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Psalter Week IV

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

30th April 2023

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

	Sat Apr 29th- <i>St Catherine of Sienna</i> DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE	
SCHOOL HALL	Rosary 5.40 pm Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Barbara Williams RIP (kc)
	Sun Apr 30th- <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Mass 9.30am WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS	Syd Jones
SCHOOL HALL	Mon 1st May – <i>Ferial (op. St Joseph the Worker)</i> Private Mass SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR HUMAN WORK	Private Intention
	Tues 2nd May – <i>St Athanasius</i> Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm	Claire Graham RIP
PARISH ROOM	Weds 3rd May- <i>Ss Philip & James</i> Exposition 8.45am Mass 9.30am	Williams Family (KC)
PARISH ROOM	Thurs 4th May – <i>The English Martyrs</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am	Enzo Mansutti
	Fri 5th May – <i>Ferial</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am FRIDAY ABSTINENCE	
PARISH ROOM	Sat 6th May Exposition 10.30-11.30am Holy Hour for Peace Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Frank Hopkins (KC)
PARISH ROOM	Sun 23rd Apr Mass 9.30 am –Fifth Sunday of Easter	Bishop Joseph Gray (anniv)
SCHOOL HALL	Confessions: Saturday 10.30-11.30 am and on request	

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

We still 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

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is Steve and Rosemary for St Clare's SVP Conference and next week Pat and Mary for the Parkinson's Society
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

Kenneth Kelly, Annie Hare, Patrick O'Connor, Michael Garwood, George Cain and Catherine McGarry. **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 focus has shifted to the laying of carpets, servicing the heaters and the sound system. A new set of hymn books, Lectionary and Missal will be ordered next week. Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

MAY DEVOTION PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROSARY BEFORE MASS THIS MONTH OF THE ROSARY.

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. The prayer booklet is available for all



SVP CONFERENCE

This week we moved a little further on obtaining bunk beds for a beneficiary family. Also the National SVP have asked if conferences and others can help support Indian Students. The students are either main stream school (£15 per year for 3 years); (a technical education for a student £70 pa for 3 years) or a University student at £120 per year. Details from Steve or other SVP members. The St Clare's school Mini Vinnies had a cake sale and have raised a magnificent £120 for the holiday Home. Well done them. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

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

CHESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 50th ANNIVERSARY MASS

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

HIGHLIGHT FROM CHESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Last week, the CHS held the first 'Vintage Shop' event in the school Hall for all the Y11 students to find the dress/suit for Prom Night. A large number of students and their parents came along, and they had the chance to browse and try on a selection of stunning dresses and sleek suits, whilst they enjoyed drinks and delicious snacks. It was lovely to see their faces when they found the perfect outfit!



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Our children who are preparing to take their First Holy Communion received the Sacrament of First Forgiveness this week. We are immensely proud of them and how they showed great reverence throughout the service. They are working very hard to prepare for their First Holy Communion in June.

We were joined by Governors, family and friends of John McCann to unveil a bench in his memory in our school prayer garden. Fr Emeka blessed the bench and our Year Six children sang 'Here I am Lord'. The plaque reads: In loving memory of John McCann. A very good friend of our school.

