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Psalter Week I

3rd April 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit

MASSES & SERVICES

Sat 2nd Apr 5.40pm Rosary

6pm Vigil Mass— *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Sun 3rd Apr 9.00am Exposition

9.30am Mass- *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Mon 4th Apr private Mass-Ferial

Tues 5th Apr 7pm Mass & St Anthony devotions-*Ferial*

Wed 6th Apr 9am Exposition

9.30am Mass-*Ferial*

Thurs 7th Apr 9.30am Mass-*Ferial*

Fri 8th Apr 9.30am Mass-*Ferial*

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 9th Apr 10.30am-11.30am Exposition-Holy Hour for peace

INTENTIONS

Pat Cleaver (SB)

Ann Leach

Gabriel Prendergast

Kevin McCarthy

The Leach family

Frank Whelan

Eileen Prendergast RIP

HOLY WEEK:

5.40pm Rosary

6pm Vigil Mass

Sun 10th Apr PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9.30am Mass

Mon 11th Apr private Mass -*Monday of Holy Week*

Tues 12th Apr 7pm Mass & St Anthony devotions

-*Tuesday of Holy Week*

Weds 13th 9.30am Apr Mass —*Wednesday of Holy Week*

April 14th MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper .

April 15th GOOD FRIDAY:

3.00 pm. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

April 16th HOLY SATURDAY:

8.30 p.m. Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

April 17th EASTER SUNDAY:

9.30 am Mass

David Brown (SB)

Lilian Maguire

Nicholas France (recovery)

Ursula Breslin

Ann Leach

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Kevin McCarthy

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 11-11.40 am and on request

COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS

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

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.

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 OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME

Adaline Dodd, Rose Kirby, John Bradburn, Adelaide Regan, Kathleen Spilsbury, Mark Waters and Denis Murphy.

FAMILY OF LATE KEVIN McCARTHY

Kevin's Family wish to thank most sincerely all for their kind expressions of sympathy, Mass cards and flowers. Mass will be offered for their intentions in thanksgiving on 19th April

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE- Chester ACROSS GROUP

Thurs 14th to Sat 23rd July leave from St Columba's Overland by a Jumbulance – literally a Jumbo Ambulance. It has seven beds, spacious/reclining seats, an accessible toilet and a kitchen, so we can care for several sick and disabled people. Staying four star Meditteranne , which has adapted bedrooms, hospital beds and accessible showers. There are vacancies for a doctor, nurses, helpers and sick and disabled people. There may be some COVID risks to take into account but please do enquire. The cost is £950. Nurses and younger helpers pay half. However, we have funds raised to provide financial help where necessary. For further information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk, www.across.org.uk For one pilgrim's experience and more general information, [AJ & Bev's Story - Across Charity | Take a journey, make a difference](#)

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).

ST CLARE'S SVP

This week seems to have been filled with preparatory work. Lots that is done by the conference requires preparation before the actual event. Help to families with household items, help to those going to the Holiday Home and updating of conference members qualifications such as DBS; safeguarding, Secretarial and Treasurer training needed to carry out the roles all seems to have been set up in the last couple of weeks. Its all needed so that the Conference remains positive and adequately underpinned so that our work is carried out in the right way. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This week pupils and staff experienced Holy Week through a wide range of different events. Pupils responded with respect and prayerfulness. All pupils took palms home on Monday. On Tuesday Year Five and Six joined Year Seven pupils to walk the Stations of the Cross between St Clare's and Chester Catholic High School. Back in school, using artwork created by classes, pupils reflected on the Stations of the Cross. During the week Fr Emeka visited Key Stage Two classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Children's reflections were based on a lovely story about colours which were squabbling and then learnt how, if they worked together, they could create a beautiful rainbow!

On Wednesday we had a very special celebration of pupils receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Parents joined staff and pupils in church for this important next step of children's faith journey. At the end of the service pupils received certificates and medals. All children enjoyed making Easter cakes and we had a tie between two of our school houses- St Bernadette and Oscar Romero for the end of half term reward. There was great delight when both houses learnt they could enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks to a generous donation, from a resident in Lache, all pupils took an Easter Egg home.

Please remember St Clare's Catholic Primary School on April 10th as we celebrate its 50th anniversary! We hope to have celebrations during the summer term....

Pupils and staff of St Clare's wish all our parishioners a Happy and Holy Easter. School opens for pupils on Tuesday 19th April.

