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Psalter Week IV

15th August 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the "woman clothed with the sun" who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation. **At the Council of Chalcedon in 451**, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven. Also We now have *written evidence* of belief in the Assumption of Mary as far back as the third century. —*miscellaneous sources*

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

Sat 14th Aug- 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Sun 15th Aug 9.00 am Exposition

9.30am Mass —Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon 16th Aug private Mass—*St Stephen of Hungary*

Tues 17th Aug private Mass—*Ferial*

Weds 18th Aug 9.00 am Exposition

9.30am Mass - Ferial

Thurs 19th Aug private Mass —*St John Eudes*

Fri 20th Aug private Mass—*St Bernard*

Sat 21st Aug- 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Sun 22nd Aug 9.00 am Exposition

9.30am Mass -21st Sunday in Ordinary time

There is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass on Wednesday and Sunday

Confessions every Saturday 11-11.40am or on request

INTENTIONS

Our Parish Family

Mrs Bates

Veronica Phillips RIP

Fr Martin 20yr

anniversary of ordination .

Gladys Johnson

Peter Charles Byrne

Thanksgiving

Eileen Challinor

FEAST DAY OF ST CLARE'S

It was beautiful to see many parishioners and some others from other parishes come to grace the patronal feast of our parish last Wednesday. Grateful thanks to all who came to join at Mass and the light refreshments afterwards.

I am grateful to Fr. Paul for Celebrating the Mass of the Feast Day and in his usual way, for making it a solemn and lively one for all present. Fr. John Cavanagh's presence as a concelebrant at that Mass added to the beauty of the solemnity for us and all present, and for that I say a big thank you.

It was a good opportunity to taste the water as we plan to gradually return back to normal parish life.

A BIG THANK YOU

I want to say a big thank you to Pat Riddell, not only for organising the stewards over the past months and being the recorder for the Track and Trace, but also for organising and serving the refreshments after the Mass on our Patronal Feast of Saint Clare last Wednesday. **YOU ARE OUR PARISH SUPERWOMAN!**

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 cross ,

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SYRIAN CONFLICT

– How your donations have helped the Syrian people

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help.

At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living.

Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you

CONFIRMATION ANNOUCEMENT AND MEETING

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

The next Chester parishes Sacrament of Confirmation celebration will be on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at St. Columba's. To be Confirmed in February, you must already be at High School now, however there is no upper age limit. If you wish to be Confirmed, want information, or have any questions, please email: stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk or contact Denise Lusk on 01244 379742.

Confirmation teenage candidates and their parents are invited to the Confirmation program information meeting on **Tuesday 14th September**, 7pm start, in St. Columba's church. All are welcome to attend, but to ensure sufficient resources are available, please email your interest in being Confirmed to stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk by early September.

Adult Confirmation candidates will be invited to meet Father and team members in August. For further information please email, or phone Denise Lusk (01244 379742).

STILL MORE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We have received another response to our plea for more volunteers to join as cleaner or reader at Mass. We are grateful for that and like Oliver Twist are still asking for more hands please. Ring the parish office or send us an email @ st.clareschester@sky.com

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM CLUB ONLINE

SYMT are excited to announce a week of fun, activities, games and prayer 16th-20th August for young people in Years 5-7 emilyouth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org to request a book form. We encourage our young parishioners to join.



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Our meetings always open with prayers and a spiritual reading. The readings we use come from a book of daily readings covering the whole year.

The reading for Sunday 15th August (today) is called signs and ends with a request saying "Lord may I be more attentive to the signs of goodness in the people around me". Our conference is blessed with many people who help us in our work and whilst we are only a group of five full members since two members moved to Liverpool, we have others helping us from within the Parish. This allows us to continue our work to help those around us. Goodness certainly does surround us at St Clare's. Keep safe and well this week. God bless Steve