



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week I

23rd August 2020

Year of The Word

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. CLARE'S CHURCH

It's wonderful to see so many parishioners coming back to Mass in our safe and beautiful Church! (if you haven't already done so why not give it a try) The Saturday evening Mass is a typical drive in Mass and does not require much work stewarding but, the Sunday and Wednesday Masses at 9.30 am require stewarding. The stewards are always on hand to guide us in Church to ensure the best of hygiene practice and safety of everyone. They also clean the church after every Mass and the cleaners do an excellent job fortnightly.

We are appealing to anyone who can assist and become one of our excellent team of volunteer Stewards to come forward. As you can imagine, those that are currently helping need to have a break sometime, so a few more willing hands would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you can help. Contact: patriddell31@aol.com or phone 01244 675688

WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday 22nd Aug 6.00pm,

Sunday 23rd Aug 9.30 am

Wednesday 26th Aug 9.30 am



THE CHURCH'S KEYS ARE IN PETER'S HANDS (Matt 16:13-20)

I get so used to your Church. I take so many of your gifts for granted. Help me to live less superficially. Enlighten my mind. I want to appreciate the teaching and guidance you offer me through the pope and the bishops, through your saints, and through the rich doctrine of the Church. Lord, I want to be able to defend the truths of your doctrine, to be able to explain them.

You are the one Lord, the one Saviour. And so many people just don't know you! So many lies, so much misinformation and misunderstanding deceive them. Instruct me, teach me – help me do my homework, so that I can bear the torch of your transforming truth with elegance, respect, and gusto...*Fr. John Bartunek, LC*

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 11.00 am - 11.40 am, or call the parish to book at any **time**.

BAPTISMS

If you want to have your child baptised please contact Fr. Emeka or call the parish office to book. Those booked before the lockdown kindly get in touch with the parish office. Note that there will not be more than 30 in attendance.

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, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt, Mark Wilson.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Private Intention

Monday: Sue Casey

Tuesday: Paul and Joanne Pelington

Wednesday: Michael O'Donnel

Thursday: Arnold Timmins

Friday: Stephen Chukwudi

Saturday: Peter Charles Byrne

If you wish for a Mass to be offered contact Fr. Emeka or the parish office

FACE COVERING /MASKS

The wearing of face masks is now obligatory and we will be asking for everyone to wear a face covering/mask in Church to comply with the Government guidelines. Please bring your own with you - we do have a small supply of single use masks but, as you can appreciate, they are very expensive, so we would prefer everyone to come prepared.



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

The Union of opposites was the spiritual reading at this week's conference "Zoom" meeting. Our present life is one of lots of opposites. We have the need to be close to those we love and those we wish to help but need to keep our distance (Social Distance indeed!) and so we may seem reserved and stand offish. If we do get close then we risk breaching the guidelines placed for our and others safety.

I have visited a couple of beneficiaries because it would have been distressing to stay distant but probably crossed the line (that advised by SVP NO). The final prayer was "Lord may I understand how to bring all the opposites of my life into harmony". Keep safe and well this week. God bless. Steve

ROSARY CORNER

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal."

~Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Father and Doctor of the Church

EUTHANASIA AGAINST PATIENTS EXPLICIT WISHES

Doctors in the Netherlands will now be permitted to euthanise vulnerable dementia patients, even if the patient explicitly expresses a wish not to die, a Dutch Supreme Court has ruled. Michael Robinson, SPUC Director of Communications said: "Vulnerable patients who deserve care and compassion are now to be put down like animals. This is a system open to abuse and exploitation."

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