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Psalter Week IV

25th April 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus revealed himself as a good shepherd. As we are called to serve our communities and or our parishes, we must never forget how a good shepherd served his flock. It is through self-sacrifice of our time and talent, patient and understanding for other regardless of their religious belief. God knows us and He calls us by name. As we are looking at different saints or clergy to learn from them, others look at us and learn from us. And as our struggles become real even as others turn to us for guidance, we also have a shepherd to turn to for help. Most of us sometimes forget this, but we are leaders in our own way. The church of tomorrow depends on how we set the foundation for the church of today. There will be crisis and there will be need, but there will always be good people standing behind us.— *The Torch Project*

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

**Sat Apr 24th Sacrament of Reconciliation 11-11,40am
4 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass**

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

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Mon 26th April 9.30am private Mass -Ferial

Tues 27th Apr 9.30am Private Mass– Ferial

Weds 28th Apr 9.30am - *St Louis Marie de Montfort*

Thurs 29th Apr 9.30am Private Mass– *St Catherine of Siena*

Fri 30th Apr 9.30am Private Mass– *St Pius V*

Sat 1st May *St Joseph the Worker*

11-11,40am Sacrament of Reconciliation

DAY OF SPEIAL PRAYER FOR HUMAN WORK

***** 6pm Drive-in Vigil Mass**

Sun 2nd May 9.30am *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

***** The drive in Mass time goes back to 6 pm from next week Saturday, May 1st.**

INTENTIONS

Mary Whiteside
Alison Duke

Grace Williams

Relatives of Brown family
Ann & Billy Hanwright

Leslie Davies (SB)

Oliver Morgan

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION

This year's first communion in our parish will be held towards the end of the school year. The candidates will be in three groups and will receive their first communion on any of the following Sundays, 27th June, 4th July, and 11th July at 10.30am. The programme has been worked out and the preparation for children in St. Clare's primary is taking place 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 last year are asked 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, 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** ,



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Thank you for your generosity towards our funds. If you wish to donate electronically then our **Account is 46075976 with sort code 60-60-04**. It's a Nat West Account set up by the SVP nationally but with funds in St Clare's SVP name.

Now that the lockdown is easing and Covid 19 statistics seem to be moving in the right direction we will start to open up our Holiday Home with a view to starting holidays for those in need who would otherwise not get a holiday from June 21st. The caravan has to be cleaned after the winter shut down and made safe from any virus. A strict cleaning regime will ensure safety between families. Keep safe and well this week. God bless. Steve

ROSARY CORNER

"The Rosary is a school for learning true Christian perfection."

-Pope St. John XXIII

VACANCY MIDDAY ASSISTANT

St Clare's Primary School have a vacancy for a midday assistant. Application Forms are available from the school office: 01244 981110. Closing date is noon May 7th. The hours are 11:45am-1:15pm.

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Reasons to celebrate:

.....all our pupils returned to school this week- we had 100% attendance for most of the week!.....this week we heard that St Clare's have won the Winter School Games Virtual Sportshall Athletics Challenge and therefore will represent Chester at the Virtual County Sportshall Athletics Final. All our Key Stage Two pupils were involved and were delighted with this wonderful news!..... this week we heard that St.Clare's have won the Winter School Games Virtual Football Challenge and therefore will represent Chester at the Virtual County Football Final

.....swimming lessons resumed this week for Year Five pupils and our non-swimmers in Year Six. All the children enjoyed getting back into the pool, although many agreed that their stamina required support.

..... preparation with pupils to receive the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion started again. We had a wonderful first session where children acted out and discussed the story of The Prodigal Son.

..... we have some wonderful parents, staff and friends of the school community who helped to trim one of the hedges on the perimeter of the school grounds. It was an enormous task as a lot of the hedgerow was incredibly spikey and we needed to complete the job before bird nesting season. Two bonfires were required to clear the cuttings and we now have invested in smart hedge cutting tools which can be used to maintain the hedge.



.....on Thursday pupils participated in the AmaSing singing session, along with lots of other schools. On Friday St Clare's participated in a record breaking 1,000 bubbles sing concert. These events are a great 'virtual way' for all our children to join and sing together!

..... everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather, particularly our lessons held in the great outdoors!

.....all in all a great first week back to our summer term!

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