



## ***St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church***

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**Psalter Week I**

**25th July 2021**

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus**

### **EXPOSITION TO RECOMMENCE IN ST CLARE'S**

We are pleased to announce exposition will recommence in St Clare's half hour before the Sunday and Wednesday Masses i.e 9 am

### **ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES**

**Sat 24th - 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass**

**Sun 25th Exposition 9 am**

**9.30am –17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mon 26th 9.30 am

*Ss Joachim & Ann Parent of BVM*

Tues 27th 9.30 am Private Mass—*Ferial*

**Weds 28th Exposition 9 am**

**9.30 am Mass—Ferial**

Thurs 29th 9.30 am Private Mass—*St Martha*

Fri 30th 9.30 am Private Mass—*St Peter Chrysologus*

**Sat 31st - 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass**

**Sun 1st Aug 9.30am –18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **INTENTIONS**

Terry O'Toole (Special B'day)

Kevin Prendergast (Special B'day)

Geoff Prendergast

Frank & Rita Whelan

Fr Dennis Keating RIP

Lila & Johnny Bradburne

Theresa Hart

Callum Davies

**Confessions** every Saturday 11-11.40am or on request

### **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:**

We are all invited to celebrate and give thanks for the role and contribution of grandparents and older people to their families and our parishes and encouraged to make a visit to the elderly living alone in the community.

### **NOTES OF ZOOM MEETING OF COVID TEAM MON 19th JULY**

**Track & trace** - will still be required, as per instructions from the Diocese

**Saturday Drive-in Mass** – No change

**Stewarding/cleaning** – reduce stewards to 2, acting as “welcomers” to encourage sanitising and mask wearing and to do a clean of the tops of pews, ie “touch points”, no longer to clean seats and kneelers. Thorough fortnightly clean will continue.

**Distancing** – centre aisle to be opened, so no “one way” system on entry and exit, but every other aisle still to be ribboned off to facilitate distancing in the pews. The Church will still be ventilated by open doors

**Communion** – to return to the normal time during Mass. Father will ask the left hand side (as he looks at it) to come up the centre aisle first, row by row from the front, supervised by the 2 stewards, returning to their seats via the side aisle, then the other side of the Church.

**Offertory** – No change, box to be left at the exit

**Votive candles** – to be returned to side Altars

**Singing** – can commence but with mask wearing

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** – will commence this Sunday from 9am

**St Clare's Feast day** is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August, so it was decided that, weather permitting, there would be coffee outdoors after 9.30am Mass

**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, Geoff Prendergast, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

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

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION:** 'SUNDAY – IT IS OUR DAY!' The Bishops of England and Wales are hoping that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil the most important Church precept of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021.

\*\*\*\*\***CLEANERS NEEDED:** We need volunteers to join our team of cleaners in Church. Talk to Fr. Emeka or Mary Axon if you are able to give some of your time.



### **ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE**

The conference has been busy this week. A lounge suite was delivered to a beneficiary alerted to us by the school, and on-going support of another has proved somewhat problematic. The suite had a beneficial side effect in that we now have the number of a reliable "Man and Van" for help in the future. We have families going to the Holiday Home over the next couple of weeks as well as one going at the end of August. The District Council meeting on Monday and the Central Council meeting on Wednesday were both able to report the opening of the Birkenhead Support Centre, which now has a manager and recruitment of a cleaner is in hand. The Foodbank is using that centre and other agencies are interested. Keep safe and well this week. God bless Steve

## **St Clare's Catholic Primary School**



The last few days of term were just as busy as we have been all year! After celebrating with four small groups, all our Communicants came into school, dressed in their finery. Photos were taken and the children enjoyed a belated party together in the sunshine.

Fr Emeka joined Year Six for a special collective worship on the school field. This provided a great opportunity for pupils to reflect on the wonderful learning experiences they have had in St Clare's. Each pupil offered up an object which represented an important memory from St Clare's. Children were given a special heart, made out of wood from the Holy Land and also a lovely card with a jigsaw piece reflecting on our time together. We know all our Year Six will be wonderful assets to their new high schools, we are proud of each one of them.

On Monday evening Year Six returned to school at 4:30pm for a 'Leavers' Do!', this started with a staff versus Year Six rounders game, then after enjoying pizza and lollipops the children had great fun playing lots of games.

They toasted marshmallows and enjoyed smores after being awarded certificates. The evening finished with a disco. A great time was had by all.

St Clare's feast day was celebrated on Tuesday. Children were reminded of key details about St Clare's life. The celebrations included water play, a Magic Show and a Talent Competition!

As we start our summer break, we thank parishioners for what has been an exceptionally challenging year. School reopens for pupils on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

