

Sunday

7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Psalter II, Octave of Easter Year B

Acts 4: 32-35, Ps 117

John 5: 1-6 & 20: 19-31



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April is dedicated to the Resurrection and the Eucharist

***Many thanks to Fr Neill Robb, Fr Hugh Davoren and Fr Colin Wilson for celebrating weekend
Masses with us in St Clare's over the next 3 weeks***

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 6th April	Easter Saturday. Exposition 10.30am - 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 7th April	Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday Confessions 9.00am - 9.20am Mass 9.30am
Monday 8th April	The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity No Mass
Tuesday 9th April	No Mass
Wednesday 10th April	Eucharistic Service 9.30am
Thursday 11th April	Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr No Mass
Friday 12th April	Friday abstinence No Mass
Saturday 13th April	Exposition: 10.30am – 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 14th April	Third Sunday of Easter - Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Edward Craggs (KC)

Sarah Russell

Craggs Family (KC)

Roisin and Paul

CONFESSIONS: There will be an opportunity for Confession before Mass on Sunday 9.00am - 9.20am

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: Adelaide Regan, Kathleen Spilsbury, Mark Waters, Denis Murphy, James Penlington, Wilfred Kavanagh and Tom Foxall. **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**

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS (in the Parish Room) This week it will be provided by Mary and Pat on behalf of Parkinson's UK. Next Sunday the proceeds will go to CAFOD. We hope you will join us.

CELEBRATIONS OF WORD AND COMMUNION: The Letter to the Hebrews encourages us in these words: *‘Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is trustworthy. Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works. Do not absent yourself from your own assemblies, as some do, but encourage each other.’* (Hebrews 10:23-25)

At present, the only time parishioners come together during the week is on Wednesday mornings at 9.30 a.m. for a Celebration of Word and Communion. Such a service can never replace the celebration of the Eucharist, but it gives us an opportunity to come together in faith, hope and love to listen to God’s word, to pray for the needs of the world and for our own needs and to receive Christ in Communion. Our parish needs your prayers and your presence – please come.

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.’

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND: Pope Francis, Cardinal Vincent Nichols and church leaders the world over are encouraging Catholics to pray for peace for the suffering people of the Holy Land.

BBC’S “PILGRIMAGE”: Bishop Peter Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham, was filmed for a segment of this programme at Saint Winefride’s Shrine, Holywell. The Bishop says “For many the National Shrine of Saint Winefride is a pilgrimage destination, coming in faith to give thanks, praise and glory to God; for others to discover and seek restoration, healing and renewal” The first programme was shown on Good Friday and can be found on the BBC iPlayer. There are three episodes, following the journey of seven “celebrity” pilgrims, of differing faiths and beliefs, on a spiritual journey across North Wales to the extreme westerly point of Bardsey Island

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION The Sacrament of Confirmation, led by St Columba and St Theresa's Confirmation team, will be on Friday 8th November 2024. 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-thechester.catholichighschool.org.uk) or email Mr. Kilcoyne School Business Manager kilcoynea@christofidelis.org.uk

ST CLARE’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - School is currently closed for Easter holidays and will reopen on Monday 15th April 2024

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.

ST CLARE’S SVP CONFERENCE. Our conference meeting will take place next Sunday after Tea and coffee. This coming week the District Council will meet. Visiting continues as normal. God bless Steve

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

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!