

Sunday 28th July 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week I
Year: B

2 Kings 4: 42-44; Psalm 144;
Ephesians 4: 1-6, John 6: 1-15



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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 28 July.

Pope Francis has given the day the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age" c.f. Psalm 71:9

Our thanks to Fr Neill Robb for saying Mass at St Clare's for the next two weekends, and weekdays on Tuesday and Wednesday as Fr Patrick is on holiday. Fr Patrick says: "In case of emergency for anointing of the sick during my vacation time, contact Fr Abraham of St Anthony's in Saltney 01244 681633"

MASSES AND SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Saturday 27 th July	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm (Fr Neill) Vigil Mass 6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 st July	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>World Day for Grandparents</i> Confessions: 9am – 9.25am (Fr Neill) Mass 9.30am	Geraldine Whelan
Monday 29 th July	St Martha, Mary and Lazarus - <i>Memorial</i> No Mass	
Tuesday 30 th July	St Anthony's Devotions & Mass 7pm	Intentions of Fr. B. Forshaw
Wednesday 31 st July	St Ignatius of Loyola - <i>Memorial</i> Mass 9.30am	Anne Duke RIP
Thursday 1 st August	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori - <i>Memorial</i> No Mass	
Friday 2 nd August	No Mass	
Saturday 3 rd August	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm (Fr Neill) Vigil Mass 6pm	Debbie Dwyer (recovery, op) (SB)
Sunday 4 th August	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am (Fr Neill) Mass 9.30am	People of the Parish

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 OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME: Andrew Caldwell, Timothy O'Mahoney, Bernadette Clark, John Wilkins, Veronica Farrell, Albert Hassell, Catherine Sheridan, Edith Wright, William Rush, John Cavanagh, Charles Evans, Josephine Keegan, Lilian McGovern and Anthony Snell.

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.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: Mike + 1 will provide tea and coffee this week with proceeds to the Holiday Home. Next week will be Pat and Mary in support of Parkinson's UK.

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. If you are a new Parishioner, let us know your details.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: We have two appeals for support this week and into the near future. Kate and Colin are walking the Sandstone Trail to raise funds for the Shrewsbury Diocese special projects which include our two Holiday Homes and the two youth camps. The second appeal is for the SVP national raffle. First prize £5000! Details of both are on the SVP notice board in the church lobby. Thank you for the support you give us. God bless, Steve.

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

REFUGEE ASSIST: Please keep donations coming and they will be taken to the drop off points in Chester or Ellesmere Port in a timely manner. 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. Thank you for your donations.

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 & CHESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: We wish all Staff and pupils a restful Summer holidays.

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.

FEAST OF ST CLARE: Sunday 11th August. 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. As usual there will be no charge for the event, we only ask for donations towards the costs. Only 2 weeks now, are you able to help? Please email: patriddell31@aol.com

SAINT CLARE'S 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 that day when you finally call us home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

St Clare, pray for us.

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