

# Sunday 14th April 2024

## Third Sunday of Easter



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**Psalter Week III Octave of Easter**

**Year B**

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Psalms 4

John 2: 1-5 & Luke 24: 35-48

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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 coming weeks***

### MASSES AND SERVICES

### INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April  | Exposition 10.30am - 11.30am<br>Rosary 5.40pm<br><b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>                            | Craggs Family (KC)                   |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April    | Third Sunday of Easter<br><b>Mass 9.30am</b>  | Roisin and Paul                      |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April    | <b>No Mass</b>  |                                      |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April   | St Anthony's Devotions 7.00pm, followed by<br><b>Eucharistic Service</b>                          |                                      |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April | <b>Mass 9.30am</b>  | Hugh Lancaster (SB)                  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April  | <b>No Mass</b>  |                                      |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April    | Friday abstinence<br><b>No Mass</b>   |                                      |
| Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April  | Exposition: 10.30am – 11.30am<br>Rosary 5.40pm<br><b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>                           | Catherine & William<br>O'Mahoney RIP |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April    | Fourth Sunday of Easter<br>Day of Prayer throughout the World for Vocations<br><b>Mass 9.30am</b> | Eileen Prendergast 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 and **Alan Challinor**.

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME:** Mildred Gibbons, Jean Elliot, Kathleen Bratherton, Mabel Spereall, Fr. Eric Jones OFM Cap. Dick Rogers and Margaret Fitzpatrick. **May they Rest in Peace.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** There is now a backlog of Mass Intentions, please bear this in mind when requesting a Mass to be said. Please be patient, **it may take several weeks/months to allocate the intention.**

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS** (in the Parish Room) this week will be provided by Sue with proceeds to CAFOD. Next Sunday Catherine and Elaine will provide refreshments with the proceeds to St Clare's SVP.

**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, parishioners come together during the week 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 along if you can.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** The next Lunch will be on May 5th. Venue TBA. Please contact Catherine for details: 01244678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk).

**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](mailto:stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk). Please say in your email if you are over 18, as adults will be prepared separately.

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS:** The Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass will take place at St Columba’s Church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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:** This week we helped a family with gas and electricity. At short notice a parish family are having a holiday at the holiday home and two other families will go this month. One of our team visits the homeless in Chester giving them vital comfort through just talking. Grants from SVP National Office help in our work. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless Steve.

**GROWTH IN HOLINESS: PRAYER AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE WORKSHOP:** Pope Francis has designated 2024 a Year of Prayer. He urges us to embrace prayer ‘as the royal road to holiness.’ As part of your journey to deepen your prayer life, we invite you to access a workshop entitled **Growth in Holiness: Prayer and the Spiritual Life** offered to you freely by the Diocese of Shrewsbury, in conjunction with the Franciscan Catechetical Institute. The approach offered by these workshops is gentle, inspiring, nourishing and encouraging. They are concerned not with academic study but with formation for prayer and spiritual growth. If you are interested of accessing the workshops and wish to know more or how to sign up to the platform, please contact:

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**THANK YOU FROM CARITAS** for £206.60 received from the Christmas Crib collection at St Clare’s. Caritas responds to disasters, promotes integral human development and advocates on the causes of poverty and conflict. Caritas organisations are each autonomous under their Bishops, but they combine as part of the Caritas Internationalis confederation, which is a body of the Universal Church, working with the poor, vulnerable and excluded, regardless of race or religion. Caritas Internationalis translates as ‘love between peoples’

**OUR SCHOOLS:** The Catholic High School and St Clare’s Primary School re-open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. We hope both pupils and staff have had a wonderful Easter break and return refreshed for the summer term.

