

# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week IV  
Year: B

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 33(34):2-3,10-15  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58



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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Wednesday; 9:30am to 12 noon

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm <b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Saint John Eudes, Priest <b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor St Anthony's Devotions & <b>Mass 7pm</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Saint Pius X, Pope Adoration: 8.30am – 9.30am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Our Lady, Mother and Queen Rosary 9.10am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle <i>Feast</i> Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55 <b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>

### INTENTIONS

Ann Leach RIP
Peter Charles Byrne RIP
Bill Rush RIP
Belinda (Medi & Bernards niece)
Theresa Hart RIP
Edward Craggs RIP
People of the Parish

**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:** Hilda Evans, Peter Charles Byrne, Paul Starmer, Elsie Kelly, Cecil Stinson, Dorothy Penlington, John Hughes and M Farrimond.

**TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS:** This week it is Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP Conference and next week its Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home.

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

**THANK YOU:** to everyone who contributed to making the Feast of St Clare such a success. Many hands do indeed make light work, a wonderful team effort and we were blessed with beautiful weather too. Very generous donations meant costs were covered and over £110 donated to the Parish.

**NEW MISSAL ORDERS:** If you wish to place an order for a new Missal through the Repository please let Sue or Sheila know by Sunday 25th August. Or contact Sue by 25th on 07779055508. Thank you.

**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.

**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](mailto:patriddell31@aol.com) This information is urgently required for our Health and Safety Review.

**GARDENING AT ST CLARE'S:** 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](mailto:jenny.szczyglowska@gmail.com)

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** Thank you for the support to requests last week. A meeting with an SVP National Office rep in Hoole indicated that an SVP shop may be set up either in Chester or Ellesmere Port. Tickets for the SVP Annual Raffle are available. £5 per book with £5000 first prize. God bless, Steve.

**ROSARY:** St Louis de Montfort says praying the Rosary with 30 others gains the merit of 30 Rosaries – join us 20 minutes before most Masses to pray the Rosary.

**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](mailto:patriddell31@aol.com)

**SHREWSBURY DIOCESE ADMIN SUPPORT VACANCY:** A vacancy has arisen for an Administration Support Officer within our Mission and Evangelisation team based in Chester. Hours: 25 per week (to include occasional and weekend duties as required). Rate of pay: £12-£15 per hour depending on experience. More details can be found via the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's with a covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date: Friday 30 August 2024

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:** Members are invited to a 'Day of Reflection' Saturday 14th September, Shrewsbury Cathedral. Led by Fr Sean Henry, the theme is, "Martha and Mary: The Hospitality we give to Christ". 9.15am start, 3.30pm finish. Lunch can be purchased on site or bring your own. Cost by anonymous donation. Spaces are limited so please book early. [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text Siobhan on 07931-574-348.

**WELCOMING AFGHAN FAMILIES TO SAFETY:** Caritas Shrewsbury, as part of Citizens UK, are supporting the UK Government's project to welcome refugee families into their communities. We're not asking for money or donations, but rather volunteers who are willing to help these families when they arrive. To find out more please visit: <https://www.sponsorrefugees.org/getinvolved/communities-for-afghans/>

**THE SPIRITANS VACANCY:** The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are looking to employ an Office Administrator with a background in finance and accounting to work in their Administration Office at Chester. Working days are Mondays to Thursdays from 9am to 5pm daily. Please send your application to:- Provincial Bursar, 60 Hoole Road, Chester. CH2 3NL, Email [provincialbursar@spiritans.co.uk](mailto:provincialbursar@spiritans.co.uk)

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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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