



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week IV

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

19th March 2023

March is dedicated to St Joseph

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

SCHOOL HALL	Sat Mar 18th 5.40 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Roger Williams (SB)
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 19th Mar 9.30 am Mass – <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	Naguib and Family
PARISH ROOM	Mon 20th NOTE: 9.30am Mass–ST JOSEPH	Enas and Family
PARISH ROOM	Tues 21st Mar 7pm Mass & St Anthony Devotions -Ferial	Judy Kearney (SB)
PARISH ROOM	Weds 22nd Mar 8.45am Exposition 9.30am Mass– <i>Ferial</i>	Vincent Hopkins (SB)
PARISH ROOM	Thurs 23rd Mar 9.10 am Rosary 9.30am Mass – <i>Ferial</i>	Syd Jones
PARISH ROOM	Fri 24th Mar 9.10am Rosary 9.30 am Mass– <i>Ferial</i> 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	Osama & Family
PARISH ROOM	FRIDAY ABSTINENCE Sat 25th Mar NOTE: 9.30 am Mass -THE ANNUNCIATION 10-11am Exposition –Holy Hour for Peace	Thanksgiving
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 26th Mar 5.40 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Leslie Davies (SB)
SCHOOL HALL	9.30 am – <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Henry Kearney (SB)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.40am and on request

EXTRA MASSES PLEASE NOTE

There will be a Mass at 9.30am in the parish room on Monday 20th March the Feast of St Joseph (Feast moved from the Sunday), and again next Saturday 25th March the Feast of the Annunciation an extra Mass at 9.30 am in the parish room The Vigil Mass will take place as usual at 6pm in school hall

EARLY NOTICE OF EASTER LITURGIES

SCHOOL HALL Palm Sunday 2nd Apr 9.30 am
SCHOOL HALL Holy Thursday 6th Apr 7.00pm
SCHOOL HALL Good Friday 7th Apr 3.00pm
SCHOOL HALL Easter Vigil Sat 8th Apr 8.00pm
SCHOOL HALL Easter Sunday 9th Apr 9.30 am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Preparation classes for children in year 3 and above who don't attend Catholic schools are ongoing in the parish room every Monday at 5pm. Email names to the parish office ASAP.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Martin McAllister-Turner, George Bird, Eve Crowther, Arthur Davies and Jan Zalewski. **May they Rest in Peace**

OUR SICK ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND

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

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

EUCCHARIST TO THE SICK

We have a need to add to the team of Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact either Father Emeka on the Parish contacts or Steve Bonsall on 07838089298; stevebonsall@outlook.com

CHURCH CLEANING UPDATE

The next phase of work in Church is expected to commence on Monday the 20th of March. The decorator has brought in his tools for work and the colour will remain the same as chosen by parishioners a couple of years ago. The decoration will take about three weeks when it starts. The organ is at the same time undergoing a comprehensive clean up by a firm from Manchester.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is Catherine and Elaine with proceeds going to the St Clare's SVP Conference and next week its Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home. . **Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For those parishioners who have used planned giving envelopes during 2022/23, new boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 9th April are now available. 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).

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The next Sunday Lunch will be at the "Bird in the Hand" at Guilden Sutton on Sunday April 2nd at 1230. Contact Catherine for details on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

This week's St Clare's SVP Conference meeting showed that there is great need in the Chester community if not in the St Clare's Parish area for contact with the homeless and needy. One of our members is regularly in contact with the rough sleepers and the reports are always moving. Just a kind word does help and to "Pass by on the other side" means they feel forgotten and invisible. Our holiday home is coming nearer to use and the first family will enjoy a week at the start of April. We are still trying to source a settee so any links would be useful. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II

Online course on Vatican II: Thank you to those who have been in touch to say how interesting/ informative/ helpful/ even 'excellent'(!) you have found the first two podcasts. The next two on *Divine Revelation* are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. They are not time-bound and **may be listened to any time**. There are also 3 **handouts for downloading or printing**: An introduction to the document; A guided reading of the text; A suggested reading list for the whole course. A **leaflet** outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies: 07730 526821.



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

We have had a very exciting week in school as on Monday ten eggs arrived and on Wednesday and Thursday we had the joy of watching them hatch. The chicks have been such a delight. We have learnt how to be gentle with them and look after them carefully.

Key Stage One did a wonderful Mothers' Day assembly this week and we all dressed up for joy to celebrate Red Nose Day.

