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Psalter Week III

16th May 2021

YEAR OF ST

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin

POPE FRANCIS'S CALL FOR THE ROSARY

Pope Francis specifically calls for the praying of the Rosary across the world during the month of May. In the Holy Father's vision this worldwide chain of prayer will proceed from the Marian shrines of the world. Our own national shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham has been given a pre-eminent place following the Vatican on the first day of May. The initiative will involve in a special way all the Sanctuaries of the world, so that they become promoters to the faithful, families and communities of the recitation of the Rosary to invoke an end of the pandemic. Some thirty representative shrines across the world will guide the Marian prayer, which will broadcast live on the official channels of the Holy See at 18.00 (Rome time) every day. Pope Francis will initiate this prayer on May 1st and bring it to a conclusion on May 31st.

Link to follow the livestream events: <https://www.churchservices.tv/walsingham>

The Rosary is said every day in front of St Clare's at 6.30pm (5.40pm before drive in Mass on Saturdays) in response to Pope Francis request above

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

Sat 15th May 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Sun 16th May Mass 9.30am –Seventh Sunday of Easter

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS

Mon 17th May 9.30am private Mass -Ferial

Tues 18th May 9.30am private Mass—St John

Weds 19th May 9.30am public Mass –St Milburga

1pm Funeral Service Jacqueline Whiteley

Thurs 20th May 9.30am -private Mass– St Bernadine of Siena

Fri 21st May 9.30am private Mass –Dedication of the Cathedral

Sat 22nd May 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Sun 23rd May Mass 9.30am—PENTECOST SUNDAY

Confessions every Saturday 11-11.40am or on request

INTENTIONS

Enzo Mansutti

Fr John Murphy (anniv)

Fr Emeka, Kathy Craggs

Eileen Green

Oliver Morgan

Ann & Billy Hanwright

Jacqueline Whiteley

Mike & Meryl Fisher anniv

Ursula Breslin

SVP PROJECT PLANNING APPLICATION-ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The SVP nationally are exploring the possibility of having a centre in Birkenhead. Negotiations for the grant of the lease are ongoing and it will be necessary to make a planning application for change of use. The team who are working to get the project off the ground are seeking someone with experience of CAD who may be able to draw plans of the existing building to assist in submitting a planning application for change of use so the building can offer the provision of food and training. Anyone who could assist in drawing up the building plans please contact Rose Mullarkey on 07905 952798 or any SVP Member.

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 ,

JACQUELINE WHITELEY FUNERAL

Jacqueline Whiteley's Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 19th May at 1pm RIP

FAIR TRADE SHOP

Chester's only dedicated Fair Trade shop will re-open for business on Tuesday 18th May. Located at the Wesley Methodist Church Centre in St John's Street initially open from 11am - 2pm (Tuesday to Saturday inclusive) but hope to be able to open for more hours before too long. We would love to have your custom, but also very happy for you to call in to say hello and have a look at the wide range of goods we can offer. All of them supporting the principles of fair trade and benefiting producers, farmers and artisans around the world with a fair deal,

You could also combine your visit with the chance to stop for a drink and snack in Wesley's Coffee shop which is also reopening the same day. We look forward to welcoming you soon."



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

This week saw 2 zoom meetings of St Clare's Conference and the Holiday Home committee. Telephone contacts and door step visits have continued and we have delivered single beds (all donated) to 3 families in need. Some bedding also given.

Bookings for the Holiday Home continue however we do need to ensure that families are safe from Covid infection whilst at the HH thus our cleaning regime and advice to beneficiaries is sound and adequate. We will keep the safety of families at the heart of our care and keep a constant watch in order to make changes as necessary.

Thank you for all the help you give us. Keep safe and well this week. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Our Year Six were supposed to have completed their Statutory Assessment Tests this week, however these have been cancelled nationally due to the pandemic. As a staff we wanted our pupils to experience these formal assessments in preparation for future assessments at high school and therefore decided that we would still have a SATs week for Year Six. I am pleased to report that all our pupils shone by approaching these assessments with confidence and maturity and we are extremely proud of them. The celebratory photo shows our superstars

graduating from the assessment week. They are also all very excited to start rehearsing for their end of term show.

North America (Year Three) had fun experimenting to find out which material was the most reflective. They are designing a new book bag to help children be seen in the dark.



This week Reception pupils have been very excited to see their beanstalks growing. The children have been watering their seeds daily and have been looking closely at their roots.



Over the next two weeks classes in Key Stage Two will pray the Rosary together. In addition, May 24th is **National Day of Prayer for Schools and Young People**, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of the Church. We will be joining a Rosary Marathon as school communities are invited to pray the rosary on this day for all our young people, and for

the Mission of our Schools, Youth Groups, and Families. A promotional video to encourage Schools has been prepared by Fr. Stephen Morrison O.Præm, <https://youtu.be/qqJl65D5Ogc>

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>