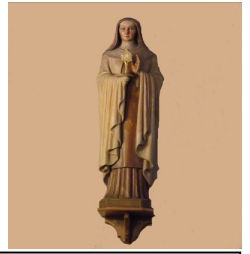




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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th OCTOBER 2019

Psalter Week II

YEAR OF HOLINESS

DEDICATION:

November is dedicated to The Souls in Purgatory



THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

In today's Gospel First, Jesus tells us that the Pharisee prayed "to himself." How odd! His visit to the Temple to pray was not meant to actually address God, although it began with the words, "O God." He did not make any kind of appeal to God. Even when he expressed gratitude ("I thank You"), it was not thanksgiving for anything in or from God. Instead, the Pharisee was thankful that he was "not like the rest of humanity." He was not "greedy, dishonest, or adulterous." In other words, he practiced virtue, not like "this tax collector." He went on to describe his impressive religious observances—fasting twice a week and paying tithes on his whole income.

This is sobering, isn't it? Here is a religious man who cares deeply about the rules God had given His people, practicing them without fail, but to what has all that led? In his own eyes, he is perfect; he is not a sinner "like the rest of humanity."

Why was the outcast the one who experienced God's mercy and not the religious man? Jesus explains: "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The paradoxical, uncomfortable truth is that we religious people are highly susceptible to self-exaltation, especially in our own day. Many of us believe ourselves to be involved in a "culture war" similar to the one the Pharisees struggled against. Sometimes in our campaigns to preserve morality in our laws and societal norms, we can become self-righteous. We despise sinners, forgetting that we, too, are sinners in great need of God's mercy. This parable serves as a warning to people like us, In our prayers, our pious practices, and our participation in Mass, are we more aware of the sins of others than our own? Do we make the sinners around us feel ostracized and judged? Are we willing to beat our breasts and cry out for God's mercy, knowing how needy we are? -Gayle Somers 'Catholic exchange'

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES:

During November we are invited to pray especially for the Faithful Departed. A November Dead List will be placed before the Altar during the month of November. Please put names of deceased and a donation in the Holy Souls envelopes available in the porch and either return to church or place in the Offertory Basket. The Annual Mass for Holy Souls will be celebrated on Tuesday 26th Nov. at 7.00pm.

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, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Bob McConnell, Alex Shone, Gwen Spurr, Krysia

Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the soul of Maureen Oliphant who died recently. Also pray for the soul of Bishop Brian Noble who died on Monday 21st October

ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME

Terry Evans, Jack Chidlaw, Mary Rowlands, Wilhelmina Callaghan and John Doran

REPOSITORY

On sale in the repository is a small selection of items to celebrate and commemorate the Sacrament of Confirmation ranging from missal sets to pin brooches and necklaces. Please take a look.

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

These are **THIS Weekend** 26/27 October

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

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

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

The next Sunday Lunch Club is Sunday Nov 3rd. Venue 'The Chester Fields'. Restaurant, Chester Road ,Chester CH2 4JR at 1 pm
Contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or e-mail: catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING IN THE CHURCH TODAY

Cardinal Nichols

On 6th November, I will give oral evidence to the Inquiry. I will do so as President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. I have written now written in order to provide some context within which you can follow these proceedings and whatever publicity may follow.

Copies of the full text of Cardinal Nichols letter are available at the back of the church

ST. PADRE PIO MASS: 13th November 9.30 am

There will be a Mass with St. Pio novena prayers here in St. Clare's on Wednesday 13th November at 9.30 am. The relic (glove) of St. Pio is used for veneration before Mass and blessing at the end. Petition sheets are available and will be returned to S.Rotondo.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS.

The Masses for All Saints and All Souls will take place on Friday and Saturday respectively. Please see back page for details.

BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER

A pastoral letter will be read at all Masses this weekend following the death of Bishop Brian

'Celebrating' Children's Liturgy

A day for those involved in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word. On Saturday 23 November 2019 At Saint Joseph's Parish Centre, Birkenhead, CH42 7JY Coffee & registration from 10am. The day will finish with prayer at 3pm
Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided. £5 per person.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Thank you all for your thought and generosity in giving the Ink cartridges to give us in the box in the lobby. Since we started £295.45 has been raised over the six conferences in our District with £151.40 in the last 12 months. St Clare's have raised £123.95 in total with £59.65 in the last 12 months and £33 from 88 cartridges in the last quarter. Money raised goes to the Holiday Home. Elsewhere we are still collecting items for the homeless. Male and female underwear, socks and sleeping bags. The SVP central national Office at this time of the year provides homeless people with kits which contain: thermal hat, two pairs of gloves, toothpaste, toothbrush, wet wipes, pen, copy of The Pavement magazine and an information cover sheet. For St Clare's the small cost is covered by the generous donations you gave earlier in the year. 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 Room on Monday evenings. New members welcome. Contact Steve on 01244 671817 or e-mail PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB (St Clare's SVP Conference) Meets on the first Sunday of month. The time and venue are advertised near date. Contact Catherine 01244 678825 e-mail catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

CHESTER SPUC GROUP 3rd Wednesday every other month next meeting contact Kevin 01244 681816 or e mail: kevprend@gmail.com for details

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHESTER SPUC GROUP Wednesday 20th November contact Kevin on 01244 681816 for details

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB Sunday 3rd Nov. 'Chester Fields' contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or e-mail catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk— see over

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

SVP HOLIDAY HOME MUSIC NIGHT Friday 31st January 2020. 7.30pm. St Columba's Parish Hall, CHS Orchestra and Singers. Contact Steve on 01244 671817 or PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk



OUR EMERITUS BISHOP BRIAN NOBLE

The Rt Rev Brian Noble, 10th Bishop of Shrewsbury, died peacefully on Monday at the age of 83 years. The Emeritus Bishop was formerly a priest of the Diocese of Lancaster. He was ordained for the Diocese of Shrewsbury in 1995 and he retired in 2010, but continued to be active, giving talks and retreats and assisting in the parishes

The Rt Rev Mark Davies, the Bishop of Shrewsbury, said: "The Shrewsbury Diocese shares a great sadness that Bishop Brian Noble, who was so much part of our lives as priest and bishop, has passed from this world. We will especially remember his example of perseverance through serious illness in his care of this Diocese with his unfailing dedication and good humour. Conscious of the immense responsibility given to a Bishop, I ask the prayers of all for the eternal and happy repose of his soul."

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Tuesday 5th November: Bishop Brian's mortal remains will be received into Shrewsbury Cathedral at 5.00 pm with the Prayers of the Vigil and Reception. His body will rest before the Altar until the **Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm** His mortal remains will then be transferred to rest overnight at Saint Joseph's, Birkenhead Wednesday 6th November: They will then be transferred to the Church of Saint Michael and All Angels, Birkenhead at 10.00 am where his body will rest before the Altar until the **Requiem Mass at 12.00 Noon** His mortal remains will then be laid to rest at Saint Winefride's Churchyard, Neston at 2.00 pm

YOUTH ZONE

SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO—age 14

St. Dominic Savio died at the age of 14 in 1857 When he was canonized a saint in 1954 by Pope Pius XII, he was (and remains) the youngest person ever to have been canonized a saint by the Catholic Church without being some sort of martyr. He wrote in his journal that he had four rules::

- 1) I will go to Confession often, and as frequently to Holy Communion as my confessor allows.
- 2) I wish to sanctify the Sundays and festivals in a special manner.
- 3) My friends shall be Jesus and Mary.
- 4) Death rather than sin. .



ROSARY CORNER



The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements , it has all the *depth of the Gospel message in its entirety*, of which it can be said to be a compendium....With the Rosary ,the Christian people *sits at the school of Mary* and is led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ, and to experience the depths of his love. Through he Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Redeemer

-St John Paul II 'Rosarium Virginis Mariae 1,2

Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 26/10 Rosary 11.40 MASS 12 Noon Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Si 35: 12-14, 16-18; Ps 33; 2 Tm 4: 6-8,16-18	Ann & Bernadette Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 27/10 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am	Green	Lk 18: 9-14	Arnold Timmins
Tue 29/10 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm	Ferial Green	Rm 8: 18-25 Ps 125	Elaine Universal
Wed 30/10 Exposition 8:30am Rosary & Benediction 9.00am MASS 9.30 am	Ferial Green	Rm 8: 26-30; Ps 12; Lk 13: 22-30	Mal
Thu 31/10 Mass 9.30am Mass 7.30pm	White	Rm 8: 31-39; Ps 108; Lk 13:31-35	Clare McNiff
Fri 01/11 Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Holy Day of Obligation	All Saints Day White	Rv 2-8.9-14; Ps 23; 1 Jn 3: 1-3; Mt 5: 1-12	Henry Kearney
Sat 02/11 Morning MASS 11.am	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Purple		Holy Souls
Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	Thirty First Sunday	Ws 11: 22-12,2 Ps 144;	John Murphy
Sun 03/11 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin Mass 11.15am	In Ordinary Time Green	2 Th 1: 11-2: 2; Lk 19: 1-10	Rosemary Prendergast

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Last Saturday ten of our Cross Country runners participated in one of the league events in Ellesmere Port. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and determination. The children all completed the race in good times, with Evah Mae and Miley coming in the top five in their respective races.



During the week we held our Autumn Term parents' evenings. It was lovely to have the opportunity to share successes and achievements, as well as work in close partnership to ensure best outcomes for children.



Pupils took part in our 'Sponsored Jog' using our 250-metre track. The children are aiming to raise funds for new playtime equipment. Once funds are collected after half term, the School Council will organise the ordering of new resources.

The school house which collects the most will have the privilege of playing with the new equipment first!

Thank you for your support in collecting Aldi sports stickers- we have filled our sheet! All we have to do now is suggest how we would spend £20,000 to improve the health and wellbeing of the school community!

This week pupils enjoyed the end of term reward of making crispy cakes, whilst pupils in the winning house decorated T-shirts with their own personal designs. The school was full of very happy pupils! We were delighted that one of our Year Six pupils, Ethan, has been performing at the Story House theatre, in a production of Bugsy Malone.



School is now closed for half term and reopens for pupils on Tuesday 5th November. Monday is an INSET day for staff.