

Sunday 25th August 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week I
Year: B

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Psalm 33
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69



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Wednesday; 9:30am to 12 noon

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 24 th August	Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Vigil Mass 6pm	Edward Craggs RIP
Sunday 25 th August	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 26 th August	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi, Priest No Mass	
Tuesday 27 th August	St Monica St Anthony's Devotions & Mass 7pm	Mrs. Bates RIP
Wednesday 28 th Aug	St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor Adoration: 8.30am – 9.30am Mass 9.30am	Edward Craggs RIP
Thursday 29 th August	Passion of Saint John the Baptist Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am	Peter Charles Byrne RIP
Friday 30 th August	Sts Margaret Clitheroe, Margaret Ward, Virgin & Anne Line, Mm Mass 9.30am	
Saturday 31 st August	Saint Aiden, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55 Vigil Mass 6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st September	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am	Jackie Hawkins RIP

INTENTIONS

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 and Jenny Jarvis.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME: Sylvia West, Felice Sapio, Emily Marsh, Lawrence Franks and William Price.

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

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. Contact Sue 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, or email patriddell31@aol.com

GARDENING AT ST CLARE'S: The volunteers met and weeded for the first time on Tuesday afternoon at 14.00. We made a solid start. Drinks and biscuits were on offer. If you feel moved to come along and the weather is good, please join us - even if it is only a couple of hours occasionally. We have set up a WhatsApp group to keep in contact and updated. Please let me know jenny.szczyglowska@gmail.com.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: On the weekend of 31st August/1st September, there will be an address to the Parish to update everyone on the work of St Clare's SVP group and to encourage new volunteers to join us. 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: Welcome to our friendly Parish Community if you are visiting family, friends or on holiday. 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

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 Closing date: Friday 30th 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 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

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Parish Newsletter: Email patriddell31@aol.com

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

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