

St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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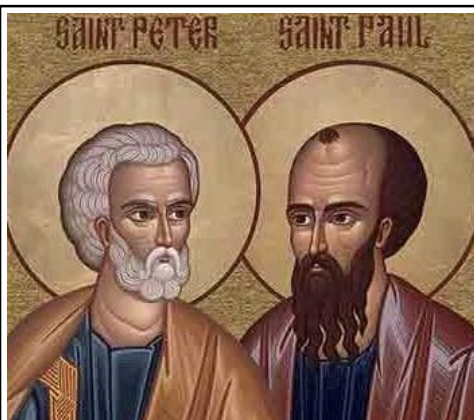
Psalter Week I

Ss PETER AND PAUL 30th JUNE 2019

YEAR OF HOLINESS

DEDICATION:

July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus



SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER AND PAUL

On this day we celebrate a special feast of the Church, symbolised by the two great apostles, Peter and Paul. They were the two men around whom the mission of Jesus to establish the Kingdom was centred and from whom it grew and spread to every corner of the world. Peter represents that part of the Church which gives it stability: its traditions handed down in an unbroken way from the very beginnings, the structures which help to preserve and conserve those traditions, the structure which also gives consistency and unity to the Church, spread as it is through so many races, cultures, traditions, and geographical diversity.

Peter today is represented by the pope, who is the great symbol of unity and continuity. Without his role we would see the Church break up and disintegrate, which has happened to such a large extent with those parts of the Church, which broke away from the central body.

Paul's love for Jesus is so intense that he finds it difficult to choose between staying alive and working for the Kingdom or dying and being reunited with Jesus, his beloved Lord. As he said once in a memorable phrase, "For to me life is Christ, to die is gain." In either case, he is with his beloved Lord. As we celebrate this feast today, let us remain faithful to the traditions which have come down to us over 2,000 years but, at the same time, be ever ready to make the necessary changes and adaptations by which the message of Christ can be effectively communicated to all those who still have a hunger for that truth and love which over the centuries never changes –*Living Space*

URGENT APPEAL FOR HOSPITAL LAY VOLUNTEERS

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 John Brennan R.I.P whose anniversary falls during the week

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all for the extremely generous support for the Cupcake for Dementia coffee morning for the donations and support and help on the day -Alzheimers Society. So many cakes, raffle prizes a massive £410.92 was raised! Thank you!!

"CAFOD STRAWBERRY TEA

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

RETIRING COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a retiring collection NEXT weekend for "Peter's Pence"

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

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

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!

PANTASAPH PILGRIMAGE

Please see the poster on the porch notice board concerning a pilgrimage to Pantasaph on Saturday, 13 July.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Extraordinary ministers of communion will be asked to renew their promise and commitment at all Masses this weekend

ALTAR SERVERS

Some of our altar servers will be presented with their Guild of St Stephen' medals at Mass this weekend and next.

CRUSADER OF MARY IMMACULATE

Please take your free copy on table at back of the church

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



Over the last few weeks some in the conference have been involved in moving furniture for families in need. Beds, a wardrobe and chests of drawers have been moved from a family with excess to those without. This occurs a couple of times a year and is something the conference is happy to do using help from outside the conference members.

We are charged with helping where-ever the need is irrespective of whether it's something we have done before. One of our prayers says, come Holy Spirit, kindle within us the fire of your love that we may work with humility not for our own glory but for the greater glory of God. Grant us strength and wisdom so that we may faithfully serve the members and those we visit. 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

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

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.

PANTASH PILGRIMAGE 13th July-see notice board

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

VACANCY YOUTH MISSION TEAM MEMBER

The Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking to recruit a Youth Mission Team Member to engage with young people in schools and parishes across the Diocese. The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) comprises of full-time employees and lay and clergy volunteers.

The full-time employee will be a key member of the team led by the Director. The successful candidate will be faithful practising Catholic, happily living their faith and willing to give positive witness to young people and to serve as a representative of the Bishop and Diocese of Shrewsbury. Full details and application forms can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacanciesCompleted> applications should be returned to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Closing date Friday 12 July 2019

Youth Zone

DARE TO BE SAINTS

The Scriptures tell us that God cares about our holiness: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48)

"But, I could never be 'perfect...'"

Holiness is not about perfection. It may seem that we could never live up to the lives of the great Saints we hear about in the Church but they had real struggles and obstacles to overcome in their love of God and of neighbour

Holiness is all about the choices we make in life:

Will I choose to love God and love my neighbour?

Will I follow where God leads me?

Will I reach out to those around me?

Will I accept who God has created me to be?

Will I share my God-given gifts and talents?

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me so, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

Amen.

Dare to be Saints!



Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 29/06 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm Collection for Peter's Pence	Ss Peter & Paul Ap	Ac 12: 1-11; Ps 33;	Rev Canon B Lorden
Sun 30/06 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin Mass 11.15am Collection for Peter's Pence	Red	2 Tm 4-8, 17-18 Mt 16: 13-19	Anna & Paolo Florio
Tue 02/07 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	Ferial Green	Gn 19: 15-29; Ps 25;	Ursula Breslin
Wed 03/07 Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30 am	St Thomas Ap Red	Ep 2: 19-22; Ps 116;	Charlotte Prendergast (Anniv)
Thu 04/07 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4 Rosary 7.10pm Mass 7.30pm	Ferial Green	Gn 22: 1-19 Ps 114: Mt 9: 1-8	Joy Soffe
Fri 05/07 Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am	Ferial Green	Gn 23: 1-4,19; 24: 1-8, 62*67; Ps 105; Mt 9: 9-13	
Sat 06/07 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	Fourteenth Sunday	Is 66: 10-14; Ps 65;	Special Intention (KC)
Sun 07/07 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin Mass 11.15am	In Ordinary Time Green	Gn 6: 14-18 Lk 10: 1-12,17-30	Eileen Chaloner

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This week our Year Six pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Manley Mere, where they had, "The best fun ever!" All the children enjoyed all the obstacles and literally threw themselves into every challenge! They came back to school and enjoyed a pizza tea out in the sunny school grounds. Good times had by all!

There are copies of our recent Ofsted report at the back of church. It can also be access on the school website. A few quotes

from the report:

" a school where pupils thrive and are happy"

" inclusive learning environment"

"family ethos", "safe atmosphere", pupils "have fun and work hard".

Pupils know that "staff really care" and make sure that there are "lots of exciting things to do".

"Pupils behaviour in and around school is exemplary".

This week we donated £109.16 to Missio. Mary Dearden visited school and thanked the children, explaining what a difference the funds would make to children living in challenging situations.

Date for your diary.....on Tuesday 16th July we are celebrating St Clare's feast day in school (we are closed for the actual feast!). Please come along at 3:30pm to join in the fun. Classes are planning enterprise stalls, there will be a range of dishes, rides and lots more. You are very welcome!

