



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week II

**8th MARCH 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Year of The Word

DEDICATION:

March is dedicated to St Joseph



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Matt 17:1-9

The Transfiguration is about Jesus and about us. When we are with him, we are with the divine. When he is with us, he is with the human. His love, grace, sacraments, peace and compassion can transfigure us. And then we look at those around us and see from the inside out, as people capable of transfiguration.

Be present in prayer to light and brightness; allow light invade your body and know that the light of Jesus given in baptism is never extinguished.

A listening heart is a heart warmed by the love of God, and taught by his words. The one we listen to is the Son of God, Jesus, transfigured in his humanity. Prayer is better described as listening than speaking. Spend some time echoing his words, or just listening to the mood of love and peace in prayer-*Sacred Space*

“LET IT BE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD” Lk 1:38

Angelus prayer cards are being distributed throughout the Diocese as part of preparations for the rededication of England as the “Dowry of Mary” Bishop Mark, is asking all of us to **say the Angelus on a daily basis ahead of the National Day of Rededication on March 29th, thus we will copy the fidelity of the Virgin Mary by uniting their assent to the will of God with hers.**

In his pastoral letter Bishop Davies said: “In a time of amnesia – forgetfulness – of the Christian past, we recall how England began with this desire to say ‘yes’ to God’s grace, in order that a once pagan people might share Christ’s victory in the wilderness”.

Referring to King Richard II dedication he continued ...”Where Monarchs once acted on behalf of their people, today may this same act of dedication be renewed in the hearts of each one of us. Let us entrust ourselves, our families, our diocese and our whole nation to the Mother of God that we may say with her, a decisive ‘yes’ to God’s grace and God’s plan for our lives”.

The Re-dedication will take place throughout the country. More information on: <https://www.behold2020.com/>

Angelus prayer cards are available for our use at the back of the church so that we all may have the text at our fingertips throughout the season of Lent.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.30am

Sunday 11.15 am (Latin)

Weekday Masses Please see back page

Confessions

Saturday 5.30 -5.45pm

or on request

Children’s Liturgy

Takes place Sundays 9.30am

In Sacristy

For Baptisms, Confirmation,

Weddings & Funerals

Please call or email Fr Emeka above



OUR SICK LIST

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. **New names are in Bold Type.** Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross ,

Dot Bell, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Mike Edwards, Mary Frain, David Gardiner, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Alex Shone, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME

Roger Jones, Philip Walsh, Charlie Lawrence, Pat Cleaver, James McMahon, Mary Mugan, James Randles, Arnold Crowther, Albert Waters, Antony Acari, Eileen Prendergast

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This Tuesday 10th March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm.

CTS

Please take a look at the CTS book rack which now has new stock, including titles for the Lenten season. CTS publications help you discover, nurture and share your Catholic faith. These books are also available online.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Deanery Penitential Service will be in St Clare's with opportunity for Confessions on Monday 30th March

CAFOD

Many thanks for your support for CAFOD's Lent Fast Day on Friday; don't worry if you forgot to bring your donation this weekend, please just return it next weekend, or whenever you can. Thank you."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Preparation of children who are not in St. Clare's Primary School for First Communion is ongoing every Tuesday at 5.30pm. Venue is parish room.

EASTER CHICKS

The knitting needles are out and Easter chickens are on their way again, (but will they be sporting Easter bonnets this year?) If anyone would like to donate some Cadbury's Easter eggs to fill the chickens, we would be delighted if you could leave them for us at the back of the church

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For those parishioners who have used planned giving envelopes during the current financial year, new boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 12th April are now available in the porch. Spare boxes are available if you have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so. If you take a set of envelopes to use for the first time, please could you contact Mike Russell (659434) and let him know the envelope number you are using. Alternatively, write your details and the envelope number on the card at the front of the box and put the completed card with your Offertory giving in the first envelope you use. Thank you.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Collection next will be the weekend 28/29th March

ADVANCE NOTICE

There will be a leaving Collection for Easter Flowers in 2 weeks_time

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 4**

SVP LUNCH

The next SVP Lunch will be take place Sunday April 5th. Time and Venue TBA,

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

That the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the gospel and grow in unity



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

The spiritual reading is an essential part of conference meetings. It comes after the prayers at the start. A book of everyday readings is used or prayers personal to a member. Recently the Goodnight Book of encouraging insights has been used. Some thoughts are that the double negative is a way of affirming something (John 6.37 Jesus says whoever comes to me I will never, no never drive away). Another is that of a Jesus being the centre who alone interprets life for us. Spiritual Reflections by Fr Paul Roche <https://www.svp.org.uk/vincentian-spirituality> recognises that we cannot solve all people's difficulties but our task is to relate to people with love and respect and befriend them. In the Words of Muhammad Ali: "your service to others, is the rent you pay for your room in heaven". Just a thought. God bless. Steve

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

PRAYER GROUP. Meets after Wednesday 9.30 am Mass, in the Parish Room . All welcome.

CHOIR Thursdays after the 7.30 pm Mass, in the Parish Room . New members needed.

CAFOD. Meets in the Parish Room on the first Tuesday of the month, after the evening Mass.

SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) St Clare's SVP Conference meets every fortnight in the Parish Room on Mondays usually at 7pm. Contact Steve on 01244 671817 or stevebonsall@outlook.com

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB (St Clare's SVP Conference. First Sunday of each month. **CHESTER SPUC GROUP** 3rd Wednesday every other month next meeting contact Kevin 01244 681816

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING This Tuesday 10th March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday at 7.30pm during Lent

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB Sunday April 5th. Time and Venue TBA,

TABLE TOP SALE Sat 28th March . Our Lady's Star of the Sea. E. Port. Ps towards their Lourdes Fund.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE Monday 30th March St Clare's

SVP THEATRE NIGHT Wed 3rd June. 'The Vicar of Dibley'

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE –BUDAPEST 14-21 Sept.

BEHOLD 2020

Behold 2020 is the official companion to the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary Their website on www.behold2020.com gives information and many details of events here and around the country. An extract of Behold 2020 is given in the latest 'Crusader' magazine in the church porch

HOSPICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Friday, 20 March, the Hospice is hosting an Auction of Promises evening at Vicars Cross Golf Club CH3 7HN 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets £5 per person. There will be many great prizes to bid for as well as nibbles and a complementary glass of wine when you arrive. See the Parish Notice Board for information.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE –BUDAPEST,

14-21 Sept. <https://www.iec2020.hu/en> There is a block booking with Tangney Tours for all pilgrims from England and Wales (<http://www.iec.tours>). Only 20 places for each diocese, staying in 4-star hotel near events. Two possibilities: 5 or 7 nights; prices are all-inclusive, except for the journey to Heathrow which will be arranged for those going with the diocese. See poster/flyers for details. **Registration by Easter** directly via the Tangney website. Enquiries to Barbara Davies: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org T: 07730 526 821

YOUTH ZONE

DON'T JUST GIVE UP SODA

These forty days are meant to replicate the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ. This season of Lent is celebrated by billions all across the globe year after year. During this time there are countless amounts of acts offered up by Christians in union with Jesus' sacrifice, however; it's a trying time for anyone that decides to participate.

There are also sacrifices that called for the addition of habits in a person's life. Some of these additions are dedicated to the development of one's prayer life, weekly Confession, daily rosary, and putting aside an hour a day for God.

So, with Lent here, in full effect, remember not to just mindlessly give up something like soda this fasting season. Instead, take the time to internalize the sacrifice you've made and try to reflect on the sufferings of Jesus during this time. While practicing your sacrifice day today, the internalization of your sacrifice could be made in many forms. Some examples include journaling, seeking religious mentorship, attending adoration or Confession, or most importantly reading Scripture and praying daily. - *Life Teen Blog*



ROSARY CORNER

"Those who say the Rosary frequently and fervently will gradually grow in grace and holiness and will enjoy the special protection of Our Lady and the abiding friendship of God."-*Bishop Hugh Boyle*

Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 07/03 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	Second Sunday	Gn 12: 1-4; Ps 32;	Silvio Cicuttin
Sun 08/03 Exposition 8.45 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin Mass 11.15 am	Of Lent Purple	2 Tm 1: 8-10; Mt 17: 3-9	Francis Thomas
Tue 10/03 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Devotions followed by St Anthony MASS 7pm	Ferial Purple	Is 1: 10,16-20; Ps 49; Mt 23: 1-12	Eileen Green
Wed 11/03 Exposition 8.30am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30 am	Ferial Purple	Jr 18: 18-20; Ps 30; Mt 20: 17-28	Terry Hands (SB)
Thu 12/03 Exposition and Divine Mer- cy Chaplet 3-4pm MASS 7.30pm	Ferial Purple	Jr 17: 5-10 Ps 1; Lk 16: 19-31	Ann and Billy Hanwright
Fri 13/03 Rosary 9.10 am MASS 9.30am Stations of the Cross 7.30pm	Ferial Purple	Gn 37:3-4,12-13, 17-28; Ps 104; Mt 21: 33-43,45-46	Eloise Maher
Sat 14/03 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	Third Sunday	Ex 17: 3-7; Ps 94;	Judy Kearney (SB)
Sun 15/03 Exposition 8.45 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Tridentine Latin MASS 12.30pm	Of Lent Purple	Rm 5: 1-2,5-8; Jn 4: 5-42	Arnold Timmins

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This week we had a lovely visit from Ann McCarthy, who lead an interesting Lenten CAFOD Assembly focused on 'What is your Goal?' The children listened attentively and engaged actively.



Thursday was World Book Day and to celebrate pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. It was a super day with lots of fun activities- older pupils paired up with younger pupils to read together and pupils in Australia (Reception) and South America (Year Two) visited Lache Library, where they listened to a story.

Pupils in Europe (Year One) enjoyed a wonderful trip to Duke's Drive where they were able to experience lots of forest school skills. They searched for and identified mini beasts, made dens, about



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evergreen and deciduous plants and toasted marshmallow- a perfect day for five and six year olds!!

On Friday pupils in North America (Year Three) prayed the Stations of the Cross. The children were very respectful and reflective. Children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion focused on the gift of Friendship this week. They discussed the qualities a good friend has.



Pupils in Asia entertained their parents/carers in a music concert. Playing woodwind and brass instruments, the children performed a number of pieces confidently.

