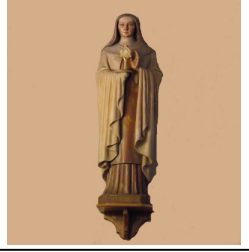




St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week II **TRINITY SUNDAY 16th JUNE 2019** **YEAR OF HOLINESS**

DEDICATION: June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Christianity is not about a God who happens to be three persons, and is therefore rather more complicated than other gods, who are more conveniently one person each. Christianity is not about three persons at all. Like Judaism and Islam, it is about the one God whom Jesus called Father, as Jews and Muslims also do. The only thing that Christians want to add to that is that Jesus had made that God real to them in a way no other person has, not even Moses or Muhammad. And they claim that when they live as he did, in his 'spirit' as they say, they know that God as fully as he can be known. They claim to know the Father through the Spirit of Jesus.

For most people, Christian language about God begins to be most unintelligible when there is talk of the 'Holy Ghost'. And indeed, what possible meaning can anyone give to a Sacred Spook or a Divine Dove? Especially when people claim that they have 'received' this Spirit and others haven't?

But the Holy Spirit is not some ghostly 'third person' doing odd things now and again. Less still is the Spirit a poor substitute for Christ, invisibly guiding and inspiring people now that Christ has gone. To speak of the Spirit is to claim that Christ has never gone. He continues to be present in his Spirit. And since this Spirit is nothing other than living a Christ-like life, there is no mystery about identifying it. To see people's lives echoing Christ's is to see the Holy Spirit.

Lots of people come into that category. They're not all Christians. -Hubert Richards

URGENT APPEAL FOR HOSPITAL LAY VOLUNTEERS

There are currently 18 Catholic Lay Volunteers, serving at one or more of three weekly sessions. Two sessions are on Sunday and Thursday mornings at the Countess in Chester, the other one at the Countess's Ellesmere Port site on Friday afternoons.

The work involves assisting the RC Chaplain in ministering to patients with Holy Communion and general pastoral support. Sessions are for about 1½ hours. Volunteers are formally appointed by the Countess Hospital Trust and training arranged by the RC chaplaincy. There is an urgent need for additional volunteers, particularly for the Sunday sessions. If you can help with this essential work, or want more details, please contact the RC Chaplain Fr Jude Nwachukwu 07440-314-905, or Deacon Lawrence 07960-517-463

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, **Mike Penlington**, Alex Shone, SR, Maureen Oliphant, Gwen Spurr, Eileen Wyatt.

MISSIO SUMMER MASS

On Saturday, 29 June at 12 Noon at Church of St Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch. Celebrated by Bishop Mark & Fr Tony Chantry MHM. See Notice Board for details

ANNIVERSARY

Please pray for the soul of Kathleen Brennan whose anniversary falls during the week.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note Mass on Thursday is at 12.15 pm and is a Requiem Mass for Mary Theresa Mooney, RIP

"CAFOD

Strawberry Tea on Sunday 23 June (2.30 - 4.30pm) tickets on sale this weekend, just £3.50. Or contact Sue on 01244 679270."

RETREAT HOUSE CHESTER:

Please see parish notice board or find copies of their summer programme in the porch."

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food

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,

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 1.**

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!

ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

All extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion please note that their commitment and promise will be renewed at **all Masses on Corpus Christi.** Please advise Fr Emeka if for any reason you are away next week

THIS Sunday 16 June at 3pm Bishop Mark will lead the third Pause for Hope service in St. Columba's . An ecumenical service offering all those affected by cancer a chance to come together in a spirit of prayer. The service is open to everyone and will include a reflection by Lynne Moorehead from the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Following the time of prayer there will be refreshments in the parish centre.

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.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE



Despite the terrible weather we still have families going to the Holiday Home at Talacre Beach Holiday Park. St Clare's SVP Conference has 4 of the 32 weeks available but 8 local disadvantaged families have been given or have dates for holidays. Another 3 local families may get holidays if the other conferences cannot fill their slots. Families are advised to us through Social Services; the Health Visitors, St Clare's & Lache Primary Schools, the local Foodbank and sometimes via SVP National Office. We identified 4 families living outside our Parish area and worked with other conferences to organise their holidays.

The conference of a Manchester family given a holiday gave a £200 donation to our operating and replacement costs. Thank you to all those who attended the Theatre Night at Port Sunlight. The proceeds of your kindness in attending the event helps us to provide the holidays. We hope you had an enjoyable evening. 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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 22/23 rd June renewal of commitment and promise

CAFOD Support Group's "Strawberry Tea", Sunday 23 June See previous page

CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY Wednesday 26th June

CONFIRMATION LAUNCH MEETING 9th July St Werburgh's

FLAT PACK MUSIC NIGHT 7.30pm 12th July at Our Lady's of the Sea, Ellesmere Port. This is another event to support the Holiday Home. Tickets available soon.

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 running and replacement costs.

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

"CLIMATE CHANGE" LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT:

The Climate Coalition of 120 organisations including CAFOD is organising a mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 26 June. .

CAFOD is running a pilgrimage coach from St Clare's on the day for £25 return. Leaving St Clare's at 6.15am. Alternatively some of us are going on the 8.55am train from Chester. For more information or to sign up please E-mail <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby> or phone 0792020232936

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN VACANCY

The Governors of this successful Catholic Academy are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, part-time School Chaplain. You will have a lively, dynamic and inspirational faith which is rooted in the Roman Catholic tradition, which is also open to serve others of different Christian traditions, other faiths, and those with none, in this school community. If you have energy and a positive approach, combined with the highest expectations for yourself and your students, we would love to hear from you.

Closing date for applications: Friday 5 July 2019. Interviews will take place prior to the end of term.

Youth Zone

WHY DO WE CATHOLICS PRAY THE ROSARY?

Catholics pray the rosary because it's a powerful prayer to God, through His mother, Mary. Praying the rosary has been a tradition in the Church for a long time. It's a bit fuzzy who made it more formal; some say it was St. Dominic and others say it wasn't. What really matters is that this prayer is super powerful.

Throughout Church history, many popes and saints have highly recommended that we pray the rosary. St. Louis de Montfort said, 'When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.

In various apparitions, Mary has appeared holding a rosary and has asked that we continue to pray this prayer. She always leads us to her Son, and presents our needs before Him. Prayer is about developing our relationship with God, and loving Him more, so it makes sense to get to know Him through the events of the life of Christ that we meditate on during the rosary.

'Rosaries are *not* just decorations. Battles have been won because people prayed the rosary! There have been hearts converted, and impossible intentions answered too. Your life can only be blessed if you start praying the rosary.—LIFE TEEN



Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 15/06 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	THE MOST HOLY	;Pr 8: 22-31; Ps 8; Rm 5: 1-5	Jack Walsh
Sun 16/06 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Tridentine Latin MASS 12.30pm Day of Special Prayer for the Day for Life	TRINITY <i>White</i>	Jn 16: 12-15	Leach Family Intentions
Tue 18/06 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	<i>Ferial</i> <i>Green</i>	2 Co 8: 1-9; Ps 145;	Carmel McDonald
Wed 19/06 Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30 am	<i>Ferial</i> <i>Green</i>	2 Co:9; 6-11 Ps 111;	Kerry Prendergast
Thu 20/06 Funeral MASS 12.15pm Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet	<i>Ferial</i> <i>Green</i>	2 Co 11: 1-11; Ps 110; Mt 6: 7-15	Mary Theresa Mooney
Fri 21/06 Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am Funeral Service Pamela Joy Callaghan 1.13pm	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i> <i>White</i>	2 Co 11 18,21-30; Ps 33;; Mt 6: 19-23	Pamela Joy Callaghan
Sat 22/06 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	The Most Holy Body and	Gn 14: 18-20; Ps 109;	Joseph Russell
Sun 23/06 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin Mass 11.15am	Blood of Christ <i>White</i>	1 Co 11: 23-26; Lk 9: 11-17	Abigail Maher

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the First Holy Communion celebration last Sunday such a success. It was a wonderful celebration and so many people played a key role in ensuring that the day ran smoothly.



Congratulations to:

Patí, Izabella, Romy, Killian, Joseph, Tiffanie, Wiktor, Lexie, Julia, Lillie and Veronica,

who enjoyed their special day.

The 'Love Lache' event, held last Sunday, was a great success with many pupils having a great time - enjoying all the stalls and entertainment. The children's choir was very popular, brightening up everyone's day!

This week we heard some exciting news for two of our musical theatre superstars: Ethan has been successful in securing a role in a production of Bugsy Malone- which will take place in the near future at the Storyhouse; Matthew has been cast as Tiny Tim in a production of A Christmas Carol, which is being performed in Manchester. Congratulations to both boys, we are very much looking forward to going along to support them in the audience!



Fortunately, all the recent rain has helped all our plants, fruit and vegetables grow, however our school cricket team were disappointed to hear that their tournament had to be postponed. Some of our younger children loved jumping in puddles and were amazed at