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Psalter Week I

22nd August 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

DO YOU WANT TO GO AWAY TOO?

In today's Gospel the teaching and miracles of Jesus left his hearers with a decision: to believe and follow Jesus or to follow the crowd and go their separate ways.

Today is no different: fewer practise their faith and truly open themselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit when they have decisions to make. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life? If this is truly so, that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, then the Lord will surely give us the strength to withstand the jibes, the ridicule and give us the courage to follow our convictions trusting the Lord will be with us to enlighten our decisions and the grace to carry them through.

The teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is difficult. Believing in it is an act of faith which is a gift of the Father. Like any gift we receive, it is useless unless we use it. We renew our faith each time we kneel in Jesus' presence and adore him –*Sacred Space*

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

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

Thanksgiving

Sun 22nd Aug 9.00 am Exposition

9.30am Mass -21st Sunday in Ordinary time

Eileen Challinor

Mon 23rd Aug Private Mass– *St Rose of Lima*

Tues 24th Aug Private Mass– *St Bartholomew*

Christine Long

Weds 25th Aug 9.00 am Exposition

9.30am Mass –St Thomas of Hereford

Kim Wilson

Thurs 26th Aug Private Mass– *Blessed Dominic Barberi*

Fri 27th Aug Private Mass-*St Monica*

Sat 28th Aug- 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass

Joanna Prendergast

Sun 29th Aug 9.00 am Exposition

9.30am Mass -22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

Peter Charles Byrne

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION every Saturday 11-11.40am or on request

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).

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 ,

CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES ACROSS THE WORLD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm.

In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria.

You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you."

LITURGICAL MUSIC AT CLARE'S

After 4 decades of leading the music in our church, Kate Hughes has reluctantly decided that the time has come for her to 'hang up her guitar'. Her long and steadfast commitment to the music at St Clare's is greatly appreciated and recognised throughout the Diocese and beyond. As a parish we thank her for her amazing service and look forward to her continuing presence as a vital member of our community for many years to come.

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 @

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



The lockdown in March 20 meant that the weekly mass at Berwyn Mens' Prison in Wrexham stopped. This mass is just restarting with a couple of volunteers attending. A chaplaincy was maintained with a couple of volunteers, Wally and Anne, keeping in touch with prisoners. Helping felons does tax our Christian forgiveness nevertheless many volunteers from Chester and Wrexham SVP conferences and Parishes did take part. St Werburgh's Father Paul Shaw regularly said mass there.

The restarted masses are without the usual refreshments and after mass chat. The lockdown and track and trace has added to prisoners' frustrations and fights and other such problems have occurred: also lack of staff. All those housed and working in prisons need our prayers. Keep safe this week. God bless. Steve