



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Psalter Week III THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 5th Nov 2023**

**November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory**

**OUR PARISH PRAYER** (Please pray this prayer each day for our parish)

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

## **MASSES & SERVICES**

Sat 4th Nov **-St Charles Borromeo**  
**Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace**  
**Rosary 5.40pm**  
**Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

There will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Education and Training Fund

Sun 5th Nov **THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Mass 9.30am**

Mon 6th Nov **-Ferial**  
**Rosary 9.10am**  
**Mass 9.30am**

Tues 7th Nov **-Ferial**  
**Mass 7pm**

Weds 8th Nov **-Ferial**  
**Exposition 8.45-9.30 am**  
**Mass 9.30am**

Thurs 9th Nov **–DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**  
**OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER**  
**Rosary 9.10am**  
**Mass 9.30am**

Fri 10th Nov **-St Leo the Great**  
**Rosary 9.10 am**  
**Mass 9.30am**

Sat 11th Nov **St Martin of Tours**  
**Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace**  
**Rosary 5.40pm**  
**Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

Sun 12th Nov **THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Remembrance Sunday)**  
**Mass 9.30am**  
**Day of Special Prayer for Victims of War**

## **INTENTIONS**

Bart Bradshaw RIP

Rosemary Prendergast RIP

Bernice Curtis (B'day)

Mass of Remembrance

Edward Craggs (KC)

Bernadette (B'day Intentions)

Dec'd members of Forshaw and Parr families

Anthony Curzon (RIP)

Nigel Clayton (RIP)

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

## **ANNIVERSARIES OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME**

Percy Kelly, Marie Howard, Rosemary Prendergast, Rose Kilshaw, Ruby Donnelly, Rose Hewitt and Mary Kay. **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

## **THE SICK ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND**

**and those in care homes are important members of our parish community.** Trisha Cannon, Veronica Creaney, Mike Darby. W. Downes, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Kryisia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt, Sarah Russell  
**If anyone is in need of a visit / Holy Communion, please let Fr Bernard know 01244 671015**

## **TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.30 am MASS (in the Parish Room)**

This week tea and coffee will be provided by Pat and Mary with proceeds to Parkinsons UK. Next week it will be Rosemary and Steve with proceeds to the School PTA.

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

## **DURING NOVEMBER**

**November Dead List:** Envelopes for the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all you wish to pray for, are at the back of the church. Please place them in the basket at the foot of the altar. If you wish to make an offering, that too may be placed in the envelope.

**The Parish November Mass of Remembrance:** will be celebrated this **Tuesday evening at 7pm**, All most welcome.

**Remembrance Sunday:** Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, and at the end of Mass **we will observe a minutes silence**

**Blessing of Graves at Blacon Cemetery :** Sunday 19th November 2.00-4.00pm

**Blessing of Graves at Overleigh Cemetery :** Sunday 26th November 2.00-4.00pm

## **CAFOD**

Thank you for your Family Fast Day donations during October. Copies of the World Gifts brochure are on tables at the back of the church.

## **THE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

A copy of the minutes of the most recent meeting are on the church noticeboard. The next Parish Council will be held on Tues 21st November. If you have anything you would like discussed at that meeting please have a word with one of the council members (details at the back of church) or send an email to [contact@stclares.co.uk](mailto:contact@stclares.co.uk)



## **SVP CONFERENCE**

We will take the foodbank donations to the warehouse next week so please leave any items in the Church lobby. Our next Holiday Home meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> when we will consolidate donations from our Sponsored Walk. It went well and all donations are put to good use. Details of the work of St Clare's SVP can be found on our website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk>. God bless. Steve

## **SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING**

The Sunday Lunch in Nov will be at the White Swan in Great Sutton CH66 3NZ and the Christmas Lunch at the Stamford Bridge, Tarvin Road, Chester CH3 7HN. Places are limited. For information contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Christmas cards and calendars are now on sale in the repository.....please take a look after the

## **HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH**

Save the date! The Catholic High School, Chester, invites you to come along to the Christmas Fair followed by Carol Service on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm in the school. There will be stalls, games, and refreshments. Visit Santa's Grotto! The Carol Service will start at 6:30pm. Entry Fee £1. Everyone is welcome!



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

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Mass to celebrate All Saints' Day on Wednesday. It was a wonderful service and the children did us incredibly proud with how well they sang and read during the Mass

Our Year Two pupils had a fantastic time at Thurstaston beach on Tuesday. They



looked at the geographical features of the beach, took part in a pond dipping activity and did observational drawings.

Our pupils in Key Stage Two have been having swimming lessons in the pool we have erected on our Key Stage One playground. They have been thoroughly enjoying the lessons and making rapid progress with their swimming.



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