

**Sunday**  
**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Psalter week 11

Year: B

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalms 97

1 John 4: 7-10 & John 15: 9-17



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**May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

***Many thanks to Fr Neill Robb for celebrating Mass with us this weekend and also on  
The Ascension of the Lord on Thursday***

**MASSES AND SERVICES**

**INTENTIONS**

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Exposition 10.30am - 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm <b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>	For a safe & healthy pregnancy
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Sixth Sunday of Easter <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Imy and Paddy O'Connor (SB)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	St Anthony's Devotions 7pm followed by <b>Celebration of Word and Communion</b>	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Vigil of Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord <b>Celebration of Word and Communion 9.30am</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord - Holyday of Obligation</b>	St Clare's School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>No Mass</b> Friday abstinence	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Exposition: 10.30am – 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm <b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>	Edward Craggs (RIP)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Seventh Sunday of Easter Day of Special Prayer for World Communications <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Agnes & Gordon Latham RIP (SB)

**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:** George Cain, Catherine McGarry, William Spellman, Peggy Shone, Mary Dagger and Claire Murphy. **May they Rest in Peace.**

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS:** This Sunday Pat and Mary will provide the Tea and Coffee with proceeds to Parkinson's UK and next week it will be Sue with proceeds to CAFOD.

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR MAY:** For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** Our next lunch will be on 12th May at The Bird in Hand, Church Lane, Guilden Sutton, CH3 7EW at 12 noon promptly. We need to pre-order. Menu online at <https://www.thebirdinhandguildensutton.co.uk/> Contact Veronica 01244 678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** We delivered a single bed to a family recently and are sourcing a fridge and a separate freezer for another family. A family is enjoying a week at our holiday home with another family going on 11th May. Our HH fundraising Theatre Night is on Tuesday 4th June. See the posters for details. Steve. <https://stclaressvp.co.uk>

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** 53kg of food taken this week. Please continue to donate and when the trolley is full it will be delivered to the warehouse.

**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.* Contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk). <http://www.across.org.uk/?s=AJ>.

**DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS VACANCY:** The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>

**NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST:** After Jesus ascended to His Father, the apostles met in prayer to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. We are invited to do the same by making a Novena, beginning next Friday, May 10th. Please take a Novena Leaflet and pray for the coming of the Spirit on our Parish Community.

**A DAY FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:** You are invited to a day with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Bishop Mark Davies for confirmation catechists and all those interested. It is a day exploring the Sacrament of Confirmation, best practice and an opportunity to network with catechists from across the diocese. The Mission for Catechesis Team and the Diocesan Youth Team will in attendance to offer their support on the day. Join us on **May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm** at St Mary's Parish. Centre, 65 Delamere St, Crewe, CW1 2JX. To find out more contact Natalie Orefice on 07730 526826 or [natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-day-for-catechists-in-the-diocese-of-shrewsbury-tickets-851383700567>

**A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER:** With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

**ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Our Year Three class went on a residential trip to Delamere Forest this week. The sun shone for them as they participated in pond dipping and making dens and they enjoyed making memories with their class. We also had an assembly from the Royal National Lifeboat Institute who shared the importance of being safe at the beach, including the different flags and what they mean, the danger of rip currents and the importance of only swimming on beaches with lifeguards.

**THE MONTH OF MAY:** One of the promises Our Lady made to St Dominic, for all who pray the Rosary devoutly, was: "*The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish*" and it has been recommended to us by numerous Saints and Popes.

Free Rosaries and 'How to Pray the Rosary' cards are available at the back of church, together with other cards with all of Our Lady's Promises to St Dominic. During this month why not consider praying the Rosary daily.

**SACRISTAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We urgently need more volunteers to help set up for the weekend Masses on a rota basis. If you can help, please contact our Lead Sacristan, Tony Austin [tonyfaustin@talktalk.net](mailto:tonyfaustin@talktalk.net)