



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Psalter Week II**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Year A**

**14th May 2023**

**May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

## MASSES & SERVICES

	Sat 13th May	
SCHOOL HALL	<b>Rosary 5.40 pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass 6.00 pm</b>	
	Sun 14th-May <b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	
SCHOOL HALL	<b>Mass 9.30am</b>	
	Mon 15th May Private Mass – <i>Ferial</i>	
	Tues 16th May – <i>Ferial</i>	
PARISH ROOM	<b>Mass &amp; St Anthony Devotions-7pm</b>	
	Weds 17th May- <i>Ferial</i>	
PARISH ROOM	<b>Exposition 8.45am</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	
	Thurs 18th May – <b><i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i></b> <b>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	
PARISH ROOM	<b>Rosary 9.10am</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	
PARISH ROOM	<b>Mass 7pm</b>	
	Fri 19th May – <i>St Milburga</i> ***	
PARISH ROOM	<b>Rosary 9.10am</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b> <b>FRIDAY ABSTINENCE</b>	
	Sat 20th May	
SCHOOL HALL	<b>Rosary 5.40pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b>	
	Sun 21st May– <b><i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b>	
SCHOOL HALL	<b>Mass 9.30 am</b>	

## INTENTIONS

Peggy Cremin

Margaret Finnegan

Fr John Murphy (anniv)

Fr Emeka & Kathy birthdays

Enjy and family  
Peter Boles

Our parish Family

Frank Hopkins (SB)

Lilian Maguire

\*\*\* The Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on Friday after Ascension **May 19-27, 2023.**

Leaflets are available

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.30 am and on request**

## IS THIS NOT WHAT WE ALL DESIRE?

Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice. He shall not perish by an unprovided death. If he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God and become worthy of eternal life. –*Our Lady to St Dominic*

Free Rosaries and 'How to Pray to the Rosary' cards are available after Mass. There are also cards with all Our Lady's promises to St Dominic (including the one above) to all who pray the Rosary regularly, together with quotes by many Saints and Popes on it's value.

## TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week its Steve & Rosemary with proceeds to the School PTA and next week Catherine & Elaine for the St Clare's SVP. **Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.**

## 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

Patrick Cooney, James Donnelly, John Dempsey, Leo Fletcher, Thomas Bride, Patricia Barton, Fr. John Murphy, Cecilia Elphick, Kim Yoxall and Wlodek Marczynski. . **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.



## “A GREAT MYSTERY”

Marriage Enrichment Retreat Running from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May and responding Pope Francis' call for ongoing formation for married couples, this retreat will ground couples in the Church's vision of marriage as an icon of Christ and His Church, strengthening their sense of the supernatural and ecclesial dimensions of the marital vocation. [https:// christianheritagecentre.com/events/agreat-mystery-marriage-enrichment/](https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/agreat-mystery-marriage-enrichment/) information.

## WHO IS THE CHURCH? –Reflections on Vatican II

Thank you to the many people who have been in touch to say how helpful they find **the reflections on Vatican II**. We continue **Part III On The Church** by asking the question: **'Who is the Church?'** The Council's answer is given in **Lumen Gentium Chaps 1 and 2, taken together**. The relevant **podcast** and **handout** are now available on the diocesan website at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org) in the sectionon **'News and Events'**. A **leaflet** outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have any difficulty contact Barbara Davies [barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or T: 07730 526821.



## SVP CONFERENCE

Thanks to all for your generous support of our work with those less well off than us in the St Clare's Parish area. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> family this year completed their holiday this week and were so grateful for the opportunity to have some time away. This would not have been possible without the holiday home which in part is kept going with your kindness. Our next family will go next Saturday with a family from the Chester CHS having a holiday this coming week. We were also able to supply bunkbeds to a family though a grant from the SVP National office. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

## SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The next Sunday Lunch will be this Sunday at the Shrewsbury Arms, Mickle Trafford at 1230. Contact Catherine for details on 01244 678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

## CHESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 50th ANNIVERSARY MASS

You are warmly invited to join the CHS celebration Mass on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 11am at Chester Cathedral. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Mallon by email at [mallonk@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:mallonk@christofidelis.org.uk). There are a limited number of spaces available.

## HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH

We would like to congratulate the young people, especially a group of students from our school, who have been Confirmed last Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of May at St. Francis Church, Chester. The chaplain celebrated with the newly confirmed students and their parents the following morning, sharing a delicious breakfast in the conference room. May the Holy Spirit guide them all in their faith journey.



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

Our Year Six children have been wonderful this week completing their end of Key Stage Two Assessments. They have come in early each day for breakfast before completing the tests. They also attended on Bank Holiday Monday for an extra few hours of revision before the first test on Tuesday.



Gardening club is back in full force, busily attacking the weeds and next week they will be joining forces with our Chester Zoo club to make bird boxes and plant some flowers to attract wildlife.

