



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Psalter Week II**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Year A**

**2nd April 2023**

**April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit**

## MASSES & SERVICES

## HOLY WEEK

## INTENTIONS

<u>MASSES &amp; SERVICES</u>	<u>HOLY WEEK</u>	<u>INTENTIONS</u>
SCHOOL HALL	<b>Sat Apr 1st</b> <b>5.40 pm Rosary</b> <b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b>	Thanksgiving (SB)
SCHOOL HALL	<b>Sun Apr 2nd</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD</b> <b>9.30 am Mass</b>	Judy Kearney
PARISH ROOM	<b>Mon 3rd Apr Mass--Monday of Holy Week</b> <b>Tues 4th Apr</b> <b>7pm Mass &amp; St Anthony Devotions--Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	Josephine Penlington Brenda Boyle
PARISH ROOM	<b>Weds 5th Apr</b> <b>8.45am Exposition</b> <b>9.30am Mass -Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	Craggs Family & Friends (KC)
SCHOOL HALL	<b>Thurs 6th April HOLY THURSDAY</b> <b>7.00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>	Syd Jones
PARISH ROOM	<b>WATCHING UNTIL MIDNIGHT</b> <b>Fri 7th Apr GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>3.00pm -CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b> <b>DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE</b>	
SCHOOL HALL	<b>Sat 8th Apr HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>EASTER VIGIL 8.00pm--FIRST MASS OF EASTER</b>	Jan Rosair & Family (KC)
SCHOOL HALL	<b>Sun 9th Apr EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>Mass 9.30 am</b>	Leach Family Intentions

**CONFESSIONS: TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK AT 6.00PM PARISH ROOM**

## HOLY THURSDAY LITURGIES

Please sign up if you can be part of any of the Easter Liturgies. 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.**

## THE HOLY FATHER

Following the General Audience on Wednesday this week, Pope Francis was admitted to the Gemelli Hospital in Rome. We pray for his health and strength as the Holy Father prepares for the celebration of Holy Week.

## 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](mailto:stevebonsall@outlook.com)

## MARGARET FINNEGAN RIP

Sadly an old Parishioner of St Clare's, Margaret Finnegan died in Upton Dean Care Home last week. May she Rest in peace

## 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**

Anthea Bradburne, Adaline Dodd, Rose Kirby, John Bradburn, Adelaide Regan and Kathleen Spilsbury. **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.

## **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 90% done. They are expected to get everything about the decoration done by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of April. The cleaning of the organ is also in progress, the fixing of the pipes taken away for cleaning and painting will continue this week and work on the organ is expected to be rounded up on Thursday also.. Hopefully the laying of the new carpet will follow after the painting work.

## **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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

This week it is at the Bird in the Hand in Guilden Sutton. Next month is TBA. Contact Catherine for details on 01244 678825 or [catherine117hq@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hq@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](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk) Closing date for applications is Sunday 16 April 2023.

## **TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS**

This week tea and Coffee is provided by Pat and Mary with proceeds to the Parkinson's UK. Next week it will be Steve & Rosemary with proceeds to the School PTA

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



## **St Clare's Catholic Primary School**

We have celebrated Holy Week in school this week, as we are on holiday next week. The children have had special daily Liturgical Prayers and all walked the Stations of the Cross that are in our hall.

It has been a spiritual week with many reflections and considerations of our role in spreading the Gospel. All the children also did the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, if you would like to sponsor us, any donations would be very welcome.

All the children and staff at St Clare's wish you a very Happy Easter.

