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Psalter Week I

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

7th May 2023

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

	Sat 6th May	
SCHOOL HALL	Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Frank Hopkins (KC)
	Sun 7th May— Fifth Sunday of Easter	
SCHOOL HALL	Mass 9.30 am	Bishop Joseph Gray (anniv)
	Mon 8th May Private Mass — <i>Ferial</i>	
	Tues 9th May — <i>Ferial</i>	
PARISH ROOM	Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm	Margaret Finnegan
	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE	
	Weds 10th May— <i>Ferial</i>	
PARISH ROOM	Exposition 8.45am Mass 9.30am	Barbara Williams (SB)
ST. FRANCIS	7.00 pm Mass of Confirmation	
	Thurs 11th May — <i>Ferial</i>	Private Intention
PARISH ROOM	Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am	
	Fri 12th May — <i>Ferial</i>	Thanksgiving
PARISH ROOM	Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am	
	FRIDAY ABSTINENCE	
	Sat 13th May—Op. <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	
PARISH ROOM	Exposition 10.30-11.30am- Holy Hour for Peace	
SCHOOL HALL	Rosary 5.40 pm Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Peggy Cremin
	Sun 14th-May Sixth Sunday of Easter	
SCHOOL HALL	Mass 9.30am	Margaret Finnegan

WHY NOT?

In this month of May dedicated to Our Lady, why not discover **the powerful and life changing prayer** that is the Rosary? Surely worth 15-20 mins each day

Free Rosaries and 'How to Pray to the Rosary' cards are available after Mass. You will also be given Our Lady's promises to St Dominic to all who pray the Rosary regularly, together with quotes by many Saints and Popes on its value.

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

On Saturday, as the Archbishop of Canterbury crowned the King, four leaders of other Christian denominations joined the Archbishop of York in offering a blessing. The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, prayed on our behalf: "May God pour upon you the riches of his grace, keep you in his holy fear, prepare you for a happy eternity, and receive you at the last into immortal glory."

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is Pat and Mary for the Parkinson's Society and next week its Steve & Rosemary with proceeds to the School PTA. **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

William Spellman, Peggy Shone, Mary Dagger, Claire Murray, Carmel McDonald, Patricia Austin, George Kilshaw, Lydia Sexton and Jessie Waters. **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 in the section on '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 Davis barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or T: 07730 526821.

MASS OF CONFIRMATION:

The Mass will be celebrated next Wednesday, May 10th at St.Francis's Church at 7.00 p.m. Fr.Paul invites any singers from S t.Clare's to come along to the Mass and join the singers from St.Werburgh's and St.Francis's in the Choir Loft. You will all be very welcome!



SVP CONFERENCE

The National Office team have let us know about the Indian student scheme. This was in place before the pandemic and is operational now. The Higher Education Scheme (HES) is £120 pa for 1 to 4 years. This is for medical students however most HES students are student nurses. The Technical and Vocational Training (TVTS) is £70 pa for 1 to 3 years. This general nursing, plumbing, fitting, electrical engineering, teaching and nursing assistants. The Vidya Jyothi Scheme of School Children (VJES) is a one of cost of £15 and goes towards School Uniforms, books, transport and food. Education in India is not all free unfortunately. Details can be found from any SVP member. 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, groups of students from many Catholic Schools across the Diocese gathered at St. Ambrose College for a morning of prayer and reflection, preparing for the upcoming Solemnity of Pentecost. In one of the activities, the students have been writing beautiful cards that will be sent to parishioners in the Diocese. They have also made paper lanterns representing Jesus' light, for which the students committed to bring it to people as a symbol of spreading the Good News.



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Another busy week for the staff and pupils at St Clare's. Our pupils from Year Three attended a residential in Delamere on Tuesday and Wednesday. They went on woodland walks, built dens and completed pond dipping activities. Our pupils from Year Four went on a day trip to Llandudno on Thursday for a Geography field trip. They compared the locality to home and completed some wonderful artwork.

I'm pleased to announce we appointed Bernise Whitley as our Temporary Deputy Head this week. We also had our Catholic Schools Inspection. I will share the outcome when I am able.

