



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week I TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 27th Aug 2023

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

As I come to the end of my stewardship in St. Clare's, I wish to record my deepest gratitude to all the members of this wonderful parish family for your dedication and devotion to the things of God, and for your love and support to the Church during these 7 years and 7 months of my apostolate. I remain grateful to God for using you as instruments of support to my priestly ministry in St. Clare's and for your generosity and openness to God's grace during this period of our amazing journey of faith, hope, and love. Keep me in your prayers as I continue praying for you. Thank you all. Fr. Emeka.

MASSES & SERVICES

Sat 26th Aug –*Ferial*

Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sun 27th Aug **TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30am

Mon 28th Aug **St Augustine**

Private Mass

Tues 29th Aug –**The Passion of John the Baptist**

Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm

Wed 30th Aug –**Ss Margaret Clitherow, Margaret Ward & Anne Line**

Exposition 8.45am

Mass 9.30am

Thurs 31st Aug –*Ferial*

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Fri 1st Sept –*Ferial*

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Sat 2nd Sept –*Ferial*

Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sun 3rd Sept **TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30am

1 pm Baptism of Olivia and Harvey McGrady

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

PLEASE NOTE

Fr Emeka's leaving "do" will be **after 7pm Mass on Tuesday 29th August** in the Parish room. Refreshments and 'nibbles' will be provided.

WELCOME FATHER BERNARD

St Clare's parish gladly welcomes Fr Bernard to take over as our parish priest from September, 2023.

Father Bernard will celebrate his first mass on Friday, 1st September, 2023 at 9.30am and followed by the weekend Masses on Saturday, the 2nd at 6.00pm and Sunday the 3rd of September, at 9.30am.

We assure Fr. Bernard of our prayerful support and wish him a fruitful ministry in St Clare's.

INTENTIONS

Dot Bell

Gladys Joinson

Peter Charles Byrne

Geraldine Whelan

Fr Russell Cooke

Fr. Emeka's Intention

Philip & Vina Whitlock

Dot Bell

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Felice Sapio, Emily Marsh, Laurence Franks, William Price, Alice Jones, Catherine Redmond and Jane Sinclair.

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

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.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.30 am MASS

This week tea and coffee will be provided by Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home. Next week it will be Pat and Mary with proceeds to the Parkinson's UK

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



ST CLARE'S SVP COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 9th September** in the Parish Room between 1030 and 1230 with proceeds to the Chester Homeless. Donations of homemade cakes will be welcome. Please come and bring a friend.



SVP CONFERENCE

At our conference meeting this week we consolidated the receipts for the National Raffle which will be drawn on 27th September. You bought tickets amounting to £170 so thank you all for your generosity. There is only one week not booked at the Holiday Home now this season so we will have given 30 families a holiday they wouldn't have had. That's a 94% occupancy which is our best-ever. One member visits the Homeless in Chester on a regular basis, and we will be having a coffee morning to raise funds for the Chester Homeless. Details elsewhere. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The next Sunday Lunch will be at the Raven, Farndon on Sunday 3rd September. The meal has to be prebooked so names please by Sunday 27th August. Contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

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)

LACHE COMMUNITY SURVEY

CWAC will be refurbishing the Community Centre in the next year or so and are asking Lache residents to complete a survey form which can be found online. Lache Community Centre Survey. CWAC are having drop in sessions in the Library AM 8th & 12th Sept. and AM Community Centre 1st September,