

# Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Pentecost

At Pentecost we are asked to pray especially for The Church

Psalter week 1V

Year: B

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1-34; Gal 5:16-25;  
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



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### May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### MASSES AND SERVICES

#### INTENTIONS

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Exposition 5pm – 6pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm <b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>	Edward Craggs (KC)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Solemnity of Pentecost Confessions: 9am – 9.25am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Rosaleen Linsley
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Mary, Mother of the Church - <i>Memorial</i> <b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	St Anthony's Devotions & <b>Mass 7pm</b>	Sarah Russell
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Exposition 8.30am – 9.30am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Barbara and Roger Williams (SB)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest - <i>feast</i> Rosary 9.10am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Sam RIP (KC)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Rosary 9.10am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Edward Craggs (SB)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church - <i>memorial</i> Exposition: 5pm – 6pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm <b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>	Pat Cleaver (SB)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Solemnity of the Holy Trinity Confessions: 9am – 9.25am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Natalie's healing and conversion

**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 and Alan Challinor.

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME:** Cecilia Elphick, Kim Yoxall, Wladek Marczyński, William Hughes, Norman Astle, Cecil Thomas, Winifred Rocks and Brian Nicholas. May they Rest in Peace

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please remember in your prayers John Davies who died recently. May the Lord console Marian and all of his family and friends. **May he Rest in Peace.**

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS:** This week Catherine & Elaine for St Clare's SVP and next week Mike & Veronica for the Holiday Home.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> April raised £329.80 for CAFOD's Sudan Appeal. Thank you.

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** Holiday Home Fundraiser "The Importance of Being Earnest" Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tuesday 4th June 7.30pm Tickets £12 from SVP members.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Please continue to bring donations. They will be taken to the warehouse at the end of the month

**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 12.30pm at Rowton Hall. Details to follow. Contact Catherine Byrne [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm** at St Mary's Parish. Centre, 65 Delamere St, Crewe, CW1 2JX. Contact Natalie on 07730 526826 or [natalie.oreface@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.oreface@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-day-for-catechists-in-the-diocese-of-shrewsbury-tickets-851383700567>

**ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** We are extremely proud of our Year Six pupils for successfully completing their SATs test this week. They did us proud! Our Reception children have been studying caterpillars; this week they turned to butterflies and it was wonderful to release them into the sunshine. We are thrilled some of our children will be making their First Forgiveness next week with Fr Patrick.

**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](http://christofidelis.org.uk)) for more details.

**AUDIT OF PARISH KEYS & KEYHOLDERS:** We need to 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.** The keys are not being collected in, unless no longer needed, just a record being made of who has the keys.

**SINGING PRACTICE:** Every Thursday in the Church choir loft at 7.30pm – all welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Beryl and Jim Duggan on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this week. 60 years! 

**ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END MARCH 2024:** The Finance Committee recently met for Paula to present the year end accounts (April 2023 - March 2024) which have now been submitted to the Diocese.

Income: £36,109 - which includes £27,746 received from standing orders, envelopes & loose plate.

Expenditure: £51,380 – The most significant expenditure include: additional carpet for the back of church, safety additions to choir loft stairs, new votive candle system, new altar missal and altar robes. Generalised increases include electricity, gas, insurance, council tax & water rates.

Excess of expenditure over income = £15,271

Any specific questions may be directed to the Finance committee/Parish Council.

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**Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy:** Tel 01244 364543, answer phone available.

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