



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Psalter Week I THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 19th 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

### INTENTIONS

Sat 18th Nov	<i>-Ferial</i> <b>Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace</b> <b>Rosary 5.40pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b>	Lila & Johnny Bradburne
Sun 19th Nov	<b>THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b> <b>World Day of Special Prayer for the Poor</b>	Joe Littler
Mon 20th Nov	<i>-Ferial</i> <b>Rosary 9.10am</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	For the work of Caritas
Tues 21st Nov	<b>-Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>St Anthony Devotions &amp; Mass 7pm</b>	Mrs Bates
Weds 22nd Nov	<i>-Ferial</i> <b>Exposition 8.45-9.30 am</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Frank & Rita Whelan
Thurs 23 Nov	<i>-St Cecilia</i> <b>Rosary 9.10am</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	William Prendergast RIP
Fri 24th Nov	<i>-St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</i> <b>Rosary 9.10 am</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b> <b>FRIDAY ABSTINENCE</b>	Hugh Acworth RIP
Sat 25th Nov	<i>-Ferial</i> <b>Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace</b> <b>Rosary 5.40pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b>	Agnes Latham (SB)
Sun 26th Nov	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b> <b>Day of Special Prayer for Young People</b> <b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION– Saturday 10.30-11.30am and on request</b>	Harry Maguire

### ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Sheila Nicholas, John Farrell, Nellie Fox, Edward Cartwright, Dan Bonnar, Denis McCarthy, Erica Finn, Arthur Adams and Mark Gentile. **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, Krysia 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 Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP and next week by Mike and Veronica with proceeds going to the Holiday Home funds.

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

## **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.

## **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.

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

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

## **HUGH ACWORTH R I P**

We have just heard of the death of Hugh Acworth, who was a stalwart of our parish for a number of years and prepared large parts of the newsletter. He subsequently moved South. May he Rest in Peace. His funeral is elsewhere , but Mass will be celebrated in his memory here at St Clare's shortly

## **RED BOXES**

Please give your Red Boxes to Tony Austin, or leave them in the Sacristy –Thank you. If you would like to support the missions too , why not ask Tony for a box and simply put in your loose change as you can

## **LOUDfence .....Safeguarding 14th November**

LOUDfence is a pro healing and reconciliation movement founded by Antonia Sobocki in the UK. in 2020. Its a community activity of solidarity and support with abuse victims and survivors, to empower parishioners and enable them to be part of the solution by giving them an avenue to express their feelings. To safeguard is to live out the values of the Gospel in their most literal sense

## **THE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

The next Parish Council will be held on Tuesday. If you have anything you would like discussed at that meeting please have a word with one of the council members or send an email to [contact@stclares.co.uk](mailto:contact@stclares.co.uk)



## **SVP CONFERENCE**

Our next St Clare's SVP meeting is on Monday next 20<sup>th</sup> Nov when we will have the rescheduled safeguarding update. Its important that those we visit know we have the appropriate backing and underpinning knowledge for the role. Details of the work of St Clare's SVP can be found on our website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk>. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

## **FOODBANK DONATIONS**

Please keep foodbank donations coming in. We will take them to the warehouse at the month's end, but items can be brought in at any time during the month. Thanks for your help.

## **SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING**

The Christmas Lunch at the Stamford Bridge, Tarvin Road, Chester CH3 7HN on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Places are limited so for information contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

## **USED POPPIES**

Please put any 'unwanted' poppies in the box at the back of the church, as the flower arrangers will use them for remembrance decoration next year

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

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

## **HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH**

In preparation for the CHS Christmas Fair on 19<sup>th</sup> of December, we are currently collecting books for one of the stalls. If you have any book in good condition that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school reception for the attention of Ana. Thank you.



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



We had a very reflective Remembrance Service on Monday and it was wonderful that Father Bernard was able to join us and lead us in prayer.

Our pupils in Year Five have been busy learning a range of nouns in French, très bien!



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