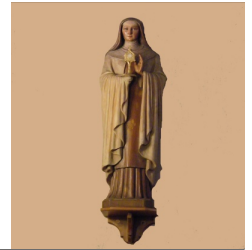




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Psalter Week II **TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 st SEPTEMBER 2019** **YEAR OF HOLINESS**

DEDICATION: September is dedicated to Our Lady of

CONDUCT YOUR AFFAIRS WITH HUMILITY



In our culture, which so much prizes human exaltation. We see it in the ever-growing number of award shows indulging the egos of those in film, television and music, all giving out awards for best actors, actresses, and directors etc. So many of us have been raised with the desire not only to *be the best*, but to be *acknowledged* as the best. And if we recognize begrudgingly that we're not the best, we at least want to be *better* than those with whom we come into contact.

We want to get our own way, rather than conceding to the wishes of another. We want everyone to acknowledge our rights and their responsibilities, rather than vice versa. We want to get the last word, rather than concede it to someone else. We want to be the ones noticed and thanked, and resent it if others get the credit we think we deserve.

To all of us in this culture, Jesus says to us in the words of today's Alleluia verse, "*Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart*" (Mt 11:29). Jesus' whole life is a lesson in humility and he turns to each of us and says, "Follow me!"

St. Paul describe Jesus' humility best in his letter to the Philippians, grounding our humility on the unbelievable humility the Son of God: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others

Sirach instructs us in today's first reading, "My child, conduct your affairs with humility." Everything we do, in other words, we're called to do humbly. Sirach continues, "The greater you are," the more blessed you are with material goods, or prestige or high office, "humble yourself the more, and you will find favour in God..- Fr R.J. Landry

WELCOME TO ST CLARE'S

Everyone is welcome here, whether you are a visitor . Catholic or not, or if you have simply lost touch with the Church We would like you to feel very much at home ,. This is God's house and His arms are always open. Forgive us if we fail to notice a new face, but do introduce yourself and join us for coffee after the Sunday 9.30am Mass

<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 &Funerals</u> Please call or email Fr Emeka above
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THE FAITH JOURNEY OF FATHER NEILL ROBB

Father Neill Robb ordained this year will be celebrating Mass for us at 6.00pm on and the 9.30 am Mass this weekend, and it is hoped he will share his incredible 'Journey of Faith' with us. to Catholicism with his wife (who he says was often ahead of him) through Anglicanism and finally to the Catholic priesthood makes a gripping and fascinating story which he has called 'He Leadeth Me'

SOCIAL / FILM NIGHT

There will be a social/film night in the Parish Room on Friday 27th September at 7pm. Light supper provided. The film will be 'Heaven Is For Real' rated PG based on a true life events of a young family. It will provide food for thought. People can Google it to see the plot.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

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,

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food Bank is the weekend 28/29 September

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 2**.

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, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Henry Kearney, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin

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.**

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 YEAR 2020

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that the Year 2020 be dedicated to a programme of events to renew the Church through a study of Sacred Scripture. At present much of the year is still at the planning stage but we know they wish to "celebrate, live and share" Sacred Scripture. Parishes will be asked how they can improve their understanding of the Word of God so that they might "achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities".

The year 2020 has been chosen as it falls on the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome who translated the bible into Latin.

The programme will be launched on September 30th, St Jerome's feast day, but will get going only from December 1, the First Sunday of Advent and the start of the Church's year.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

This Sunday 1st September at the Alyn Rossett; 1pm Contact Veronica 07964 881342 or veroncav@gmail.com

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

September is SVP Awareness Month. Posters will be displayed indicating the work of the SVP. The work of the St Clare's SVP Conference is given on a weekly basis in this section of the newsletter. An address to the congregation is also given with a retiring collection. This will occur in St Clare's next week 7th/ 8th Sept. and 50% of that collection will specifically be for the provision of holidays at the HH and the money so collected will be spent on the provision of holidays at the HH. Gift aid envelopes will be distributed on 7th/ 8th September and collected in on the following week 14th/ 15th September. Thank you so much for your support and 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

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

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB This Sunday 1st September –see over for details

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN 10th September

SVP RETIRING COLLECTION 14th/ 15th September. 7th/ 8th September the money so collected will be spent on the provision of holidays at the HH. Gift aid envelopes will be collected in on 14th/ 15th September

SOCIAL FILM NIGHT Friday 27th September -see over for details

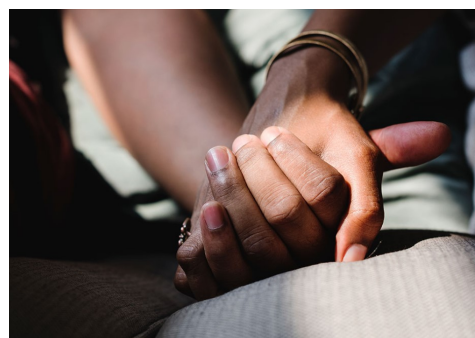
SVP SPONSORED WALK. Sunday 6th Oct 1.30pm Route in and around Chester. Sponsor Forms and details will be available later in the month

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

YOUTH ZONE

WHAT LOVE IS NOT

If you've been to a wedding, Hobby Lobby, or logged on to Pinterest at any point in your life, you've probably spent some time with 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: *"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth."*



I've heard this verse so many times that it almost seems like a cliché. But the reality is, this true and enduring witness to authentic love cannot be overstated. Today, the world desperately offers us the false illusion that love is interchangeable with things such as comfort, convenience, pleasure, and even sin. Hook-up culture and the normalization of pornography beg us to accept the objectification or use of our brothers and sisters for the sake of convenience or enjoyment.

Dating apps allow us the option to pursue any number of relationships based on a shallow split-second judgement reflected in a swipe left or right. Social media often constricts the calibre of our relationships to Snap Streaks or a filtered image. All of these things can seem like a quick-fix for loneliness or need for affirmation, but often times leave us feeling isolated or insecure. This illusion that love is disposable is not only incompatible with our dignity as sons and daughters of Christ, but can be damaging to both our heart and soul.

When we invest our hearts into these counterfeit ideas of love, we are selling ourselves short of the real, life-giving encounter that the Father desires for us. Love is meant to be a light in the world, not to dispel us to the darkness of sin and insecurity
-LIFE TEEN.

ROSARY CORNER

"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary.

There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

Sister Lucia dos Santos, Fatima seer



Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 31/08 5.40pm Rosary	<i>Twenty Scond Sunday in</i>	Qo 3: 19-21,-31 Ps 67; Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24	Fred Colley (KC)
Sun 01/09 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am	<i>Ordinary Time Green</i>	Lk 14: 1,7-14	Maggie Quinn Birth- day Thanksgiving
Tue 03/09 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm St Anthony Devotions &	<i>St Gregory The Great, Pp, D White</i>	1 Th 2: 1-8; Ps 138; Mt 13: 23-26	New School Term
Wed 04/09 Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30	<i>St Augustine, B,D White</i>	1 Th 2: 9-13; Ps 138;	Special Intention (SB)
Thu 05/09 NO MASS			
Fri 06/09 NO MASS			
Sat 07/09 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm Retiring Collection for SVP	<i>Twenty Third Sunday</i>	Ws 9: 13-18; Ps 89; Phm 9: 10,12-17; Lk 14: 25-33	Special Intention (KC)
Sun 08/09 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am	<i>In Ordinary Time Green</i>		Kim

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates *the heart of the mystery of the Church*. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfilment of the promise: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity.

Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope.

The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life". "For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to men". Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of his boundless love

At every celebration of the Eucharist, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper and to what followed it. The institution of the Eucharist sacramentally anticipated the events which were about to take place, beginning with the agony in Gethsemane. -Pope St John Paul II 'Eucharistica et Ecclesia' 1.1, 3.1



St Clare's Catholic Primary School reopens for pupils on Wednesday 4th September.