



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week IV

23rd May 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 22nd May 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Mike & Meryl Fisher anniv

Sun 23rd May Mass 9.30am – PENTECOST SUNDAY

Ursula Breslin

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Mon 24th May 9.30am private Mass

–Mary Mother of the Church

Tues 25th May 9.30am private Mass

—Our Lady Help of Christians

Oliver Morgan

Weds 26th May 9.30am public Mass –St Philip

Theresa Hart

Thurs 27th 9.30am -private Mass

– Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest

Fri 28th May 9.30am private Mass—Ferial

Sat 29th May 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Kieron Prendergast

Sun 30th May Mass 9.30am—THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Confessions every Saturday 11-11.40am or on request

If you wish a Mass for your intentions please contact Fr Emeka or the parish office

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

BISHOP MARK ON MOVING TO STAGE 3 IN OUR PARISHES

I write on this 17th May with new information regarding the next steps in the re-opening of parishes. I think you will have noted from the Prime Ministerial statements last week, the note of caution requiring continued vigilance as we continue to make the progress out of lockdown. The rapid, proliferation of a new variant can only lead us take even greater care in these next steps out of lockdown.

REVIEWING THE CAPACITY OF OUR CHURCHES I am aware that the number of the faithful returning to Sunday Mass has been steadily increasing and a number of churches have faced the sad, yet necessary situation of turning away parishioners because of building safety limits. We are now in a position from 17th May to reassess the safety capacity of our churches with social distancing of 1 metre + taking into account: 1) Continuing use of "physical mitigations" 2) Virus prevalence in your area 3) Good ventilation in the church 4) Local percentage of population vaccinated 5) Any Covid variants in the local area 6) Seating arrangements for family groups and "bubbles" On the basis of a review, it may be possible to safely increase the Covid-secure capacity of your church.

NOTE ON NUMBERS AT BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS IN CHURCH The safety number for Baptisms remains at 30, whereas the number for Funerals now corresponds to the safety capacity of your church.

PARISH SAFETY TEAM PLEASE NOTE

This **will meet on Monday 24th** to access the way forward in our parish following instructions from Bishop Mark and the Bishop's conference of England and Wales. **The zoom meeting will be held at 7.15 pm.**

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

At the District meeting this week we confirmed our Covid 19 policy for families using the Holiday Home. Its important that we care for families as much as possible and keep them safe from the virus. Thus, we are asking those going to test negative immediately prior to their holiday and keep safe whilst there by following National and park guidelines and rules. We will provide each family with hand sanitiser cleaning the virus from hands and also up-grade our cleaning regime to ensure and residual virus is removed particularly from touch points. Subsequent to this, surfaces will be disinfected with a virus disinfectant. Its not possible to eliminate all chance of picking up the virus but we will take advised precautions. Keep safe and well this week. God bless. Steve

ST CLARE'S PRE-SCHOOL

Recipe for our happy place

First you need a good helping of caring, supportive and highly trained teachers,

We find purple works best

Sprinkle some inspiration

Stir in some curiosity, awe and wonder and mix well

Next add a few spoons of imagination to maximise the flavour

Bake until you see independence, engagement and play

Finish by decorating with smiling happy faces, inspired to learn

Funded and fee paying places available for 2-4 years old.

Why not come and see what we are about by visiting our Facebook page or calling 07936413246



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Last Sunday three pupils were Baptised by Fr Emeka: Leo, Isabella and Kemelia enjoyed very special days. Next week the following pupils will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation:



Aoife, Harry, Bjorn, Paisley, Joseph, Nancy, Paisley W, Iyla, Alfie, Evie, Harvey, Olivia, Leo, Adam, Kemelia, Travis, Richard, Olly, Cayden, Grace, Reuben, Blanca, Amiya, Prisca, Isabella and Amber.

Please remember the children in your prayers.

This week we were delighted to hear that our Year Three/Four footballers came seventh in the finals of the all Cheshire and Warrington finals, our Year Five and Six came second in the athletic finals and Year Three and Four came first in the athletics final. We are delighted with these achievements, which are a credit to hard work and determination of pupils.

Pupils in Asia (Year five and Six) enjoyed a Viking workshop this week, whilst pupils in Africa (Year Five) enjoyed a wonderful creative 'gazebo day'! Jacob, from the Story House, helped the children to participate in a wide range of drama, art and musical activities. Children loved the experiences.

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>

