



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week IV

13th September 2020

Year of The Word

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Pity

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE OCEAN OF MERCY

In this Sunday's parable, as in the Our Father, Jesus gives us the secret to forming a patient, forgiving heart. It consists in recognizing the immense evil of our own sin, and thereby perceiving the vastness of God's goodness in forgiving it.

Until we see the ugliness of the ingratitude and selfishness that characterize our relationship with God, we will never grasp how generous his forgiveness really is. When we do, however, our shrivelled hearts expand, and our joyful patience knows no bounds.

I don't want you to doubt my forgiveness. This is why I made it tangible in the sacrament of reconciliation. When you come to me through the ministry of my chosen, ordained priest, you actually hear my own words speaking through his voice: "I absolve you from your sins...." -Fr. John Bartunek, LC

MASS SEATING CHANGES

Current regulations require face coverings inside the Church. however this enables us to increase our maximum capacity, which helps as our numbers are increasing with more people returning to Mass.

Our 6pm Saturday "drive-in" Mass continues and is very well attended - clearly the continuation of this arrangement will be weather dependent as the weeks progress. Mass is also available online via the website.

PARISH THANKS

We thank Canon Simon Treloar of St. Mary's cathedral Wrexham for gifting St. Clare's parish, a poster painting with the picture of St. Clare's of Assisi our patron saint.

WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday 6.00pm, Drive in Mass an opportunity for the sick or elderly or anyone else to stay in their car if they so wish.

Sunday 9.30 am

Wednesday 9.30 am

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: Lila and John Bradburn

Monday: Eileen Challenor

Tuesday: Tom Haddock

Wednesday: James and Glenda Whelan

Thursday: Jack Walsh

Friday: St. Clare's School

Saturday: Grace Williams

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

CAFOD

CAFOD have written to acknowledge and thank parishioners of St. Clare's for the latest donation of £634.50 received on 11 August 2020. Thank you and God bless.

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.

ROSARY CORNER

The Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God. -St Louis de Montfort



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

September is SVP Awareness month when conference members and parishioners are asked to think of those less well off than themselves. The SVP prayers always include the need to consider all those in need. The HH has been shut this year however site fees need paying and replacement funds are needed but the HH funds have had no receipts since the January music night. The autumn sees SVP fundraising with the October Sponsored Walk, to which the generosity of St Clare's Parishioners is always noted. SVP members this year will carry out a sponsored walk but individually and not as a group. Please do be as generous as in the past. Donations can be made to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chesterellesmereportholidayhome> Thanks in advance. Keep safe and well. God bless Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

We are blessed with great pupils! This was our first full week back in school, so by Friday we had some very weary pupils (and staff!). It was a super week, with children becoming familiar with new routines and timetables. All our Reception children have impressed everyone with how quickly they have settled into our school community. This week the children stayed for their lunch and enjoyed trying new foods!

As part of our new arrangements, on PE days children come to school dressed ready for PE.



Pupils love our new PE sweatshirts which they wear outside. Mr Wright has been encouraging all pupils to be active in our great outdoors! This week our Year Four pupils in Africa have started a course of yoga. Over the next three weeks they will complete three sessions in small groups, before pupils in Year Two (South America) have the opportunity to enjoy this art. Pupils watched a national assembly from Cafod about doing our bit to look after our planet and afterwards wrote their own pledges.



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