



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week III TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 10th Sept 2023

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Pity

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 9th Sept –*Ferial*

Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Fr Terry Boylan

Sun 10th Sept **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30am

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EDUCATION

Philip & Vina Whitlock

Mon 11th Sept –*Ferial*

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Barbara & Tony Forshaw RIP

Tues 12th Sept –*Ferial*

Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm

Bill Rush

Wed 13th Sept –*St John Chrysostom*

Exposition 8.45am

Mass 9.30am

James & Glenda Whelan

Thurs 14th Sept –**EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

John Croft

Fri 15th Sept –**Our Lady of Sorrows**

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Gerry & Family

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Sat 16th Sept **Ss Cornelius & Cyprian**

Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Dermot Quirk

Sun 17th Sept **TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY

Mass 9.30am

St Clare's Parish

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

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Abba, Father, we thank you for all the gifts and graces you have poured out on our parish family. Through the intercession of our Patron St Clare, our compass and guide, grant us the grace to keep our eyes fixed on Christ your Son, the spotless Mirror, and reflect His strength, His humility, His poverty, and His love in all we do and say. Then united in that vision, and empowered by Your Spirit may we work together for the coming of Your Kingdom, until the day when you finally call us home. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen

THE 1st ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Last Friday 8th Sept marked the first anniversary of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. In common with many of the churches across Britain, she will be remembered in bidding prayers at Mass this weekend. May she rest in peace and rise in glory, and may we and our fellow citizens be richly blessed at this time.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.30 am MASS

This week tea and coffee will be provided by Steve and Rosemary with proceeds to the School PTA.. Next week it will be Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP

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

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Sheila Shepard, Albert Capper, George Farrell, Sheila Fisher, Sybil Powell and Michael Mee.
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.



FUNERAL OF DEACON TOM COYLE

Deacon Tom's funeral will take place at St Columba's Church this Wednesday 13th September at 12.00 noon and will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend both the Requiem Mass and the reception afterwards which will be held in the hall.

PAUSE FOR HOPE - 17th SEPTEMBER 2023

This Ecumenical service takes place at St Columba's next Sunday 17th September at 3pm. St Joseph's Church Choir will be in attendance. All are welcome. No Tickets required. Pause for Hope is an ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer; those suffering from cancer, those supporting those living with cancer, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. It is an opportunity to come together to support and pray for each other. More information is available on the website <http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk>

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The diocesan Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) will resume this month, with both an online course or daytime classes in Wythenshawe. Details are at: www.educationshrewsbury.org/formation-development/ccrs or enquiries to ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org



SVP CONFERENCE

St Werburgh's SVP will be holding a Mass at St Werburgh's & St Columba's Primary School at 2.30pm Sunday 17th September. This was previously the Mass for Sick & Housebound, but all are welcome. Please notify Steve Bonsall or email svpchester@gmail.com if you can join this event. Many of St Clare's parishioners attended the previous event last Spring. We also have the Holiday Home Sponsored Walk on Sunday 8th October. Again support us if you can, to keep the Holiday Home running Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY

The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be the Annual General Meeting, on Saturday 30th September at 2pm at St Chad's, Cheadle, Stockport SK8 2AF. Please register your attendance, send apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. Agenda items should be submitted seven days before the meeting. Please pass on these details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending. Please note nominations are now being accepted for the new Vice-President/Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like any further information about these roles, please get in touch.

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The next Sunday Lunch TBA. Contact Catherine for any update on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

If you have any ideas/suggestions re Parish life, Mass times, links with the primary school and local community, please have a word with Fr Bernard, or send him an email to the parish email address.

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

It has been a fantastic new start to the new term. The children have all settled in beautifully and have come back happy and eager to learn. We are delighted to welcome our new starters in Reception and our new families across the school.



We have launched our Forest School provision this week and our Year One children had a fantastic day exploring the forest, working on their resilience, communication and problem solving skills.

To anyone who uses Facebook, we have set up a Facebook page 'St Clare's Lache' to keep everyone up to date with all the wonderful activities that take place each day.

