



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Psalter Week III      NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      Year A      13th Aug 2023**

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

## MASSES & SERVICES

## INTENTIONS

Sat 12th Aug –*Ferial*

**Rosary 5.40pm**

**Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

Catherine Brocklebank (SB)

Sun 13th Aug ***NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**NOTE: Mass 10.00 am**

Pat & Tessa Creighton

Mon 14th Aug- ***St Maximilian Mary Kolbe***

Private Mass

Tues 15th Aug ***ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Mass 9.30am**

Bob Green (Anniv)

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

Angela (Intentions)

Wed 16th Aug –*Ferial*

**Exposition 8.45am**

**Mass 9.30am**

Ann Leach

Thurs 17th Aug –*Ferial*

**Rosary 9.10am**

**Mass 9.30am**

Eileen Shea RIP

Fri 18th Aug – *Ferial*

**Rosary 9.10am**

**Mass 9.30am**

Philip & Vina Whitlock

**FRIDAY ABSTINENCE**

Sat 19th Aug **Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace**

**Rosary 5.40 pm**

**Vigil Mass 6.00 pm**

Michelle Moore & Peter Charles Byrne

Sun 20th Aug- ***TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**Mass 9.30am**

John McCann

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

**PLEASE NOTE: PATRONAL FEAST & “PARISH BASH”**

This Sunday **Mass will be 10.00 am**. Our parish ‘bash’ starts at 11.15 am after Mass. There will be barbecue and buffet from a variety of West African cuisine. **Come and join the celebration. All welcome.**

(Usual tea and coffee next week will be Catherine & Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP.

## **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

As this coming Tuesday 15th August is the Solemnity of The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holyday of Obligation, there will be two Masses at 9.30am and 7.00 pm

## **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**

Edith Hughes, Stan Hulse, May Barlow, Gladys Joinson, Robert Green, Lesley Joinson, Eileen Griffiths, Sean Farrell, David Roberts, Hilda Evans, Peter Charles Byrne, Paul Starmer, Elsie Kelly and Cecil Stinson.

## **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 Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

## **CTS PUBLICATIONS**

The CTS books and leaflets have been restocked and cover a range of different topics. These are available from permanent displays at the back of the church. The books are individually priced and can be paid for using the 'Books & Papers' slot or at the Repository. Please note that many more titles are now available online at the CTS website.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ, and our dear Mother! O all ye holy angels, who, by your adoration in our churches, make up for the little love which your God and our Saviour receives from men, obtain for us the grace to comprehend a little the love of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament."- *St. Margaret Mary.* Exposition on Wednesday 8.45am-9.25am and on Saturdays 10.30am –11.30am

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-Areas where help needed**

The Parish Council met two weeks ago and have identified the following areas where help is needed within the Parish. Please consider offering your services, it will be greatly appreciated:

**Newsletter:** Kevin Prendergast – help needed, but 'publisher' necessary on computer

**IT support:** George Craggs, help needed.

**Safeguarding:** Bernice Whitley Help needed

**Health and safety officer** – George Szczyglowski

**Fire Marshal:** volunteer needed

**Altar Servers:** Needed & Trainer

**Welcomers:** Jackie Sharratt does rota. Help needed

**Readers:** Kath McCann does rota. Readers needed

**Children's Liturgy:** Help needed,

**Music:** Singers needed, speak to Kate Hughes

**Help needed for:** Church Cleaning (Mary Axon) Laundry (Esme McCarthy), Brass cleaning, Christmas decorations

**Help needed for:** Grass cutting, Flower beds, Annual "clean-up"

**General Maintenance:** Handyperson needed for "odd jobs"

**Help needed for preparing for:** Baptism, First Communion (Jenny Szczyglowska)

## **SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING**

For details of the next Sunday Lunch please contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)



## **SVP CONFERENCE**

Our conference influence goes far and wide. We have helped and visited beneficiaries in Broughton and Boughton. The former because we are the nearest SVP conference and the latter because St Weburgh's SVP Conference didn't have anyone free or prepared to help. We always help if we can although this sometimes comes with consequences, and we may have to "draw a line"! It's the National SVP Raffle this month. St Clare's Parish are so generous to us that we will not come forward with raffle tickets but if anyone feels inclined to have a "flutter" please contact any of the SVP conference members (We had a winner one year!!) Keep safe and as well as possible this week.

## **CAFOD IS RECRUITING**

"CAFOD is recruiting! Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, by working to overcome poverty and injustice? Could you work for CAFOD within the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Archdiocese of Birmingham? Are you good at inspiring and working with volunteers? Then you might like to become our Community Participation Coordinator. Use the following link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested: <https://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us> Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 or contact John Woods via [jwoods@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jwoods@cafod.org.uk)"