



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week I

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

26th March 2023

March is dedicated to St Joseph

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

	Sat 25th Mar -THE ANNUNCIATION	
SCHOOL HALL	5.40 pm Rosary	
	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Leslie Davies (SB)
	Sun 26th Mar	
SCHOOL HALL	9.30 am -Fifth Sunday of Lent	Henry Kearney (SB)
	Mon 27th Private Mass-Ferial	Thanksgiving
	Tues 28th Mar	
PARISH ROOM	7pm Mass & St Anthony Devotions -Ferial	Leach Family Intentions
	Weds 29th	
PARISH ROOM	8.45am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass-Ferial	Donald Blair-Parke
	Thurs 30th Mar	
PARISH ROOM	9.10 am Rosary	
	9.30am Mass -Ferial	Thanksgiving
	Fri 31st Mar	
PARISH ROOM	9.10am Rosary	
	9.30 am Mass- Ferial	Rosemary Prendergast RIP
	7.00pm Stations of the Cross	
	FRIDAY ABSTINENCE	

HOLY WEEK

SCHOOL HALL	Sat Apr 1st	
	5.40 pm Rosary	
	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving (SB)
	Sun Apr 2nd	
SCHOOL HALL	9.30 am Mass -PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	Judy Kearney
	Mon 3rd Apr Private Mass-Monday of Holy Week	
	Tues 4th Apr	
PARISH ROOM	7pm Mass & St Anthony Devotions -Tuesday of Holy Week	Brenda Doyle
	Weds 5th Apr	
PARISH ROOM	8.45am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass -Wednesday of Holy Week	Craggs Family & Friends (KC)
SCHOOL HALL	HOLY THURSDAY 7.00pm -EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
	WATCHING UNTIL MIDNIGHT	
SCHOOL HALL	GOOD FRIDAY 3.00pm -CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
	DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE	
SCHOOL HALL	EASTER VIGIL 8.00pm-FIRST MASS OF EASTER	Jan Rosair and Family (KC)
SCHOOL HALL	EASTER SUNDAY 9.30 am	Leach family intention
	CONFESSION: TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK AT 6.00PM	

HOLY THURSDAY LITURGIES

Please sign up if you can be part of any of them:

1. Washing of Feet during (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
2. Keeping watch and night of adoration before the altar of repose from 8.00pm until midnight.

A sheet is available at the entrance of the school Hall and parish room.

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

Christine Farrell, George Haddock and Margaret Leavy.

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

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CLEANING UPDATE

The decoration work has commenced in church and the workers have already made remarkable progress. The work is about 60% done. The cleaning of the organ is also in progress, the fixing of the pipes taken away for cleaning and painting will continue next Thursday. Hopefully the laying of the new carpet will follow after the painting work.

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.

NEW - PART III - ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II

Online course on Vatican II: Part III The Church. The first podcast on *Lumen Gentium* is now available at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. together with **3 handouts for downloading or printing:** An Introduction to *LG*; A visual presentation of its 8 chapters; An outline of issues addressed in it. A **leaflet** outlining the content of all of the podcasts in the series is available in the parish. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, please don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 526821.

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



SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO)

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit a MSO for the Shrewsbury diocese. A part time role (15 hours per week) working as part of the SVP Membership Team to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between local Conferences and National Office. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Own transport essential and travel expenses are paid. For further information and details of how to apply, contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership @ lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date for applications is Sunday 16 April 2023.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home and next week its Mary and Pat with proceeds to Parkinson's UK .

Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

I am thrilled to report that this week, St Clare's hockey team won the regional finals and are now through to the National competition to play against schools from across the country. We are immensely proud of the hard work and dedication they have

shown to prepare for this competition.

On Tuesday it was National Poetry Day, we used Laudato Si by Pope Francis as an inspiration for all classes to write and perform poems about caring for our common home.

