



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER 2nd JUNE 2019

Psalter Week III

YEAR OF HOLINESS

DEDICATION:

June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus



THE PRACTICE OF LOVE GIVES PEACE AND JOY

In this Sunday's Gospel the question of Judas (*not Iscariot*): "Lord, what has happened that You intend to show Yourself to us and not to the world?" This question mirrors a problem which is real even today. Sometimes, among us, Christians, there arises the idea of being better than the others and of being loved by God more than others. Do we attribute to God distinction among people?

The answer of Jesus is simple and profound. He repeats what He had just said to Philip. The problem is not if we, Christians, are loved more by God than others, or that the others are despised by God. This is not the criteria for any preference by the Father. The criteria of the Father is always the same: love. "If anyone loves Me, he will observe My word, and My Father will love him and We shall come to him and make a home in him. Anyone who does not love Me does not keep My words".

Independently of whether the person is Christian or not, the Father manifests Himself to all those who observe the commandment of Jesus which is love for neighbour

In what does the manifestation of the Father consist? The response to this question is engraved in the heart of humanity, in the universal human experience. Observe the life of the people who practice love and make their life a gift for others. Examine their experience, independently of religion, social class, race or colour. The practice of love gives us a profound peace and it is a great joy that they succeed to live and bear together pain and suffering. This experience is the reflection of the manifestation of the Father in the life of the person. It is the realization of the promise: "I and the Father will come to him and make our home in him.

-P. Breen, O.Carm.

THY KINGDOM COME:

A National Celebration of Churches Together between Ascension and Pentecost, praying for our individual churches and the cause of Church Unity.

The Chester Event is on Pentecost Sunday, 9th June, at 4.00 pm at the Cross, outside St Peter's Church (top of Bridge Street). Come and join Christians from dozens of other Chester Churches for a short Service, and refreshments afterwards in St Peter's Church. Everyone warmly welcome.

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, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Lorna Jarvis, Dorothy Jones, **Henry Kearney, Judy Kearney**, Ann Leach, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Bob McConnell, Mary

McDonough, Alex Shone, SR, Maureen Oliphant, Gwen Spurr, Eileen Wyatt.

PENTECOST NOVENA 2019

Novena Pamphlets for the feast of Pentecost are available in the porch. The novena starts on Friday 31st May, leading to the Feast of Pentecost on 9th June. All are encouraged to join the Chester event.

FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for the eleven children who will be making their First Holy Communion at the 9.30 am Mass on Pentecost Sunday 9th June

FORTHCOMING FIRST COMMUNIONS

The repository has a good selection of reasonably priced items for the celebration of First Holy Communion and other religious articles., including cards, pens and books. Please take a look.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Lisa Brocklehurst who died recently. May she be welcomed to her everlasting home and may all those who remember her be comforted by happy memories

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food Bank is the weekend, 29/30th June.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

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

CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR:

This year's Chester-wide Confirmation will be at St Clare's on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00 pm. The programme is organised jointly by St Clare's and St Werburgh's, and candidates are welcome from any Chester Parish. **Classes will be on Tuesday Evenings at St Werburgh's, beginning 10th September.**
Launch Meeting on Tuesday 9th July in St Werburgh's

Please take a flyer from the back of church with full details and send names in to either St Werburgh's or St Clare's. Minimum age – in High School now. No maximum age!

CUPCAKE FOR DEMENTIA

(Alzheimer's Society)

Please join us for a coffee morning on Saturday 15th June at 10.30am in the Parish room to support this excellent cause.

Donations of cakes and/or raffle prizes would be gratefully received. For info contact Pat on 675688 or email patriddell31@aol.com

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

June:

That Priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

This Sunday 2nd June 1.15 pm for 1.30 pm: The White Swan, Old Chester Road, Great Sutton, CH66 3NZ. Transport available from St Clare's Church. Contact Catherine 01244 678825 email catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE



The SVP website <https://www.svp.org.uk/> gives lots of insight into the wider work of the SVP. Supporting people in need is at the heart of what we do, irrespective of age.

In the North East of England their local SVP shops have become the "Heart of the Community" as was reported in the Catholic Universe.

The work of the Twinnage partnership programme has been featured in the Catholic Times with the SVP Indian Student Sponsorship Scheme helping thousands of children and young people access and maintain an education. In Sudan the SVP has been active since 1939 with projects both saving and changing lives.

In England and Wales almost 10,000 members (including those in St Clare's Parish) help in a myriad of ways to give assistance. If you have a few minutes do visit the website <https://www.svp.org.uk>. God bless you all. 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) Meets fortnightly in the Parish Rooms on Monday Evenings. New Members welcome. Contact Steve 01244 671817 or e-mail PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB **Sunday Lunch Club Sunday Lunch Club** 1st Sunday of month 1pm Contact Catherine 01244 678825 or e-mail catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

CHESTER SPUC GROUP next meeting contact 01244 681816 for details

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP Tuesday, 4 June in the parish Room after 7pm Mass

CUPCAKE FOR DEMENTIA (Alzheimers Society) Saturday 15th June 10.30am in parish room

SVP THEATRE NIGHT Wed 12th June 7.30pm 'Outside Edge' Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tickets £8 each are now available. Contact Steve 01244 671817 email PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk

CONFIRMATION LAUNCH MEETING 9th July St Werburgh's

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP Sunday 11th - Thursday 15th August 2019

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN 10th September

SVP SPONSORED WALK. Sunday 6th October. 1.30pm Route TBA but it will be in and around Chester. Proceeds to the SVP Chester and Ellesmere Port District Holiday Home day to day running and replacement costs.

CONFIRMATIONS Tuesday 19th November at 7 pm St Clare's

CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP

Next meets on Tuesday, 4 June in the parish Room after 7pm Mass, there are lots of opportunities in the coming weeks to find out more about CAFOD nationally, to celebrate the gift of Creation, to join in campaigning as well as raising funds. Do come along if you can.

PARISH ROOM HIRE

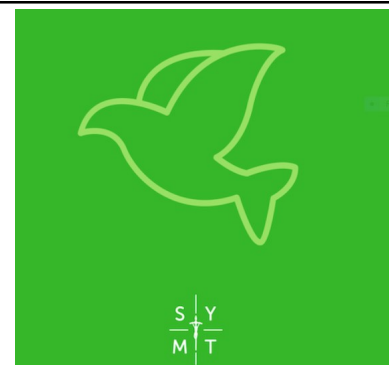
Our renovated parish room is now available for hire. Please contact Paula on: st.clareschester@sky.com or telephone her on 01244 671015,

Youth Zone

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP 2019

What: Lifeteen Summer Camp UK 2019 #LTCAMPUK

A week packed with high-adrenaline outdoor adventure including archery, mountain biking, climbing and much more. Enjoy a full day at Alton Towers and of course Mass, Reconciliation, amazing music, Eucharistic Adoration and talks from international speakers.



Why: Journey with new friends, be transformed as you pray, share and have fun together. Encounter your faith in a new way and delve deeper into what God has in store for you!

Where: Alton Castle, Staffordshire, ST104TT


When: Sunday 11th - Thursday 15th August 2019

Who: For young people aged 11-18

Donation: The cost is £265 per person. **Bursaries are available -see Fr Emeka**

Group Leaders: Youth Leaders from Parishes are encouraged to attend with their young people, clergy too! We encourage Parishes to sponsor their Leaders donation for the Camp. Clergy are FREE to attend!

Sat 01/06	Rosary 5.40pm	<i>Seventh Sunday</i>	Ac 7: 55-60; Ps 96;	Leo Hands
Sun 02/06	Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am	<i>Easter</i> <i>White</i>	Rv 22: 12-14,16-17, 20; Jn 17: 20-26	Lila Bradburn
Tue 04/06	Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	<i>Ferial</i> <i>White</i>	Ac 20: 17-27, Ps 67;	Lisa Brockemhurst
Wed 05/06	Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30	<i>St Boniface</i> <i>Red</i>	Ac 20: 28-38 Ps 67; Jn 17:11-19	Leach Family Intentions
Thu 06/06	Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 7.10pm MASS 7.30pm	<i>Ferial</i> <i>White</i>	Ac 22: 30,23:6-11; Ps 15; Jn 17: 20-26	Leach Family Intentions
Fri 07/06	Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am	<i>Ferial</i> <i>White</i>	Ac 25: 13-21; Ps102;	First Holy Communicants
Sat 08/06	Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Pentecost</i>	Ac 2: 1-11; Ps 103;	Tom Haddock
Sun 09/06	Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am <i>Day of Sprcial Prayer for The Church</i> <i>Easter Time Ends Today</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>Red</i>	1 Co 12: 3-7,12-13; Jn 20: 19-23	Arnold Timmins



THE HIDDEN COST OF ABORTION

Becoming pregnant is probably the most life changing event most women experience . Few women would instinctively choose to have an abortion, but the fear and panic they experience in their unplanned pregnancy can make abortion seem the best solution. Society has given women the message that following an abortion their life can carry on as before. This is very often not the case. Countless women find, to their emotional cost, that life is never the same again, however early an abortion takes place. This can be the root cause of her grief and the reason why many women seek help and support.

Men and family members can also experience grief and guilt over their active or passive role in the abortion decision. Clinic staff can also reach a point when they regret their participation in abortions or when they are disturbed by what they have witnessed.

Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) is dedicated to helping people struggling after an abortion by the provision of counselling and support. ARCH was previously known as British Victims of Abortion, set up in response to the many requests for help received from women who had experienced difficulties, both emotionally and physically following their own abortions

If you are struggling after abortion call us on:0845 603 8501

Chester Branch of Society for the Protection of Unborn Children meets from 7.30– 8.30 pm every other month, please join us Tel: 01244 681816

“How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers.”
“I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion” *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*