton, will be ordained as permanent deacons. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers.

CANCELLATION OF OUR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year is cancelled again given the present situation that makes travelling very difficult. A virtual pilgrimage will again be arranged for the week of what would have been our 70th Diocesan Pilgrimage and all efforts and energies will now be directed towards the Pilgrimage of 2022, which will be a moment of renewal for this great, diocesan tradition.



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

This week there is a retiring collection for the SVP at St Clare's. It is well over a year since our last collection because activities requiring finance such as material requirements have not been forthcoming. We also didn't have any families at the Holiday Home last year but we did have our annual commitment to our Twinnage Partner the St Joseph's Lady's Conference in Kelara, India and our student support.

This year we will be supporting the Holiday Home and we have interested and deserving families. SVP National Office have made a cash donation of £5000 to the Holiday Home funds which will help with last year's shortfall and this will help with replacement in 3 or 4-years time. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work. God bless. Steve

ROSARY CORNER

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal. -St. Bernard of Clairvaux

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

Fundamental Rights: For those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Monday 19th is an INSET day, so children are due back on Tuesday 20th April, with the new, smarter arrival times between 8:45am and 9:00am.

