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Psalter Week IV

27th March 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit

MASSES & SERVICES

Sat 26th Mar 10.30-11.30am Exposition-Holy Hour for peace

5.40pm Rosary

6pm Vigil Mass- Fourth Sunday of Lent

BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS

Sun 27th Mar 9.00am Exposition

9.30am Mass- Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mon 28th Mar private Mass-Ferial

Tues 29th Mar 7pm Mass & St Anthony devotions-Ferial

Wed 30th Mar 9am Exposition

9.30am Mass-Ferial

Thurs 31st Mar 9.30am Mass-Ferial

Fri 1st Apr 9.30am Mass-Ferial

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 2nd Apr NOTE 9am-10am Exposition-Holy Hour for peace

5.40pm Rosary

6pm Vigil Mass-Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sun 3rd Apr 9.30am Mass -Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 11-11.40 am

INTENTIONS

Joseph Russell

Dot Bell

Jude Prendergast

Sally Calum

Ann Leach

Mary & Peter Cummins

Kevin McCarthy

Pat Cleaver (SB)

Ann Leach

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

Please Note the Holy Hour Next Saturday will be **from 9am-10am**

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL LADIES IN OUR PARISH!!!

May the Lord bless and reward you for all the love and care you so cheerfully give.

CARITAS SHREWSBURY – THE GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

The Director of Caritas, Ben Gilchrist writes: "Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury are requesting help in promotion the Good Shepherd Appeal this Lent:

<https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/getinvolved/good-shepherd-collection/>

This appeal has special importance as we seek to respond as a Diocese to the growing refugee crisis.

BISHOP MARK WRITES: UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Working through *Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury* we will register interest in the Scheme as an organisation. Registrations are currently open for individuals with their own homes. Caritas will be updating their news page about the Ukraine Crisis with information about the scheme and further support for Ukraine including giving, campaigning and prayer: <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/2022/02/28/ukraine-crisis-update/>

The Catholic Church is working with the Government in developing the role of organisations in the Scheme. We will seek with Caritas, to co-ordinate our response with all the practical considerations involved. Other useful links: RESET: <https://resetuk.org/about/ukraine> and the new site for refugees to connect with sponsors: <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/>

COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS

After the 9.30am Mass this Sunday there will be refreshments on behalf of the SVP in the Parish Room. - **please join us** and get to know your fellow parishioners better

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Prince of peace, once more we hear the guns of war. Once more we see the faces of frightened children. We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace. We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace. We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part of peace-making in the world. O Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding of the global human family, so that all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace. Amen.

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type.

Maureen Brady Nigel Clayton, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Sheila Farrelly, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary Jenkins Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, , Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Margaret Leavy and Anthea (Lila) Bradburne.

COMPLETION OF THE DIOCESAN LISTENING PHASE FOR THE SYNOD

The Diocesan "Listening Phase" will come to its conclusion in the next couple of weeks. The diocesan synthesis together with my discernment will then be sent to the parishes in electronic form in readiness for Palm Sunday 10th April, to be made available to all those who have participated in the process.-Bishop Mark.

CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA & UKRAINE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

At Pope Francis request, this took place throughout the world and in our own parish last Friday, some copies of the prayer are still available in the porch

REGULAR GIVING TO THE PARISH

For those parishioners who have used planned giving envelopes during 2021/22, new boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 10th April are now available in the porch. If you wish to set up a Standing Order in favour of the Parish, or have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so, please contact Mike Russell (07883 199628).

SPRING CLEAN OF THE CHURCH

A spring clean of the Church will take place next Saturday, 2nd April at 10.am immediately after Holy Hour for peace. All welcome.

ST CLARE'S SVP

Our first family will go to the Holiday Home on 9th April and another on the 16th April. We struggle to help with meeting families at home and at the Holiday Home (HH). Mixing SVP activities with our own family commitments has become more difficult recently owing to loss of conference members. Please help us if you can. HH funding will be increased this year and next for replacement in the Autumn of 2023. A meeting on 9th May will discuss options available. Contact me on 07838089298 or bonsallstephen2@gmail.com. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless Steve

WAY OF THE CROSS

As part of the Lenten devotions, this year we have organised our first joint walk of the Stations of the Cross with St. Clare's Primary School. The Stations of the Cross walk will take place this Tuesday 29th of March departing from St. Clare's Primary School (CH4 8HX) at 9:15am. Parishioners welcome

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

After a rigorous recruitment process, Mrs Lucy Ward has been offered and accepted the role of Deputy Headteacher in St Clare's. We congratulate her and look forward to working closely with Mrs Ward in her new position.

This week we were able to hold parents' evenings to celebrate pupils' work and discuss next steps- it was a joy to be able to welcome families into school. This also provided an opportunity for parents to look through books and see our lovely displays around school. We continued to provide the option of a virtual meeting also which, for many families, proved very helpful and convenient.

On Thursday, our Year Three and Four hockey team took part in a tournament at Deeside Ramblers. They won all their matches and returned to school proud of the fact that they had kept a clean sheet! The whole team were delighted to receive medals, a trophy and certificates.

This week our Reception and Key Stage One pupils celebrated their mummies by inviting them to a special Mothers' Day Assembly. Pupils expressed how grateful they are and how much they love their kind and caring mums. We wish all mothers a very special Mothering Sunday.

During the week one of our pupils expressed their surprise with how quickly the week had been! I then explained how surprised I am that next week is the final week of the Spring term before our Easter holiday! School closes on Friday 1st April, at 3:30pm.

For Lent pupils have support Cafod's Walk against Hunger appeal. Here is the link if you would like to support :

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-clares-is-walking-against-hunger>

