



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

Downsfield Road Chester CH4 8HH

Priest: Fr Emeka Nwachukwu, Tel: 07590 880327

Parish email [contact@stclares.co.uk](mailto:contact@stclares.co.uk) Tel 01244 671015,

Diocese of Shrewsbury, Registered Charity 234025.

Parish Website: [stclares.co.uk](http://stclares.co.uk)

Parish Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/StClaresChester/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/StClaresChester/)

If you wish to make a donation to St Clare's, Acct number: 54579560-Sort C: 30-15-52

**Psalter Week II**

**THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**Year A**

**11th June 2023**

**June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

## CHURCH UPDATE

We shall be joyfully going back to Church after several months this weekend for all the Masses. The carpet is already laid and everywhere looks new. Work will continue next week in the sacristy and we hope to get the sound system working better than it was before. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to clean up and get the church ready. You are Amazing.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

This year's First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, feast of the Body and Blood of Christ at **11.am, AFTER THE 9.30 Mass**. The children are expected to assemble in St. Clare's Primary while their parents and visitors will be seated in Church. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## MASSES & SERVICES

## INTENTIONS

Sat 10th June

**Rosary 5.40 pm**

**Vigil Mass 6.00 pm**

Eileen Prendergast RIP

Sun 11th June –**THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**Mass 9.30am**

Dot Bell .

**First Holy Communion Mass 11am**

Mon 12th June –Private Mass–*Ferial*

Tues 13th June –*St Anthony of Padua*

**Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm**

Barbara Williams (SB)

Weds 14th June-*Ferial*

**Exposition 8.45am**

**Mass 9.30am**

David Brown (SB)

Thurs 15th June -*Ferial*

**Rosary 9.10am**

**Mass 9.30am**

Fr Kevin Moorhouse (Anniv)

Fri 16th June -**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**Rosary 9.10am**

**Mass 9.30am**

**FRIDAY ABSTINENCE**

The Sick

Sat 17th June-*The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

**Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for peace**

**Rosary 5.40pm**

**Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

Thanksgiving

Sun 18th June

**Mass 9.30 am-11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

John McCann

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.30 am and on request**

## TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

**Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.**

This week its Steve & Rosemary for the School PTA and next week Catherine & Elaine for St Clare's SVP Conference.

## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Prince of peace, once more we hear the guns of war. Once more we see the faces of frightened children. We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace. We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace. We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part of peace-making in the world. O Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding of the global human family, so that all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace. Amen.

## ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Catherine Walker, Thomas Cain, Mary Povey, Charles Bromwich, Peter Brennan, Margaret Moody, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Jim Smith and John McCann. **May they rest in peace**

## OUR SICK ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND

**Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names in Bold Type.**

Trisha Cannon, Nigel Clayton, Veronica Creaney, Mike Darby. W. Downes, Sheila Farrelly, Michelle Gentile, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

## PARISH EMAIL DATABASE

Since 2020 St Clare's has had an email database, just names and email addresses. For 3 years twice weekly emails have been sent out, our Newsletter and Bidding prayers at the weekend and our Wednesday Prayer reflection midweek. If you wish to be included and would like to receive these documents, please email Pat Riddell [patriddell31@aol.com](mailto:patriddell31@aol.com)

## A DAY ON DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS AND SERVICE FOR LAY PEOPLE

A day of prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops to help discover how you can best use your gifts at the service of God and neighbour.

At St Columba's Church Hall, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 10am – 4.15pm. Bring a packed lunch. All are welcome!

## MAJORITY OF WOMEN FEEL [PRESSURE TO HAVE AN ABORTION

A revelatory US study has revealed that “Only one in three women described their abortions as both wanted and consistent with their own values and preferences”, the authors observed.

Please help the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children by signing the sponsorship form at the back of the hall for Rob Collins coast to coast (Walsingham to Holywell) cycle

## THANK YOU FROM CHESTER PARKINSON'S UK

Since resuming coffee after Mass on Sundays just over a year ago, an amazing **£500.14** has been donated by the very generous parishioners of St Clare's to Parkinson's UK - **THANK YOU!** In addition there was a separate coffee morning in November raising £365.75 - so the overall total is **£865.89 !!** Amazing, thank you

## WELFARE NURSE

Due to the upcoming retirement of our current RGN/Welfare Officer, the Dioceses is looking to appoint a replacement. The role is for 3 days per week. Salary: £38 - £42K FTE pro rata depending on experience. For further details of the role please see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date 30 June 2023.

## SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

There are no details for the July Sunday Lunch at present but as soon as a venue is chosen it will be promulgated. Contact Catherine for any further details on 01244 678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)



## SVP CONFERENCE

Our beneficiary received her bed and cooker this early this week. We had our District meeting also where difficulties at 2 of the 6 conferences in the district were discussed. We are most lucky here at St Clare's to have such a supportive Parish and Parish Priest so thank you all and Thank you Father Emeka. Visiting continues and our member who contacts the homeless was able to update us some issues with homelessness in Chester. The School Mini Vinnies are discussing this in their meetings, and we hope to join them soon. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

## HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH

The students have enjoyed a relaxing half-term and they are now back to school ready for the remainder of the academic year. Nonetheless, the Y11 and Y13 students have spent their holidays revising as they continue sitting exams over the next weeks. Please keep them all in your prayers.



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

The first week back after the holiday has, as ever, been incredibly busy. We held our Sports Day on Wednesday afternoon, which was a wonderful success and the children participated with enthusiasm and perseverance.

Our Year Six children participated in Mass at Chester Cathedral to celebrate Chester Catholic High School's 50th anniversary and did us proud.

We are looking forward to being able to get back into church to celebrate the First Holy Communion this Sunday.