

Easter Sunday

31st March 2024

Psalter I, Octave of Easter
Year B

Acts 10: 34. 37-43

Ps 118:1-23

Col 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-9



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April is dedicated to the Resurrection and the Eucharist

Many thanks to Fr Neill Robb from St Werburgh's for celebrating Easter with us in St Clare's

MASSES AND SERVICES

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| Saturday 30 th March | Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm |
| Sunday 31 st March | Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am |
| Monday 1 st April | Easter Monday No Mass |
| Tuesday 2 nd April | Easter Tuesday No Mass |
| Wednesday 3 rd April | Easter Wednesday Eucharistic service 9.30am |
| Thursday 4 th April | Easter Thursday No Mass |
| Friday 5 th April | Easter Friday Day of fasting and abstinence No Mass |
| Saturday 6 th April | Easter Saturday Exposition: 10.30am – 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm |
| Sunday 7 th April | Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday Mass 9.30am |

INTENTIONS

Glenn's healing & conversion

Peter Tomlinson RIP

Edward Craggs (KC)

Sarah Russell

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: Margaret Leavy, Anthea Bradburne (Lila) Adaline Dodd, Rose Kirby and John Bradburne. **May they Rest in Peace.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE - MASS INTENTIONS: As weekday Masses have unfortunately had to be cancelled, the Mass Intentions will be carried forward. There is now a backlog of Mass Intentions, please bear this in mind when putting in a request for a Mass to be said. Please be patient, Paula accommodates requests as best as she can, but note **it may take several weeks/months to allocate the intention.**

THERE WILL BE NO TEA OR COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9:30 MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS: 'I salute the courage of the Princess of Wales in speaking so openly about her personal health. Not only does she give encouragement to all who carry the burden of ill health, but she also speaks so movingly of the importance of her family life. Her message will move many people to pray for her and her full recovery, as I certainly will do myself.'

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: The Holiday Home funds received a boost this week receiving 2 larger donations. One from the Macclesfield conference and the other from the donations at a funeral for a member of Our Lady of the Sea Conference. This latter conference also this week joined with that from St Saviour's Church in Ellesmere Port owing to the closure of that Church. 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: Thank you for your donations. 44kg was delivered to the warehouse this week. 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, led by St. Columba and St. Theresa's Confirmation team. Anyone currently at high school may be Confirmed in November, no upper age limit. To register email stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk 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 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 kilcoynea@christofidelis.org.uk

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - From the Headteacher Lucy Ward: I am delighted to share that we successfully appointed Bernise Whitley as our Deputy Headteacher last Friday, I am confident through this appointment that links between school and church can continue to strengthen. We have celebrated Holy Week in school this week through the whole school and each class gathering to celebrate the Word, sing praise, walk the Stations of the Cross and mark each day in a special way as we have guided the children through the events of Holy Week. It has been a week of reflection, prayer and celebration. On behalf of all the children and staff at St Clare's Catholic Primary School, I wish you a Happy Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS – From the Parish Council and Parishioners of St Clare's to Bernise (see above). Bernise is a member of our Parish Council, is our Parish Safeguarding Officer and has been a Parishioner for many years. Well done and well deserved Bernise.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS: The Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass will take place at St Columba's Church on Saturday 8th June 2024. If you have a special anniversary this year, please get in touch with the Diocese of Shrewsbury, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, CH43 4UX or telephone 0151-652-9855.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD to everyone who contributed to the Lent Soup Lunches held on Wednesdays in Lent. 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.

Sincerest thanks to the many members of our Parish involved in our Easter celebrations this year. Once again our Parish is facing a difficult time and as always our wonderful community has pulled together. Each volunteer is a vital part of the Team that is St Clare's and are too numerous to mention, but to each and every one - THANK YOU!