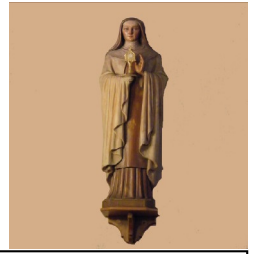




# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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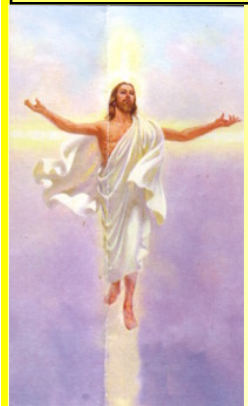


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## EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015

Psalter Week I St Clare's Year of Outreach

### DEDICATION: April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit



### He is Risen Alelulia!

### Today is Easter Sunday

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ died and rose once for all, and for everyone. How many deserts, even today, do human beings need to cross! Above all, the desert within, when we have no love for God or neighbour, ... God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14).

Let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world.– *Pope Francis Easter address 2013*

**EASTER VIGIL** April 4th **Vigil Mass of Easter** .....8.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY** April 5th  
**Day Mass of Easter** .....9.30am  
**Day Mass of Easter (Sung in Latin)**.....11.15am

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** April 12th: Masses as usual,  
**HOUR OF MERCY** by 3-4pm with exposition, prayers, hymns, Confessions and Benediction. PLEASE COME AND PRAY WITH US. *Our Lord Jesus*

said:  
"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." - *Saint Faustina, Diary*



**ARE YOU NEW TO ST CLARE'S?** Everyone is welcome here. We would like you to feel very much at home with us **whether you are Catholic or not**. God loves us deeply, and enters our lives in various ways, and invites us to know and love him more. **This is His house and His arms are always open to welcome**. Forgive us if we fail to notice a new face in our midst. Please join us for tea and coffee in the parish **room after Mass**.

**Remember please to pray for special blessings on Dingle Bank**  
Each week the parish community is asked to pray for all in our parish area, especially for the intentions of all the residents of a particular road. This week may we please ask you to pray for God's blessings and graces on all on **Dingle Bank**. Next week **Farbaily Close**.



<b>Weekend Masses:</b> Saturday 6pm Sunday 9.30am 11.15am(Latin)	<b>Confessions</b> Saturdays 5pm- 5.45pm and by arrangement	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Sundays 9.30am in Sacristy	<b>For Baptisms, Confirmation,- Weddings and Funerals:</b> Please call or email Fr Martin at the contacts above.
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**Weekdays:** Please see back page

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Tracy Alman, Margaret Borrows, Joan Bullough, Jack Cannon, Rita Cannon, Pat Cleaver, Bridget Courtney, Andy Cowley, Helen Creaney, Peter Curtis, Marion Davies, Edward, Emmanuelle, Erica Finn, Mary Frain, William Galvin, Michelle Gentile, Halina Holman, Dave & Kim Horton, Ann & Arthur Hunter, Julie May Gibson, Joan F. John Hall, Kath Heffernan, Hilary, Ken Houghton. Injured people in Palestine & Syria Alan Joinson, Gladys Joinson, Elizabeth, Ann Leach, Sandra Lenel, M.D., Monica Mannion, Mary McDonough, Zoe Murray, Ann O'Gorman, Rosemary Prendergast, Pam Roberts, Ann Sanderson, Elizabeth Shaw, Peggy Shone, Freda Tyldesley, J.T, Marcelo Vignau and Gaynor Whitmarsh, .



**DATES FOR OUR DIARY:**

**April 12: Divine Mercy Sunday**—Holy Hour of Mercy 3-4pm

**Tues April 14th**—Parish Council 7.30pm

**April 19th** Treasure Hunt in the church First communion parents and children **Sun**

**May 3rd** First communion parents and children

**Weds 10th June Practice and Retreat**

for children making their 1st communion with parents 6pm in church

**Sat 13th June Lend-a-Hand Day** to tidy the area round the church, Presbytery and Parish Room.

**Sun 14th June First Holy Communion**

9.30am in church.

**Sat 20th June. Parish Fun Day**

**Sat July 11:** National Catholic Evangelisation Conference, Birmingham

**WECLCOME AND GOODBYE:** We thank Fr Lawrence for coming to spend the Holy Week with us and wish him a safe trip as he leaves us

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

New boxes to be used from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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, contact Mike Russell (659434). Alternatively, write your details on the card at the front of the box and put the completed card with your Offertory giving in the first envelope you use.

**HELP THE PARISH GET EXTRA FUNDS! CAN YOU ANSWER 'YES' TO THE FOLLOWING?**

Do you give money at the offertory? (however much?) Are you a Tax Payer? (even if you only pay a little) , are you willing to make your Offertory donations either in Offertory envelopes, or through your bank by Standing Order? What ever you give through the **Gift Aid Scheme** the Inland Revenue will add an amount to your donations. **It costs you absolutely nothing!**

All you have to do is use a Gift Aid Form from the porch write down your name & address, tick whether you wish to use an Offertory envelope or give by Bankers Standing Order. Then send the form to the address on the form or give it to Mike Russell.

**JAZZ NIGHT AT EPCHS** - An evening of musical entertainment from the City Jazz Orchestra and Singers on Friday 24th April, 7.30 - 11pm, at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. Tickets cost £5 (accompanied children gain free entry) with proceeds going to the Ellesmere Port and Chester Lourdes Youth Group. Please bring your own refreshments. For tickets please contact Amy O'Donnell on 07854290897.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION**

Next collection the weekend, 25/26 April.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS ILL?**

Whether Catholic, non-catholic or non-Churchgoing, Father Martin would be very pleased to visit them. With their permission, just give him a ring to arrange

**RECENTLY DECEASED.**

**Teresa Baker's requiem** will be 12 noon in St Francis on 8th April

**PARISH COUNCIL.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 14 April, after the 7.00pm mass. Points to any Council member or Fr Martin. Minutes of the last meeting (10 February) are on the Notice Board and the Parish website.

**SVP HOLIDAY HOME**

St Clare's has 3 dates available for the parish: 9-16 May; 12-19 September; and 3-10 October. If anyone would like to nominate families or groups (maximum 6 people) please give names to Fr Martin

**CHURCH CLEANING. URGENT** As some of our cleaning volunteers are not able to do the work anymore, because of ill health or age, **we urgently need new volunteers** for the church cleaning rota . Please contact Medi Fendt Tel. 01244 677006, email [Bernard.fendt@btinternet.com](mailto:Bernard.fendt@btinternet.com)

**TEA/COFFEE** is available in the Parish Room after the Sunday 9.30 am Mass. Or even before the 11.15 Mass. Tea or coffee on Sunday provided by **C.C.Guild.**

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS.** Tea/Coffee is available on Saturdays after Mass. **Church Cleaning Group 3**

## **NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS AND FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES**

Parents, don't forget to bring your signature letter to each Mass, and parishioners you may be asked to sign one as part of welcoming the children into the fullness of our community.

***Dates for children and parents to stay for a few minutes after the Sunday 9.30 mass for instruction plus questions are: 19th April, 3rd May and 17th May.***

## **HOLY FATHERS INTENTIONS IN APRIL**

**General Intention:** That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

**For Evangelization:** That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

## **THE GIFT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

**LIFE:** Thank you all who took part in our 6 sessions during Lent. Your points will be forwarded to the diocese. In the mean time there is one final scripture reading and some points to ponder but no question with an answer for the diocese. Copies of the seventh reading and questions for individual reflection are on the table in the porch.

## **HOSPITAL MASS**

The first Thursday of April being Maundy Thursday, the regular "First Thursday" Mass will be transferred to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 12.15pm, in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospital. All are welcome.

**EASTER OCTAVE:** Please notice we have masses throughout the Octave, except Monday. Fr Martin has decided to postpone his Easter break till sometime in the summer.

## **CRUSADER MAGAZINE**

New smaller format of Crusade of Mary Immaculate magazine now available in church porch

**PROCLAIM '15 PRAYER:** *Loving Father, You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim "our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever, Amen. Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelisation, Pray for us. Blessed John Henry Newman, Pray for us. St Thérèse of Lisieux, Pray for us.*

## **TREASURE HUNT**

There will be a 'treasure hunt' in the church primarily for the first Communion children and their parents on 19th April after 9.30 mass, but all children are welcome. Come and learn about the church whilst having some fun.

## **EASTER CARDS and GIFTS**

A good selection of new Easter cards and gifts are available from the repository.

**THE ANGELUS** Bishop Mark has asked that this beautiful prayer is said in our schools. If you are unfamiliar with it there are free prayer cards on the table at the back of the church

**EASTER CHICKS.** Many thanks to the knitters, donors of eggs and purchasers. The final total raised for CAFOD is not yet known but already about £308 is known to have been raised.

Well done everybody and THANK YOU!

## **Youth Zone**

Easter challenges us each year. Do we believe that Christ truly rose from the dead? Belief in Christ's Resurrection is fundamental and essential to being Christian. Christianity makes demands. It is not an easy option. Its founder, Jesus Christ, called for a change of heart, a turning to God. He demanded a change in ways of thinking and behaviour. That call is still being made to us in our day. Shall we listen to it? The tomb was empty. Once Peter and John had verified the fact for themselves, they understood the teaching of the scriptures, that he must rise from the dead. We have the same duty to give witness to the fact that Christ is risen from the dead. Death has lost its hold over mankind. Death is not for us, the end of the story. It is the beginning of a new chapter. There is life after death; it is life with God. Our present life is to prepare for that." - *Cardinal Hume*

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Feast/Colour</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Offered For</b>
Sat 04/4 Vigil Mass 8.00pm	<b>EASTER</b>	Ac 10: 34.37-43; Ps 117	<b>Monica Badrock RIP</b>
Sun 05/4 <b>Exposition and Confession 8.30-9.30 am</b> Mass 9.30 am	<b>SUNDAY</b>  <i>White</i>	Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1-9	<b>Jacob Maher</b>  <i>People of the Parish</i>
Tue 07/4 <b>Exposition 3-4pm</b> <b>7.00pm St Anthony's devotion &amp; Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Easter Octave</b> <i>White</i>	Ac 2: 36-41; Ps 32; Jn 20: 11-18	<b>Patricia Comerford</b>
Wed 08/4 <b>Exposition and Benediction 8.30-9.30 am</b> Mass 9.30am	<b>Wednesday of the Easter Octave</b> <i>White</i>	Ac 3: 1-10; Ps 104; Lk 24: 13-35.	<b>Fendt family Intentions</b>
Thu 09/4 9.30am Mass <b>Exposition 3-4pm</b>	<b>Thurs of the Easter Octave</b> <i>White</i>	Ac 3: 11-26; Ps 8: Lk 24: 35-48..	<b>The Rosair family (KC)</b>
Fri 10/4 9.30am Mass	<b>Friday of the Easter Octave</b> <i>White</i>	Ac 4: 1-12; Ps 117: Jn 21: 1-14.	<b>David Brown</b>
Sat 11/4 Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<b>Second Sunday</b>	Ac 4: 32-35; Ps 117: 1 Jn 5: 1-6.	<b>Mary and Peter Cummins</b>
Sun 12/4 Mass 9.30am Sung Latin Mass 11.15am <b>HOUR OF MERCY: exposition, confessions Benediction</b>	<b>Of Easter</b>  <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	Jn 20: 19-31	<b>Lilian Maguire</b>  <b>Teresa Baker</b>

### **Catholic Teaching**

#### **Who is Jesus Christ?**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God ,made man for us.

#### **Is Jesus Christ truly God?**

Jesus Christ is truly God.

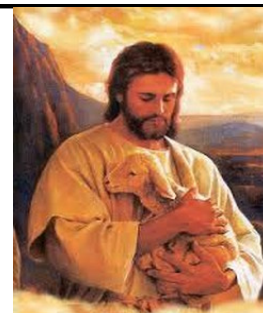
#### **Why is Jesus Christ truly God?**

Jesus Christ is truly God because he has one and the same nature with God the Father.

#### **Was Jesus Christ always God?**

Jesus Christ was always God born of the Father from all eternity.

#### **Which person of the Blessed trinity is Jesus Christ?**



### **THIS WEEK IN SAINT CLARE'S SCHOOL**

*This week at St Clare's **Oscar, Isaac, Brian, Katie, Aoife, Zofia, Maya** and **Nicos** received the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time. Fr Martin led a lovely Service of Reconciliation for all the children in Key Stage Two, in which the children reflected on the Stations of the Cross.*

*In the past few days the children have focused on all the events of Holy Week and produced some lovely pieces of writing and artwork.*

*All the staff and children wish all parishioners a very happy and a holy Easter*

*School reopens on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April and we will be joining the Parish for morning Mass on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30am.*