

Sunday  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of Our Lord

Psalter Week II  
Year B

Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50: 4-7  
Psalm 21  
Philippians 2: 6-11  
Mark 14: 1-15:47



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*If you wish to make a donation to St Clare's church - Bank Sort Code: 30-15-52 Acct number: 54579560*

**March is dedicated to St Joseph**

*Welcome to Fr Neill Robb from St Werburgh's who will celebrate Mass with us this weekend and also cover for the Easter Triduum.*

#### MASSES AND SERVICES

#### INTENTIONS

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Exposition: 10.30am – 11.30am Confessions 5.30pm – 5.55pm Rosary 5.40pm <b><u>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</u></b>	Edward Craggs & Craggs Family
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord Confessions 9.00am – 9.25am <b><u>Mass 9.30am</u></b>	St Clare's Parish
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday of Holy Week <b>No Mass</b>	
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday of Holy Week <b>No Mass - Choir Practice 7.30pm</b>	
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday of Holy Week <b><u>Mass 9.30am</u></b>	Int of Meryl Fisher
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Maundy Thursday <b><u>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm</u></b> <b><u>Watching at the Altar of Repose 8.00pm – 10.00pm</u></b>	Intentions of St. Clare's SVP
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday Day of fasting and abstinence <b><u>The Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.00pm</u></b>	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><u>Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil Mass - 7.30pm</u></b>	Glenn's Healing & Conversion
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Easter Sunday:</b> <b><u>Easter Day Mass - 9.30am</u></b>	Peter Tomlinson RIP

**THE SICK, ELDERLY, HOUSE BOUND** and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. Trisha Cannon, Veronica Creaney, Mike Darby. W. Downes, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd & John Davies.

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME:** Arthur Davies, Jan Zalewski, Christine Farrell and George Haddock. May they rest in Peace.

**STATEMENT FROM** Canon Michael Gannon VG, Diocese of Shrewsbury, approved by Bishop Mark: Parish of St Clare, Lache, Chester: "Fr Bernard Forshaw, the Parochial Administrator of St Clare's, has been granted a period of sick leave from the parish. Arrangements have been put in place for the celebration of Mass and the sacraments thanks to the generosity of the local clergy. Please keep Fr Bernard and the parish in your prayers at this time."

**TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9:30 MASS:** Tea and Coffee this Sunday will be given by Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** As weekday Masses have unfortunately had to be cancelled, the Mass Intentions will be carried forward. This will inevitably cause a backlog of Mass Intentions, please bear this in mind when putting in a request for Mass.

**THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS:** An Online Retreat: running until Easter. Visit [www.onlineprayer.net](http://www.onlineprayer.net) to receive daily emails with quotes from Pope Francis for prayer/reflection, plus Scripture verse, music, picture and reflection question.

**HOLY WEEK REQUESTS:**

**1. Washing of feet** will take place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7.00pm. If you would like to take part in this important ceremony, please sign the list at the back of Church.

**2. Watching at the Altar of Repose** in Church on Holy Thursday will be from 8.00 - 10.00pm. If you can watch and pray with Our Lord, please sign the list at the back of Church as soon as you can as it is important that we have at least 3 people for each half-hour for safety and security reasons.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** St Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Park Road, Chester, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, all welcome – with the opportunity for individual Confessions afterwards.

**ST CLARE'S EASTER CHICKS FOR CAFOD:** Last chance please for donations of *cream eggs and/or caramel eggs*, to stuff the Rare Breed of St Clare's chickens. Each year our Parish is extremely charitable in donating the eggs - Thank you in advance for your generosity yet again. The "Chicken Run" is nearing the finishing line so please donate your eggs as soon as possible (leave in Church/welcomers/Cafod members). *Stella, Chief Chick Knitter*

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** The SVP Youth Mass at Chester CHS was a great success with Youth groups from Chester & Ellesmere Port CHS taking part as well as Mini Vinnie groups from primary schools across the area including our own at St Clare's. A Central Council meeting was also held that day with the possibility of an SVP shop being set up in the area. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless Steve. <https://stclaressvp.co.uk>

**SVP LUNCH GATHERING:** The next gathering will be held on Sunday 7th April at The Chester Fields, Sandfield Farm, CH2 4JR at 12.30 pm. Pre-orders for the meal and £10 deposit per person are required by the Management. Please contact Veronica or Catherine on 01244 678825 asap if you wish to attend. Menu at: <https://thechesterfields.co.uk>

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Please continue to bring donations as these will be taken to the warehouse when the trolley is full.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** The next Chester parishes Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday, 8th November, 2024. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be led by St. Columba and St. Theresa's Confirmation team. Anyone who is currently at high school may be Confirmed in November, with no upper age limit. If you wish to be Confirmed please email [stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk) to register and receive further information. Please say in your email if you are over 18, as adults will be prepared separately.

**THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** is looking for exam invigilators to support the exams from as soon as possible. If anyone is interested please visit the school website [Vacancies - The Chester Catholic High School \(christofidelis.org.uk\)](http://Vacancies - The Chester Catholic High School (christofidelis.org.uk)) or email Mr Kilcoyne School Business Manager [kilcoyne@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:kilcoyne@christofidelis.org.uk)

**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** We've had Chester Zoo visiting lessons this week, teaching us about local wildlife and how we can protect it by working together. Our Mini Vinnies participated in the SVP Youth Mass at Chester Catholic High School on Wednesday, pupils from St Clare's were involved in the offertory and with the readings. It was a wonderful celebration and we were very proud to be part of it. We are looking forward to celebrating Holy Week in school next week.

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD** to everyone who contributed to the Lent Soup Lunches held on the last five Wednesdays. They were very successful, well attended, enjoyable and raised £447.80. Thank you all very much

**SUNDAY MISSAL:** Sue Bownas left her missal in church 5/6 weeks ago. Has anyone seen it or picked it up by mistake and not realised? It is fairly old, the Inside cover has the message "Happy Birthday Sue, with love from Catherine and Tony". Sue is also sorry to lose several cards of remembrance that were inside. If anyone can help please contact Sue (01244 679270) Many thanks.