

Sunday
11th August 2024
Feast of St Clare

19th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Psalter week III - Year: B
1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 33: 2-9 r.9;
Eph 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

“Let the love you have in your hearts be shown outwardly in your deeds.”

—Testament of St. Clare



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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.

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 10 th August	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 11 th August	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feast of St Clare Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am
Monday 12 th August	No Mass
Tuesday 13 th August	St Anthony’s Devotions & Mass 7pm
Wednesday 14 th Aug	Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr Mass 9.30am
Thursday 15 th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - <i>Solemnity</i> Mass 9.30am
Friday 16 th August	St Stephen of Hungary Mass 9.30am
Saturday 17 th August	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 18 th August	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Gladys Joinson (RIP)
People of the Parish
Francis Thomas (RIP)
Hilda Evans (RIP)
Bob Green (anniv)
Ann Leach (RIP)
Peter Charles Byrne (RIP)

We welcome Fr Patrick back from his holidays and congratulate him on being permanently appointed by Bishop Mark to St Clare’s.

A double celebration for our Patronal Feast Day! Please join us after 9.30am Mass (Sunday 11th Aug) in the Parish room for “brunch”. All welcome - no charge but any donations would be very much appreciated.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday; 9:30am to 12 noon.

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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, Cynthia Lloyd & Alan Challinor.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME: Albert Hallington, Marion Edwards, Edith Hughes, Stan Hulse, May Barlow, Gladys Joinson, Robert Green, Lesley Joinson, Eileen Griffiths, Sean Farrell and David Roberts.

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.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: Help required with school clothing for a single parent family with 4 boys this week. Help also needed between 2pm & 4pm Saturday 31st August to take the luggage of a family going to the Holiday Home. Phone Steve on 07838089298. Thank you for the support you give us. God bless, Steve.

FOODBANK DONATIONS: Please keep donations coming and they will be taken to the warehouse soon.

REFUGEE ASSIST: Thank you for your donations to date and please keep these coming. Items required are clothes, toiletries and children's toys.

GARDENING AT ST CLARES: Our lovely grounds are in need of weeding and trimming on a regular basis. Over the years individuals among us have worked tirelessly and quietly keeping everything tidy. Thank you so much. The Parish Council has decided to employ contractors to cut the grass areas on a regular basis over the growing season. This leaves the borders, edges and hedges. We are hoping to set up a team of volunteers to come together and undertake this rewarding task. Other successful teams in the Parish include newsletter production, cleaning the Church, sacristan and of course music - 'a burden shared is a burden halved'; 'You'll never walk alone' and 'Where two or three are gathered in my name there I am in the midst of them' - are a few phrases that come to mind. I would hope that we will not have to donate more than 2 or 3 hours of our time once a month. There is a list at the back of Church to sign up or contact jenny.szczyglowska@gmail.com.

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, again welcome to our Parish, please contact Fr Patrick or the office and let us know your details.

PARISH EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST: Each week our Newsletter is sent by email to those on the distribution list. If you wish to be added to that list please email: patriddell31@aol.com

MESSAGE FROM ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL TO THE PARISH: Every member of St Clare's Catholic Primary School wishes you a wonderful feast day. May your day be filled with joy and love.

OUR DEAN, FR PAUL, WRITES: Summer Moves in Chester and the Diocese

We congratulate Fr Patrick Breeze on having his appointment at St Clare's confirmed, as their new Parochial Administrator and welcome him to the Deanery. We are truly sorry to be saying farewell to Fr Jinson and Bro Michael at St Francis, both reassigned to Greyfriars, Oxford. Some moves in the Spiritan Community too: Fr Desmond is leaving Chester for pastures new. We welcome a new Spiritan to Chester as Community Leader in the House in Hoole, Fr Alphonsus Beni, who's been working in Parishes in Westminster and Southwark Dioceses. Bishop Mark has also announced some moves in the wider Diocese, following the very sad death of Fr Tony Cogliolo, Fr Tony McGrath has been appointed to St Theresa's Wilmslow in his place. Also, Fr Peter Dutton is retiring from St Mary's Middlewich.

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If you wish to make a donation to St Clare's: Bank Sort Code: 30-15-52 Acct number: 54579560

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