

Sunday
12th May 2024
Seventh Sunday of
Easter

Psalter week 111

Year: B

Acts 1:15-26; Ps 103:1-20;
1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19



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May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Parish Council and St Clare's Parishioners wish to thank Fr Neill and all of the retired Priests who have supplied for our weekend Masses in recent weeks. Many thanks also to Fr Paul for once again coming to our aid and for continuing to oversee our Parish at this time.

MASSES AND SERVICES

INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 11 th May | Exposition 5pm – 6pm Vigil Mass 6pm | Edward Craggs |
| Sunday 12 th May | Seventh Sunday of Easter Day of Special Prayer for World Communications Mass 9.30am | Agnes & Gordon Latham RIP (SB) |
| Monday 13 th May | Our Lady of Fátima No Mass | |
| Tuesday 14 th May | Saint Matthias, Apostle Rosary at 6.40pm followed by St Anthony's Devotions & Mass 7pm | Peggy Cremin (Anniversary) |
| Wednesday 15 th May | Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am | Kathy and Fr. Emeka (KC) |
| Thursday 16 th May | Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am | Special Intention |
| Friday 17 th May | Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am | Sarah Russell |
| Saturday 18 th May | Exposition: 5pm – 6pm Vigil of Solemnity of Pentecost Vigil Mass 6pm | Edward Craggs (KC) |
| Sunday 19 th May | Pentecost Mass 9.30am | Rosaleen Linsley |

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: Carmel McDonald, Patricia Austin, George Kilshaw, Lydia Sexton, Jessie Waters, Patrick Cooney, James Donnelly, John Dempsey, Leo Fletcher, Thomas Bride, Patricia Barton and Fr. John Murphy. **May they Rest in Peace.**



HELLO FR PATRICK AND WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF ST CLARE'S



FROM BISHOP MARK AND CANON MICHAEL GANNON (VICAR GENERAL): *“Dear Parishioners of St Clare’s, thank you for your patience over recent weeks while you have been without a resident Priest. We are most grateful to those retired Priests who have supplied for you, and we know you will have made them very welcome. We are pleased now to be able to tell you that Fr Patrick Breeze will be coming to St Clare’s for the next five months until September, living with you as Residential Supply Priest and looking after the Sacramental side of the Parish. Fr Patrick was ordained in 2021 and has served at the Cathedral and Our Lady & St John’s Heswall since then. We know you will make him very welcome and assist him in every way in settling into his new Parish Community with you all. Fr Paul, your Area Dean for Chester and Ellesmere Port, will continue to have administrative oversight of the Parish during this time. Please do not hesitate to direct any questions about these new arrangements to him. Thank you all once again for your kind understanding in these times of change for St Clare’s. All that you do for your Parish is deeply appreciated”.*

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.

THE MONTH OF MAY: Free Rosaries and 'How to Pray the Rosary' cards are available at the back of church.

SUDAN APPEAL: The retiring collection on 28th April raised £329.80 for CAFOD’s Sudan Appeal. Thank you.

ST CLARE’S SVP CONFERENCE: The SVP helped a family with a fridge and freezer this week. Theatre Night is Tuesday 4th June, "The Importance of Being Earnest", see posters for details.

FOODBANK DONATIONS: Please keep the foodbank donations coming in.

A DAY FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS: With the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Bishop Mark Davies for confirmation catechists and all those interested in 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 offer their support on the day, **May 18th, 10am-4pm** at St Mary’s Parish. Centre, 65 Delamere St, Crewe, CW1 2JX. Contact Natalie on 07730 526826 or natalie.oreface@dioceseofshrewbury.org or <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-day-for-catechists-in-the-diocese-of-shrewsbury-tickets-851383700567>

ST CLARE’S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Thank you to everyone from the parish who was able to join us for Mass on Ascension Day, it was a wonderful celebration and the children sang beautifully throughout, we are very proud of them. St Clare’s school are thrilled to welcome Father Patrick to our parish and look forward to working with him over the coming months. Please keep our Year Six pupils in your prayers this coming week as they are taking their end of Key Stage assessments.

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH: We have a number of teaching roles and support staff vacancies for cleaners, caretakers, office admin staff and exams officers. If you are interested or know someone who is, please look at the school website Vacancies - The Chester Catholic High School (christofidelis.org.uk) for more details.

AUDIT OF PARISH KEYS & KEYHOLDERS: We do not have an up to date record of who are keyholders in the Parish – that is, keys to any or all of the following: the Priest’s house, garage, Parish Room, Church.

It is extremely important that we have a record of who holds keys for Health and Safety and Insurance.

If you have any Parish keys, please put your name and which keys you have on the list at the back of church or contact Paula in the office. Please do not delay, this information is required as soon as possible.

SAFEGUARDING: For your information – our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Bernise Whitley, who is Deputy Head of our Primary School and a member of our Parish Council. If you do not know Bernise, please take a look at the Parish Council poster at the back of Church or in the Parish Room. Bernise is the person to contact if you have any concerns regarding a person’s health, well-being or human rights. She can be contacted by email: safeguarding@stclares.co.uk

THANK YOU: It’s now 2 years since we resumed coffee on Sundays post covid. In that time the monthly slot for Parkinson’s UK has raised an amazing £1,191 and it is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Mary & Elaine for their help. If anyone is interested in Chester Branch of Parkinson’s UK, please email: patriddell31@aol.com

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week Sue will provide Tea & Coffee with proceeds to CAFOD.