

Sunday 21st July 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week IV

Year: B

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 22,
Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34



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MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 20 th July	Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 21 st July	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am
Monday 22 nd July	St Mary Magdalene - <i>Feast</i> No Mass
Tuesday 23 rd July	St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe St Anthony's Devotions & Mass 7pm
Wednesday 24 th July	Adoration: 8.30am – 9.30am Mass 9.30am
Thursday 25 th July	St James, Apostle - <i>Feast</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Friday 26 th July	Ss Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary - <i>Memorial</i> No Mass
Saturday 27 th July	Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 28 th July	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Cecilia Davies (SB)
People of the Parish
Eileen Green
Ursula Breslin
Geoff Prendergast
People of the Parish
Geraldine Whelan

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday, 9:30am to 12 noon.

THE SICK, ELDERLY, HOUSE BOUND and those in care homes are important members of our parish community: Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Veronica Creaney, Peter Lloyd, Mike Darby, Geoffrey Prendergast and Cynthia Lloyd.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME: John Patterson, Harry Fitzpatrick, Cyril Walters, Joe Harris and Ann O'Gorman.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: Catherine and Elaine will provide tea and coffee this week with proceeds to St Clare's SVP. Next week it is Mike + 1 with proceeds to the Holiday Home.

NEW PARISHIONER OR VISITING ST CLARE'S?

If you are just visiting, then you are very welcome to our friendly Parish Community. Please pick up a welcome/information leaflet at the back of Church.

New to the Parish? Please let us know your details for our Parish records – email or call the office, details above.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR JULY. For the Pastoral care of the Sick - We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: Conference meeting last Monday noted that, thanks to your generosity, we took £110 to the Share Shop in town which supports the homeless. One member meets the homeless regularly and gathers from them the difficulties of their life. A St Clare's family is now at the Holiday Home, we hope the weather holds for them. Please take a copy of our Annual Report. Thank you for your support. God bless, Steve.

FOODBANK DONATIONS: Please keep donations coming, they will be taken to the warehouse at the month end.

REFUGEE ASSIST: 3 bags of donated items plus lots of items from a house clearance were taken to a reception centre in Ellesmere Port. Crossroads Community Hub in Chester is now a drop off point for items but limited open times. Items needed are bed linen (Not duvets); newish pillows; towels; children and young men's clothes; big pans; cutlery; toys; toothpaste & brushes; deodorant and razors. Thanks for your help. Steve

FEAST OF ST CLARE: This year 11th August is a Sunday. The Parish Council have decided that we will be having a celebratory "brunch" after 9.30am Mass, so from 10.30am for a couple of hours. We propose making bacon and sausage baps/rolls with tea/coffee and would appreciate any donated cakes. Help on the day would be wonderful, please get involved if you can. As usual there will be no charge for the event, we only ask for donations towards the costs. Please email: patriddell31@aol.com

THE CHESTER ACROSS GROUP: Chester Across are going to Lourdes by Jumbulance from Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th August. We travel overland in an adapted coach, which has seven beds on board. Therefore, we can take some sick or disabled pilgrims and so far we have a Doctor and two nurses and several helpers. However, we need two more helpers and there is a place for someone who is sick or disabled. The cost is £1,095 but help with costs is available. Current Passport required. Travel Insurance is available for just £65. Search our website for an example of our care: <http://www.acroos.org.uk/?s=AJ>. For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email: tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk.

ST CLARE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL: We have been celebrating our Year Six Leavers this week. Thank you to all parishioners who were able to join us for Mass on Tuesday morning. On Thursday, our Year Six went back to church with Fr Patrick, where he blessed a gift for them to celebrate our faith and for them to keep as they journey on.

THE NEW LECTIONARY AND SUNDAY MISSAL: There will be three editions of the new Sunday Missal - People's Edition (Paperback) £9.95; Standard Edition (Hardback) £19.95; Presentation Edition (Burgundy leather) £29.95. They can be pre-ordered now from CTS and will be released on 14th October 2024 in time for the new Lectionary that comes into use at the beginning of Advent. If you wish to purchase through the Repository please speak to Sue or Sheila.

SHREWSBURY DIOCESE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The dates for the 2024 pilgrimage are: **AIR** - Fri 26th July to Thurs 1st August 2024; **COACH** - Thurs 25th July to Friday 2nd Aug 2024; **YOUTH** - Wed 24th July to Fri 2nd August 2024. Brochure and Application form are available for downloading from the Brochure & Forms section of this website <https://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk> Enquiries: lourdes@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07773 324 264

MIKE AXON, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL WRITES: Frank Titley will be retiring from St Clare's Governing Body at the end of this school year. During his 32 years of service, Frank has held many positions on our school board, including Chair, Vice Chair, committee Chair, Foundation Governor as well as his initial appointment, being elected as Parent Governor. Frank and Janet have four sons who all attended St. Clare's Primary School. On behalf of all Governors, I am honoured to say thank you to Frank for everything he has given to St Clare's as a volunteer for the last 32 years. God bless and happy retirement.

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