

Sunday 4th August 2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week II
Year: B

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15; Psalm 77;
Ephesians 4: 17. 20-24; John 6: 24-35



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Our thanks to Fr Neill Robb for saying Mass at St Clare's this weekend and 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"

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 3 rd August	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm (Fr Neill) Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 4 th August	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am (Fr Neill) Mass 9.30am
Monday 5 th August	No Mass
Tuesday 6 th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord – <i>Feast</i> St Anthony's Devotions & Mass 7pm
Wednesday 7 th August	Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Thursday 8 th August	St Dominic, Priest - <i>Memorial</i> No Mass
Friday 9 th August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr - <i>Feast</i> No Mass
Saturday 10 th August	St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr - <i>Feast</i> Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm (Fr Patrick) Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 11 th August	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Feast of St Clare Confessions: 9am – 9.25am (Fr Patrick) Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Debbie Dwyer (recovery, op) (SB)

People of the Parish

Eileen Challinor RIP

Christine Long RIP

Gladys Joinson RIP

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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: Albert Paddock, Ann Connolly, Arthur Clayton, Peter Burns and Albert McHugh.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: For Political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS: This week it's Pat and Mary with proceeds to Parkinson's UK. Next week it's Sue with proceeds to CAFOD.

CHURCH KEYS: When compiling the recent list of keyholders we failed to include those who have keys to the cupboard under the stairs in Church (a separate key to the Church door). If you have one of these keys, please let Paula know in the office or tell George Szczyglowski as soon as possible, alternatively email patriddell31@aol.com This information is urgently required for our Health and Safety Review.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – NIGERIA: More Christians are murdered in Nigeria than anywhere else in the world. In the last 12 years alone, more than 43,000 Christians in the country have been killed by extremists and over 17,500 churches have been attacked. Christians are targeted for their beliefs in their villages, farms and churches. Many people who have fled their homes to avoid the brutal attacks are now forced to live on the outskirts of what they once called home in IDP (internally displaced person) camps. For more information: <https://acnuk.org/news/nigeria-leaders-accused-of-inaction-amid-ongoing-killings-and-food-crisis/> - even a small offering can make a difference.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: Many thanks to the kind donor who added to our funds this week. Our family arrived back from the Holiday Home having enjoyed their time. Kate and partner completed their sponsored walk on Friday. Thanks to all who supported their worthy cause. Details 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 soon. Regards Steve

REFUGEE ASSIST: Please keep donations coming, they will be taken to the drop off points in Chester or Ellesmere Port in a timely manner. Items needed: bed linen (Not duvets); newish pillows; towels; children & young men's clothes; big pans; cutlery; toys; toothpaste & brushes; deodorant & razors. Thanks for your help, Steve

ROSARY OLYMPICS: Do you find the Rosary difficult? If you subscribe to the 'Rosario' app (see here: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50284>) it leads one in slow stages to a love of the Rosary - starting with just one decade and building like an athlete during the time of the Olympics to a whole Rosary. Why not give it a try if you find this powerful and life changing prayer difficult.

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.

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.

THE ONE WHO SINGS PRAYS TWICE – ST AUGUSTINE: SINGING PRACTICE - Every Thursday in the Church choir loft at 7.30pm. All welcome 🎵🎵🎵

FEAST OF ST CLARE: NEXT 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. 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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