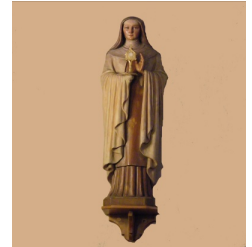




# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**  
**Psalter Week II** **YEAR OF HOLINESS**

**DEDICATION: May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary**

### THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM *Acts15: 1-2. 22-29*



This was the crucial meeting of the whole Church at Jerusalem where the decision was made that Christianity was not only for Jews but was open to the gentiles too. Paul's activity in receiving gentiles into the Church had created a crisis: was not God's promise to Abraham limited only to Jews? Was it not limited only to those who observed the prescriptions of the Law? Could the Spirit of the risen Christ really dwell in and activate the uncircumcised? The staggering breakthrough achieved here at Jerusalem totally altered the course of

history. Today's reading jumps to the concluding instructions and omits the details of the debate which, in fact, provides a model for a community discussion: in the awareness of the Spirit the Apostles and elders hear the facts of the case, listened to the opinions of both sides of the question put forward by experience leaders, and then made their decision in the Spirit. The letter of instructions which follows is also a model of its kind, firm in its decisions, but form also in its appreciation of individual consciences. The restrictions imposed on gentile Christians were designed to make fellowship with Jewish Christians possible without outraging their sensibilities.

How do you make decisions in your life? Could you learn anything from the Apostles in this reading? Is there some way in which you could be more involved in the life of the Church—in the Parish, for example? (*Dom Henry Wansborough*)

### WELCOME TO ST CLARE'S

Everyone is welcome . We would like you to feel very much at home with us whether you are Catholic or not, or if you have lost touch with the Church, and of course young children are especially

This is God's house and his arms are always open. Forgive us if we fail to notice a new face, because we really do want to welcome each new face personally  
**Do please join us for coffee after Mass**



Welcome Visitors!

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 9.30am  
11.15 am (Latin)

#### Confessions

Saturday 5.30 -5.45pm  
or on request

#### Children's Baptisms, Confirmation,-

Sundays 9.30am  
In Sacristy

#### Weddings and Funerals

Please call or email Fr Emeka above

Weekday Masses: Please see back page



### 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, Mike Edwards, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Lorna Jarvis, , Dorothy Jones, Ann Leach, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Bob McConnell, Mary McDonough, Alex Shone, SR, Maureen Oliphant,

Gwen Spurr, Eileen Wyatt.

#### CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR:

This year's Chester-wide Confirmation will be at St Clare's on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> September. Launch Meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. 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!

#### THE 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### CHILDREN AT NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Please give names to Father Emeka of children at non Catholic schools eligible to make their First Holy Communion this year. Preparations have

#### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food Bank is **THIS** weekend, 25/26st May.

#### PARISH ROOM HIRE

Our renovated parish room is now available for hire.

Please contact Paula on: [st.clareschester@sky.com](mailto:st.clareschester@sky.com) or telephone her

#### 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

#### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**May:**

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

#### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 3**.

#### SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

#### ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

A very big thank you to you all for your support of the Festival Mass and shared lunch which followed. The success of this mass is due to your input. Conference members and parishioners from five of the six conferences in the Chester and Ellesmere Port District attended plus the President of the Shrewsbury Central Council. St Clare's Minivinnies provided a handout and posters of their activities.

Thank you also for your generous donations to our St Clare's SVP funds . This allows us to provide help within our Parish where we find hardship and without your help supporting those in need would become increasingly difficult.

We are also collecting for the homeless through the Share Shop in town. Items needed are Haversacks/ backpacks; Bath towels & washing powder. Any items you can give are gratefully received. Thank you again for all your help. 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)** Meets fortnightly in the Parish Rooms on Monday Evenings. New Members welcome. Contact Steve 01244 671817 or e-mail [PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk)

**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB** **Sunday Lunch Club** **Sunday Lunch Club** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month 1pm Contact Catherine 01244 678825 or e-mail [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

**CHESTER SPUC GROUP** next meeting contact 01244 681816 for details

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**CELEBRATION OF CREATION** **Saturday 1 June, 6.30 pm** on Mass followed by shared table-see below

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**SVP THEATRE NIGHT** **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June** 7.30pm 'Outside Edge' Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tickets £8 each are now available. Contact Steve 01244 671817 email [PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk)

**SVP SPONSORED WALK.** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## PENTECOST NOVENA 2019

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

**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.

**End of May Devotion:** All are encouraged to join us on Friday for rosary before Mass at 9.10 am. We shall conclude with the Mass of the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary after rosary at 9.30am.

**Ascension of The Lord: (Holy Day)** The Masses will be at 9.30 am and 7.30pm on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## Youth Zone

### WORLD YOUTH DAY @ HOME

Join young people from across the country on Pentecost weekend for World Youth Day @ Home at Alton Castle. The beautiful site in Staffordshire will be hosting **this amazing event featuring Matt Maher, Sarah Kroger, Rise Theatre, David Wells and more!**

SYMT will be heading down and we'd love young people from the Diocese of Shrewsbury to join us. Please consider sending a group from your parish, school, youth group to what promises to be an incredible weekend!

**Please email us for more information or check out the WYD@Home website!**

### Festival Passes

There are several pass options available

#### **Camping**

Access to all areas of the festival, including food, just bring a tent. £60

#### **Day Festival Passes also available**

#### **Dormitory -Male or Female Dorm**

Access to all areas of the festival, including food, including accommodation. £80

#### **Male or Female Dorm En-suite**

Access to all areas of the festival, including food, including accommodation. £115. See the notice board for details.



Sat 25/05	Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Sixth Sunday of</i>	Ac 15: 1-2,22-29; Ps 66;	<b>Edward Craggs</b>
Sun 26/05	Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am	<i>Easter</i>  <i>White</i>	Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23 Jn 14: 23-29	<b>Kieron Prendergast</b>
Tue 28/05	Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	<i>White</i>	Ac 16: 22-34, Ps 137; Jn 16: 5-11	<b>James &amp; Glenda Whelan</b>
Wed 29/05	Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30	<i>Ferial</i> <i>White</i>	Ac 17: 15,22-18: 1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15	<b>Special Intention (KC)</b>
Thu 30/05	Mass 0930am Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 7.10pm MASS 7.30pm	<i>The Ascension of The Lord</i>  <i>White</i>	Ac 1: 1-11; Ps 46; Ep 1:17-23; Lk 24: 46-53	<b>Trudy Axon</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>
Fri 31/05	Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am	<i>The Visitation of The BVM</i> <i>White</i>	Zp 3: 14-18; Ps 1s 12; Lk 1: 39-56	<b>First Holy Communicants</b>
Sat 01/06	Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Seventh Sunday of</i>	Ac 7: 55-60; Ps 96;	<b>Leo Hands</b>
Sun 02/06	Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am <b>World Communication Day</b>	<i>Easter</i>  <i>White</i>	Rv 22: 12-14,16-17, 20; Jn 17: 20-26	<b>Lila Bradburn</b>

## St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This week we celebrated Healthy Schools Week- children looked at lots of different aspects of keeping themselves safe and well. They enjoyed a wide range of workshops which included looking at the amount of sugar hidden in foods and the importance of eating a balanced diet. Children also learnt about the importance of washing hands and teeth properly and how best to fight the spread of germs.



Children enjoyed competing for their schoolhouses in a wide range of field events as part of Sports Day. We had some amazing individual performances. Mr Wright took a group of children to a Quad Kids event at Upton High. The children had to compete in a wide range of athletic activities. All of the team did superbly well.

During the month of May we are continuing to pray the Rosary every lunchtime. This provides a wonderful opportunity to take a few minutes out of our busy days to reflect on a decade and the pupils continue to impress everyone with their sincerity.



Please remember the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion which they will receive in Mass on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. You can read information about all the children in the display in Church.

