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Psalter Week I

4th April 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

EASTER SUNDAY

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit



HE IS RISEN

Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" – "He is truly risen." Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, is

risen!"

This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!" This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the

HAPPY EASTER

I wish all parishioners and friends of St. Clare's a blessed and Spirit-filled Easter. May the resurrection of Christ fill all with every Joy and Hope in these challenging times.

Fr. Emeka.

ST CLARE'S EASTER MASSES & SERVICES

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

Mon 5th Apr Private Mass Mon of the Easter Octave

Tues 6th Apr Private Mass Tues of the Easter Octave

Weds 7th Apr 9.30am Mass *Weds of the Easter Octave*

Thurs 8th Apr Private Mass Thurs of the Easter Octave

Fri 9th Apr Private Mass Fri of the Easter Octave

Sat Apr 10th Sacrament of Reconciliation 11-11,40am

4 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Sun 11th Apr 9.30am *Second Sunday of Easter*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

INTENTIONS

Andrew Prendergast (b'day)
Our Parish Family

Leach family intentions

Frank & Rita Whelan
Imy & Paddy O'Connor
James & Glenda Whelan

Pat Cleaver (SB)
Ursula Breslin

PLEASE NOTE: The Drive in Mass on Saturday will revert to 4pm for a few weeks after the Holy Week 5pm Mass on Apr 3rd

If you would like a Mass for your intentions please contact Fr Emeka or the Parish office

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 ,

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY next week (Apr 11th)

St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus. He told her to communicate it to the whole world: **My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy (699) I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).**



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

This quarter's Vincentian Concern included financial and activity details for the SVP in England and Wales in 2019/20. Interestingly income increased from the previous year to £14m mainly through donations and legacies whilst expenditure rose to £11m. 405700 visits were made and £734,749 donated to overseas projects.

There were 853 requests for help from National Office and material help was given on 83,600 occasions. 10,000 items of furniture were delivered through the network of furniture stores. Volunteers gave over 600,000 hours of help. There were 629 Mini Vinnie groups such as the one at our Primary School and 100 youth groups (11-14) and 21 B-attitude groups (14.18). St Clare's Church 2020/21 report will be forthcoming after Easter when the figures are resolved. Happy Easter all and keep safe and well. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



We have had some wonderful moments as we reflected on the events of Holy Week. Classes recorded their dramatization of one of the events and these were a focus for daily acts of collective worship. The Stations of the Cross, created by pupils, were displayed around the school hall and classes were able to participate at their own level. There was a wonderfully prayerful atmosphere created in the hall, pupils were totally engaged. On Tuesday staff in school joined a Lenten Reflection for school staff led by the Diocese.

Our winning school house this half term, with eleven points, was 'Mother Teresa', so the jubilant pupils from the winning house enjoyed making Easter crispy cakes. All pupils enjoyed an Easter egg treasure hunt. We were spoilt with eggs this year, so we were able to play Easter Bingo with many pupils winning egg prizes!

Recently, Fr Emeka met with staff from St Clare's to discuss the restart of Sacramental preparation. We are delighted that so many of our families are keen for their children to receive the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion for the first time and we have tentatively pencilled in dates to the school calendar.

All the staff and pupils in St Clare's Catholic Primary School wish our parishioners a very happy, healthy and holy Easter. We are all very much looking forward to the day we can gather as a whole school in church again.

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>

[Our school twitter account has lots of photos of activities in school during Holy Week.](#)

