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**Psalter Week III**

**5th September 2021**

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

**September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows**



## THE TOUCH OF THE LORD Mk 7:31-37

We should never despair of the power of God. No soul is too hardened to be penetrated by Christ's love and forgiveness; the greatest sinners often make the greatest saints. Though someone appears deaf to the Word of Life and unable to respond to the invitations of the Holy Spirit, our confidence must never be shaken, for Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

This applies even to the lives of believers. Often we seem to be stuck in our spiritual lives, unable to advance, incapable of overcoming certain defects or sinful habits. Sometimes this discourages us, and we slack off in our efforts to practice self-discipline and to live a vibrant life of prayer. That's when the devil can make a bold move on us, luring us into a relationship or an activity that actually obstructs the flow of God's grace in our lives. Precisely then, when we seem to have reached a spiritual plateau, we need to let Christ take us "away from the crowd" (perhaps on a retreat) to renew our interior hearing. His power is never lacking, but our faith oftentimes is. - Fr. John Bartunek, LC

## ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

## INTENTIONS

**Sat 4th Sept 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass**

Our Parish family

**Sun 5th Sept 9.00 am Exposition**

**9.30am Mass -23rd Sunday in Ordinary time**

Ursula Breslin

Mon 6th Sept private Mass-Ferial

Tues 7th Sept private Mass-Ferial

Anne Fisher (special b'day)

**Weds 8th Sept 9.00 am Exposition**

**9.30am Mass**

David Brown (SB)

**-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thurs 9th Sept private Mass-St Peter Claver

Fri 10th Sept private Mass-St Ambrose Barlow

Catherine Chidimma

**Sat 11th Sept 6 pm Drive-in Vigil Mass**

Vangi's Mother

**Sun 12th Sept 9.00 am Exposition**

**9.30am Mass -24th Sunday in Ordinary time**

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EDUCATION**

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

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

## ROSARY CORNER

"Abandon yourself in the hands of Mary. She will take care of you" - St. Padre Pio

**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 ,**

### **ASSISTED DYING BILL**

Second Reading of the Assisted Dying Bill is expected in the House of Lords. The Bishops' Conference has made an urgent appeal for the faithful to write to peers, particularly if they have stories they are able to share, to give voice to the concerns and fears of disabled people and to offer personal stories of those with medical expertise in end of life care.

Miro Griffiths' story can be found on our own Diocesan website which may help

### **THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

On Wednesday 8th September Feast of Our Lady's nativity, there will be rosary in Church after 9.30 am Mass. Join us to make it a beautiful feast day.

### **CHESTER AND ELLESMERE PORT DEANERY**

We congratulate our dear Fr. Paul Shaw who has taken over the leadership of the Chester and Ellesmere Port deanery, first in an acting capacity and hopefully he agrees to continue. Yes we have a new dean and we are glad he is our leader.

Many thanks and best wishes to Canon Naill who led us for some years and moves on to continue his apostolate in the parish of St. Philip Neri Birkenhead. Fr. Edmund Montgomery will take over from Canon Naill as parish priest of Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Saint Bernard's & Saint Saviour's, Ellesmere Port and Saint Mary's, Hooton and will work together with the newly ordained Fr. Humphrey O'Connor. Welcome dear Fathers.



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

September is SVP Awareness Month. The SVP exists to help anyone in need regardless of their creed and indeed many of those who St Clare's SVP Conference and by default therefore St Clare's parish are able to help with holidays or household items are not Catholics. A poster sent to me for display in the church pronounces that "The Need Now is Greater than Ever! Can You Help?"

This weekly column allows you to be aware locally of the issues brought to our attention. Do though remember those in need in your prayers and let's hope that as we put the pandemic behind us many needs will be satisfied. Keep safe and well this week. God Bless. Steve.

PS I have a new Granddaughter Eleanor Rose so a smile on my face. Thanks for your support.

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

It was wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school, after their summer break. There were lots of smiles and excitement as they settled into their new classrooms. Our new Reception children were super confident and enjoyed exploring their new learning environment as they started school.

During Thursday and Friday years one and upwards participated in retreats titled 'Unique and Valuable', which created a wonderful opportunity to reflect on who we are as individuals. The children enjoyed focusing on and sharing each other's individual gifts and talents. A shared liturgy completed each of the retreats.

