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**Psalter Week III**

**8th August 2021**

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

**August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

### **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says "...*the bread which I shall give, for the life of the world is my flesh...*" (John 6:51) If you put a breadcrumb into oil, water or wine, it at once soaks up their properties, in the same way, then, God's life-giving Word, by uniting Himself to the flesh He assumed, caused it to become life giving. Did he not say *Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.*" So then, by eating the flesh of Christ, the Saviour of us all and drinking His blood we have life in ourselves, we become one with Him, we remain in Him and He in us.

Therefore it is for Him to enter within us, through the Holy Spirit, in a way fitting to God and to mingle with our body, after a fashion, through the holy flesh and precious blood, we receive, under the forms of bread and wine, as our life-giving blessing

Indeed..., God has exercised His condescension towards our weakness and placed all His life-force into the elements of bread and wine, which are thus endowed with the spirit of His own life. So believe in it without hesitation, for our Lord Himself has clearly said: "*This is my body*" and "*This is my blood*." ...St Cyril of Alexandria (380-444)

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

### **INTENTIONS**

**Sat 7th Aug- 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass**

Helen & Lorenzo (Anniv)

**Sun 8th Aug 9.00 am Exposition**

Eileen Green

**9.30am Mass –19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mon 9th Aug private Mass-*St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

Private Intention

Tues 10th Aug private Mass—*St Lawrence*

Margaret Le Roux &

Family

**Weds 11th Aug 9.00am Exposition**

**Mass 9.30am – ST. CLARE**

Our Parish family

Thurs 12th Aug private Mass –*St Jane Frances de Chantal*

Silvia Agoha

Fri 13th Aug– 10 am Funeral Service for Lilian McGovern

Lilian McGovern RIP

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

**Sun 15th Aug 9.00 am Exposition**

**9.30am Mass –ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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

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

### **ST. CLARE'S FEAST DAY**

Our Parish Feast Day comes up on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

The Holy Mass is at 9.30 am, and there will be refreshments after Mass, with every hope that weather will be friendly. Fr. Paul has graciously accepted the invite to join us for Mass as the Chief celebrant for the day.

**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 ,**

### **RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Pray for the repose of the soul of Lilian McGovern who died recently. A funeral service will be held in St. Clare's on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 10.am

### **CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEETING**

#### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:**

The next Chester parishes Sacrament of Confirmation celebration will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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).

### **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.

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

We have had a response from someone who came up to become a lector in the parish. Thank you for answering the call to become a reader in our Church. We ask for more people to volunteer to become readers or cleaners in St. Clare's.

### **SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM CLUB ONLINE**

SYMT are excited to announce a week of fun, activities, games and prayer 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> August for young people in Years 5-7 [emailyouth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:emailyouth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) to request a book form. We encourage our young parishioners to join.

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



Thanks to those who responded to the request for a chest of drawers and wardrobe. Unfortunately, offer and recipient have not yet been connected.

The Sunday Lunch on September 5<sup>th</sup> has had to be cancelled but it is hoped that the one on 3<sup>rd</sup> October will go ahead. September is also SVP Awareness month but more of that later.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is the date of the Holiday Home Sponsored Walk. This is the first of the Holiday Home fundraising events of this year and will be held in Chester starting in our Westminster Park but again more on that later. The Holiday Home now has 16 weeks booked out of the 20 weeks available. The mixed weather doesn't seem to have doused the enjoyment experienced. Keep safe and well all. God bless. Steve