

# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week III 11th July 2021 YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **BISHOP MARK WRITES**

## LIFTING OF LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS AND CALL FOR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

The Prime Minister indicated that he envisaged lockdown restrictions in England being lifted from Monday 19th July, This decision is expected to be confirmed on Monday.... we can anticipate that there will be advice forthcoming for churches.

In being guided by personal responsibility whether, for example, to wear a mask in an enclosed space. We will surely be sensitive to parishioners who may make different choices.

In the light of local circumstances, there may be something of a phased return to normality, in delaying, for example, the return of congregational singing, rather than seeking to return to all pre lockdown practice immediately.

I am sure it will be a major part of our task in the months ahead, not to discourage or even alarm those who have already faithfully returned to Sunday Mass in recent months, or those who may be preparing to return this summer. I know that this will not be an easy balance to strike. I will pass on all advice as soon as it is received in helping make the best provision in the many and varied circumstances of the Diocese.

# ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

# **INTENTIONS**

Sat 10th July - 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Sun 11th July Mass 9.30am -15th Sunday in Ordinary Time DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

Mon 12th July 9,30 am -Ferial Tues 13th 9.30am -St Henry

Weds 14th July 9.30am - St Camillus de Lellis

Thurs 15th July 9.30am-St Bonaventure

Fri 16th July 9.30 am -Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sat 17th July - 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Sun 18th July Mass 9.30am –16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Geoff Prendergast

Margaret Lehnert RIP

Eileen Challanor **Christine Long** 

Massimo Labadini Margaret Lehnert RIP

Confessions every Saturday 11-11.40am or on request

If you wish a Mass for your intentions please contact Fr Emeka or the parish office

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021**

We wish to congratulate all the Children of the parish who are receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time in their lives, this period. The first group received on June 27, followed by another set last Sunday, 4th July and then those to receive on Sunday 11th July . The Mass of Holy Communion will begin at 10.30 am after the 9.30 am Mass. Kindly remember to say a prayer for them.....

On Sunday 18th July 2021, a last group of children who were not able to receive with others will have their turn.

#### DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR SEAFARERS:

This Sunday is a special day of prayer for Seafarers. There will be a special collection in support of the Apostleship of the Sea after Masses next weekend.

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type.

Nigel Clayton, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross,

# THE SOUND SYSYEM IN THE CHURCH

The sound system in Church is undergoing a check and a possible upgrade by an engineer. It will be on test this weekend . Please help with your feedback to enable the engineer give us the best.

## **ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Deacons Patrick Breeze, Humphrey O'Connor and Stephen Roberts will be ordained to the Priesthood at Saint Anthony's, Wythenshawe on Friday 16th July 2021 at 7.00pm. The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed from Saint Anthony's for everyone who is not able to attend in person.

# ORDINATIONS TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

On Saturday 24th July 2021 Doctor John McKay and Professor Wilfred McSherry will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at Saint Michael & All Angels Church in Woodchurch at 12 noon.

# ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

The conference at this time of the year is dominated by issues with the Holiday Home. Arranging for families to go, taking and collecting them and dealing with keeping the 10-year-old caravan ship shape and in good order for guests.

Care with covid safety is top of the list with health and safety and all families are given hand sanitiser on arrival. Touch points, those most likely to transmit the virus, in the holiday home are cleaned with anti-viral spray prior to guests arriving and this supersedes the normal cleaning on Saturdays. 12 out of the 20 weeks available are now booked with only non-school hols, in the autumn now available. If anyone knows of disadvantaged persons who could benefit from one of these weeks then please let me know. Keep safe and well this week. Steve

#### INTRODUCING HOLIDAY CLUB (ONLINE)

We're so excited to announce this week of fun, activities, games & prayer happening in August. For young people in year 5 to 7. All are welcome to join us! Email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org to request a booking form. -Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Last Sunday this wonderful group of
children received the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. Evie, Cayden, Iyla, Joseph, Olivia and Leo enjoyed the celebration on their special day.

During the week we held transition events so that pupils met their new teachers for September. This provided a lovely opportunity for fun games and activities.

To celebrate the England football team being in the semi-finals we all dressed in red and white on

Wednesday!

SVP

# At Pre School we love a challenge!

his week we used all the water up in the water butt and needed a way to refill it! The children decided they needed a bucket! After much problem solving and with adult support, the children then took it in turns to fill a container, climb the ladder and pour their water into the water butt. Success!

Our fortnightly school newsletters where you can see more about school life are available on the school website: http:// www.stclares.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters-2020-2021/80865