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Psalter Week I

EASTER SUNDAY

Year A

9th April 2023

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

HE IS RISEN

FR EMEKA WRITES

I wish all parishioners a very happy Easter. May the blessings of the Risen Lord abide with you all.

MASSES & SERVICES

Sat 8th Apr
SCHOOL HALL **EASTER VIGIL 8.00pm-First Mass of Easter**
Sun 9th Apr EASTER SUNDAY
SCHOOL HALL **Mass 9.30 am**
NOTE: Mon 10th Apr -Monday of the Easter Octave
PARISH ROOM **Mass 9.30am**
Tues 11th Apr -Tuesday of the Easter Octave
PARISH ROOM **Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm**
Weds 12th Apr -Wednesday of the Easter Octave
PARISH ROOM **Exposition 8.45am**
Mass 9.30am
Thurs 13th April-Thursday of the Easter Octave
PARISH ROOM **Rosary 9.10am**
Mass 9.30am
Fri 14th Apr -Friday of the Easter Octave
Rosary 9.10am
Mass 9.30am
Sat Apr 15th Saturday of the Easter Octave
PARISH ROOM **Exposition 10.30-11.30am Holy Hour for peace**
SCHOOL HALL **Rosary 5.40 pm**
Vigil Mass 6.00 pm
Sun Apr 16th-Second Sunday after Easter
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
SCHOOL HALL **Mass 9.30 am**

INTENTIONS

Jan Rosair & Family (KC)
Leach Family Intentions
Maureen Lewis
Henry Kearney (SB)
Barbara Williams (SB)
Cath Prendergast
James Prendergast
Roger Williams (SB)
Eilish Rocks

Confessions 10.30-11.30 am and on request

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be an extra public Mass on Easter **Monday** at 9.30am

EUCHARIST 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

MARGARET FINNEGAN'S FUNERAL

Margaret's funeral will be in St Columba's Chester at 11 am on Tuesday 25th April

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

Mark Waters, Denis Murphy, James Penlington, Wilfred Kavanagh, Tom Foxall, Mildred Gibbons, Jean Elliot and Kathleen Bratherton. **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 in church has been completed and the cleaning of the organ and the fixing of the pipes have also been completed. Hopefully the laying of the new carpet will follow after the Easter festivities. Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Saturday 6th May The Catholic community in England and Wales are invited to keep a triduum of prayer for the King from Wednesday 3rd May to Friday 5th May in whatever form each community considers best. On Sunday 7th May, the day after the coronation, a prayer of intercession for the King will be included in the Universal Prayer at Sunday Masses.

'RARE BREED CHICKENS'-RESULT

Thank you so much all the knitters, egg donors and all the lovely people who bought our Rare Breed Chickens. We made a grand total of £224 for Cafod. Wonderful God bless Stella Brown.

STATEMENT ON THE ILLEGAL MIGRATION BILL

Ben Gilchrist, Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury writes: Caritas Shrewsbury, as members of the national Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) of over 50 Catholic charities, are supporting the statement CSAN have issued on the Illegal Migration Bill, signed off by the Chair of CSAN, Bishop Terence Drainey, which can be found online: <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/csan-statementon-the-illegal-migration-bill/> If you would like to get more involved in the response to the Bill in the Diocese, contact ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen within the Inter-Diocesan Fuel team (IFM) for an Administrator, based at the curial office in Birkenhead. The post is full time 35 hours per week, salary: £20K to £22K depending on experience. For further details please see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: 28 April 2023

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 on the second Sunday in May 14th at the Shrewsbury Arms, Mickle Trafford at 1230. Contact Catherine for details on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is Steve & Rosemary for the School PTA, next week it will be Catherine & Elaine for St Clare's SVP

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



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.