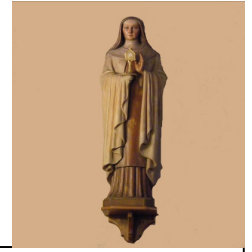




St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **14th JULY 2019**
Psalter Week III **YEAR OF HOLINESS**

DEDICATION: July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus



THE GOOD SAMARITAN Lk 10:25-37

The answer then to the question, "Who is my neighbour?" is not, as we learnt in our catechism, "Everybody", though that is true. The answer of Jesus is: "A neighbour is someone who shows compassion to another in need – irrespective of who the helper or the person in need may be."

It is less a question of seeing every other person as my neighbour but, much more importantly, of my being actively a neighbour to others, not on the basis of their race, nationality, occupation, gender, skin colour, personality but on the basis of need.

And who does not need love and compassion?

Finally, in answer to an academic, theological question, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus tells the scribe not WHAT or WHO is his neighbour but to go and BE a neighbour.

The story has a secondary lesson for us about stereotyping. For the Jews there was the negative stereotype of the Samaritan (which was probably reciprocated). Our world today is full of stereotypes. We have stereotypes of practically every race and ethnic group and skin colour and they can influence our attitudes deeply and often unconsciously.

Certainly, each race can have recognisable characteristics – Jews, Italians, Irish, Germans, French, Chinese, Indians, Japanese, Africans – arising from language and traditions but it is an irrational jump to attribute to every member of a group generalised characteristics. We can never say that "Irish are...", or "Chinese are...", or "Africans are..." There are too many exceptions. Every individual person has to be approached individually and there are good, bad and indifferent people to be found in every group, including our own. But they all have one thing in common: they should be confident of being helped by good neighbours in their time of need.

Extract from 'Living Space' (Irish Jesuits)

WELCOME TO ST CLARE'S

Everyone is welcome here. ,or if you bhave lost touch with the Church. We would like you to feel very much at home with us whether you are Catholic or not. 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, and do please join us for coffee (after the 9.30 am Mass) and do please introduce yourself to Father Emeka

<u>Weekend Masses:</u> Saturday 6pm Sunday 9.30am Sunday 11.15 am (Latin) Weekday Masses Please see back page	<u>Confessions</u> Saturday 5.30 -5.45pm or on request	<u>Children's Liturgy</u> Takes place Sundays 9.30am In Sacristy	<u>For Baptisms, Confirmation, Weddings &iFunerals</u> Please call or email Fr Emeka above
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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, Henry Kearney, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Bob McConnell, Mary McDonough, Mike Penlington, Alex Shone, Maureen Oliphant, Gwen Spurr, Kcycia Wesalak,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Gerry Simblet who died recently. Gerry used to be a regular reader at our Saturday evening Masses

Because of his close association with the Franciscans his Requiem Mass will be at this Wednesday 17th July at 12 noon in St Francis' Church

RETIRING COLLECTION

This Weekend there will be a retiring Collection for "The Apostleship of the Sea"

The **Apostleship of the Sea** is an agency of the Catholic Church. It is also sometimes known as Stella Maris (Star of the Sea), and its patron is the Virgin Mary as Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Founded in Glasgow, Scotland in the early 20th century, it provides pastoral care to seafarers through chaplaincies in ports in all continents of the world.

AoS offers practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. The Apostleship of the Sea in Great Britain is part of an international network known to the maritime world as Stella Maris, working in more than 311 ports served by 216 port chaplains in more than 30 countries around the world.

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 3.**

CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR:

This year's Chester-wide Confirmation will be at St Clare's on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00 pm. Classes will be on Tuesday Evenings at St Werburgh's, beginning 10th September.

Launch Meeting this Tuesday 17th 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!

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Please note for this week only, the Mass this Thursday 18th July will be moved from 7.30 pm to 9.30 am

SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF ST CLARE

As St Clare's school finishes this week, on Tuesday they are celebrating St Clare's feast day early. . . .

Please come along later in the day to enjoy a feast day celebrations including **stalls, teacher bake off, rides, class enterprise stalls, music, barbeques and lots of food dishes.**

All welcome but Please come along from 3:30pm.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food Bank is the weekend, 27/28th July.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

July:

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Members of the conference keep busy with SVP activities. Recently I spent 8 hours one day on SVP related activities and others can cite similar instances. Always we need to keep interest in SVP matters in perspective with care of our families. The latter must be the focus of our lives and whilst help to others is important, concern and care for our loved ones is essential. It is often difficult to keep the balance as there are so many activities that need attention.

Loneliness, which the SVP helps to conquer, is all around us and a few minutes with a lonely person perhaps takes little from our day but can mean the world to another. With Gods help we strive to meet the needs of the lonely and our families. 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

SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF ST CLARE This Tuesday 3.30pm –see over

CONFIRMATION LAUNCH MEETING 7.00pm 16th July St Werburgh's

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP Sunday 11th - 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

Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them. St Peter of Alcantara

Youth Zone

WHAT TO DO WHEN MAKING IT TO MASS IS HARD

Some of you may be saying, now wait a minute! I get it, I really want to go to Mass, but it's hard. For whatever legitimate reason you may have, here are some helpful and practical tidbits:

IF YOU STRUGGLE MAKING IT TO MASS:

Prioritize the same Sunday Mass every week and make it a non-negotiable commitment. Invite a friend or two from youth group to go with you. It takes about 30-60 days to build a new habit, so give yourself grace but don't give up!

IF YOU HAVE A CHAOTIC SCHEDULE::

Have a list of all the Sunday Mass times in your area. Every week schedule which one you will make it to and stick to that Mass time. If, for some reason, something comes up outside of your control, have no fear! Consult that list once again.

IF YOUR PARENTS DON'T GO TO MASS:

First, encourage them to go with you! Explain how this is a priority for you and how it's a good opportunity for your family to grow. If that doesn't change, drive yourself or find a friend to drive you. Perhaps Uber or another form of public transportation is even an option for you.

IF YOU FEEL CHECKED OUT OR CONSISTENTLY "DON'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF THE MASS"

First, allow yourself to come to grips with the Mass as a mystery. All Sacraments, while celebrated in a physical form are indeed mysteries. Start there, then open your heart to seeing the Mass differently, to actually listening to the words, and being patient with the experience. Learn more about the Mass (I highly recommend Behold the Mystery) and ask the Lord to really open your eyes to seeing this beautiful prayer in a different way

IF YOU ARE SICK OR ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO MAKE IT TO MASS:

The Church understands that sometimes our bodies limit us in ways outside of our control and dispenses Sunday Mass for "a serious reason" (CCC 2181). If that is you, it is OK. Stay home, get better, and if possible call the parish and see if there is someone who can bring the Eucharist to your home -LIFE TEEN



Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 13/07 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm Collection for Apostleship of the Sea	Fifteenth Sunday	Dt 30: 10-14; Ps 68;	David Brown (SB) Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers
Sun 14/07 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin Mass 11.15am Collection for Apostleship of the Sea	In Ordinary Time Green	Col 1: 15-20; Lk 10: 25-37	Eileen Green
Tue 16/07 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm St Anthony Devotions & MASS 7pm	Ferial Green	Ex 2: 1-15; Ps 68;	Ursula Breslin
Wed 17/07 Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30 am	Ferial Green	Ex 3: 1-6,9-12; Ps 102;	Ann & Billy Hanwright
Thu 18/07 Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am Exposition 3-4 pmj	Ferial Green	Ex 3: 13-20; Ps 104; Mt 11: 28-30	James & Glenda Whelan
Fri 19/07 Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am	St John Plessington, P,M	Ex1: 10-12: 14 Ps 115; Mt 12: 1-8	Gerry Simblet RIP
Sat 20/07 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	Sixteenth Sunday	Gn 18: 1-10; Ps 14; Col 1: 24-28	Patrick McHugh
Sun 21/07 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin Mass 11.15am	In Ordinary Time Green	Lk 10: 38-42	Gladys Joinson

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Pupils from St Clare's were invited to create a display for Lache Library to focus everyone on the 'Space themed' reading challenge which is being run in every library during the summer. Year Six pupils have made a wonderful display which looks fantastic. Emma, from the library came to speak with pupils to encourage them to take part in the summer challenge.

This week Mrs Holt and staff from the Reception class have visited our new pupils in their homes. This is a great way for the children to meet Mrs Holt in their own surroundings and helps as part of the transition programme.



Next week is the last week of term and a very busy one! On Tuesday we are celebrating St Clare's feast day. Pupils will be involved in activities based around St Clare. Please come along later in the day to enjoy feast day celebrations including stalls, teacher bake off, rides, class enterprise stalls, music, barbeques and lots of food dishes. Please come along from 3:30pm.

St Clare's have been shortlisted for a sports award. Mr Wright and staff are taking a group of children to the awards ceremony on Monday- fingers crossed! Then on Wednesday our girls football team is in the finals of the Chester cup which is being held at the Liverpool academy. I am sure they will have a great time.

Our Year Six are preparing for their last week at St Clare's.....they are a great group of children who will be missed, however they are leaving us with great confidence, skills and potential.