

Sunday 21st April 2024

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalter Week IV, Year B
Acts 4:8-12, Psalm 117
1 John 3:1-2, Jn10:14
John 10:11-18



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

St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

Downsfield Road,
Chester CH4 8HH

Priest: Fr Bernard Forshaw

Tel: 01244 671015

Email: contact@stclares.co.uk

Website: stclares.co.uk

Facebook: StClaresChester
St Clare's St Vincent de Paul Society:
stclaressvp.co.uk

April is dedicated to the Resurrection and the Eucharist

Many thanks to Fr Neill Robb and Fr Paul Hopper for celebrating weekend Masses with us for the next few weeks

MASSES AND SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Saturday 20 th April	Exposition 10.30am - 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm	Catherine & William O'Mahoney RIP
Sunday 21 st April	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass 9.30am	Eileen Prendergast RIP
Monday 22 nd April	No Mass	
Tuesday 23 rd April	St George, Martyr, Patron of England; Solemnity St Anthony's Devotions 7.00pm, followed by Eucharistic Service	Edward Craggs
Wednesday 24 th April	Mass 9.30am	
Thursday 25 th April	St Mark, Evangelist No Mass	
Friday 26 th April	Friday abstinence No Mass	
Saturday 27 th April	Exposition: 10.30am – 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm	Diane – Sam's mum (KC)
Sunday 28 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass 9.30am	Private Intention (WS)

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: Winifred Tyldesley, Margaret O'Connor & Edward Aspinall.
May they Rest in Peace.

MASS INTENTIONS: We have a backlog **and it may take weeks/months to allocate a Mass intention.**

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS (in the Parish Room) This Sunday Catherine & Elaine will provide the tea and coffee with proceeds to St Clare's SVP. Next week it's Mike & Veronica for the Holiday Home.

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.

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.

POPE FRANCIS'S MESSAGE FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY focuses on the theme: "Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace". He calls on everyone to: "Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions; let him challenge you by his presence; More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom" Vocations Sunday 21 April 2024, is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). The full message can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/papal-message-for-vocations-sunday-2024-called-to-sow-seeds-of-hope-and-to-build-peace/>

SUNDAY LUNCH: The first Sunday in May is a bank holiday weekend, so our next lunch will be held on Sunday 12th May at The Bird in Hand, Church Lane, Guilden Sutton, Chester CH3 7EW at 12 noon promptly. We need to pre-order. Menu on line at <https://www.thebirdinhandguildensutton.co.uk/> Please contact Veronica on 01244 678825 or Catherine: catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

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: Used Ink Jet cartridges can be left in the box by the Church Door. They are recycled and give a small amount to the Holiday Home account. Another Lache family has booked a holiday at the Holiday Home, and in total there are 22 weeks booked from the 32 available. Ellesmere Port now has only one parish as St Saviour's is essentially closed consequently there is now only one SVP conference in Ellesmere Port. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless Steve. <https://stclaressvp.co.uk>

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, please contact: Jane Deegan - jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE: Chester Across Group are off to Lourdes by Jumbulance again in 2024. The dates are Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th August. (Wirral Across Group dates are Thursday 30th May to Saturday 8th June if better for you.) Franciscan Priest John Cavanagh will be Chaplain to the Chester Group. The Jumbulance travels overland and has seven beds on it and we are able to take very sick or disabled pilgrims. We have a Doctor, but there are vacancies for another nurse and several helpers. However, nurses and young people under 25 in full time education pay half. The cost for pilgrims is £1,095. Financial help may be available for those who cannot afford the full amount. Most sick pilgrims take advantage of Across Travel insurance at just £65. Helpers have to undertake a DBS. *To make a donation contact Tony or on-line to Across, Account Number 00101485 Sort Code 80-08-64 reference Chester.* Please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk. Visit <http://www.across.org/?s=AJ>.

ST FRANCIS PARISH RETREAT: 'Lift Up Your Hearts' Friday 3rd - Saturday 4th May 2024 St Francis's Parish have extended a welcome to all to their 24 hour parish retreat - from 8pm on Friday 3rd May to 10pm on Saturday 4th May, 24 hours of continuous praise. There's no booking required. Drop in for as much or as little time as you'd like! See poster at back of Church.

MEMORY CAFE 2024: A place for people with dementia, their families, friends and carers to come together and enjoy a cuppa in the unique setting of Chester Zoo. The Zoos friendly staff and volunteers will be on hand to have a chat and share the latest news from the zoo. Refreshments are available to purchase from Bembe Coffee Shop at the main entrance, which is free to access and has plenty of free parking. Time 10.30 am - 12pm. Dates for the rest of this year include 22nd April, 13th May, 10th & 24th June, 8th July, 9th & 23rd September, 14th & 28th October, 11th & 25th November and 9th December.

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: It has been a pleasure to welcome the staff and children back to school this week following the Easter break. Our pupils in Year Five have been in a Mental Health workshop run by the NHS, which was a super way to look at the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing. The children have all enjoyed participating in Celebration of the Word and learning about the wonderful season of Eastertide.