



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week I

20th September 2020

Year of The Word

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Pity

TWENTYFIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GOD WANTS US TO ACHIEVE OUR FULLNESS

In today's Gospel Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father's love which is free and generous. Human thoughts are often marked by selfishness and personal advantages, He uses mercy — do not forget this: He uses mercy —, he forgives broadly, is filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can

give the human heart the fullness of joy.

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the labourers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard. It is a gaze which is filled with attention, kindness God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness. This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father -*Pope Francis*

WEEKLY MASSES

Sat 19th 6.00pm, Drive in vigil Mass

Sun 20th 9.30 am Mass

Mon 21st Private Mass Feast St Matthew

Tues 22nd Private Mass Ferial

Wed 23rd 9.30 am Mass St Padre Pio

Thurs 24th Private Mass Our Lady of Walsingham

Fri 25th Private Mass Ferial

Sat 26th 6.00pm, Drive in vigil Mass

Sun 27th 9.30 am Mass

INTENTIONS

Grace William

Gerard

Anthony Curzon RIP

N Harrington RIP

Leach family intentions

Bert Haddock

Helen O'Callaghan RIP

Jan Rosair

Anthony Curzon RIP

The drive in Masses are an opportunity for the sick or elderly or anyone else to stay in their car if they so wish.

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

CONFESSIONS

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

RED BOXES

Tony Austin asks that anyone whose Red Box needs emptying will bring it into St. Clare's or alternately he is happy to collect and return it at your house if you would care to ring him on 678467.

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.

CAFOD

"Pope Francis has called for the period from 1 September - 4 October to be a season of prayer for Creation, and with this in mind members of the Chester CAFOD Support Group are pleased to **invite you to join them at St Theresa's Church, Blacon on Sunday 4 October (The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) at 3pm for a Novena of Prayer to Saint Francis** to pray " for a world under threat", comprising nine brief reflections asking St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun. This novena is a song of penitence and praise, guiding us to care for the earth and for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, especially the Amazon peoples

Due to the current restrictions re social distancing etc numbers allowed in church are limited so please contact Sue Bownas on 01244 679270 if you plan to join us, we do hope that you will be able to do so, but if not prayers and images from the Novena can be found on the following link to CAFOD's website so you can make your own Novena at home.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>"



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

"In the midst of my troubles Lord may I remember to call home". This was the message taken from the spiritual reading at our last Conference meeting. It concerns "Peace of Mind" and anticipating during the day how it may be lost. At this very worrying time with so many restrictions and changes in advice it's sometimes difficult to determine whether we are right or wrong and this leads to our loss of the "Peace of Mind". Its then we can "Call Home" and God will listen and relieve us of our burden. Keep safe and well this week. God bless. Steve

ROSARY CORNER

"When people love and recite the Rosary they find it makes them better."—*St. Anthony Mary Claret*

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

On Wednesday the staff joined teams from other schools in the Diocese for a Mass to mark the start of the academic year. Usually we would have met in a Diocesan school, however this year it was done via zoom! Then on Friday pupils in Key Stage Two joined Fr Emeka for a live stream mass. Pupils wrote the bidding prayers and reported that they missed the opportunity of celebrating mass in the school hall.

We use Read, Write, Inc (RWI) as a strategy to teach early reading and writing skills. On Wednesday we had a RWI development day. This involved unpicking recent assessments and action planning to help pupils in the best way we can. During school closure many pupils have made super progress with their reading, as they have received great support at home using reading materials provided. However, some children require additional help in closing the gaps, as they haven't made the same level of progress.

After school on Friday, a number of parents, socially distanced, worked on the school grounds- they harvested fruit and vegetables, weeded flower beds and generally tidied up shared areas. I am so grateful to our families for their commitment and support.

