

Sunday 15th September 2024

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (The Joy of the Gospel)

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week IV
Year: B

Isaiah 50:5-9,
Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9
James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35



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

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on 15th September

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 14 th Sept	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55 Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 15 th Sept	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (The Joy of the Gospel) - Feast Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am
Monday 16 th Sept	<i>Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs - memorial</i> No Mass
Tuesday 17 th Sept	St Anthony's Devotions & Mass 7pm
Wednesday 18 th Sept	Adoration: 8.30am – 9.30am Mass 9.30am
Thursday 19 th Sept	<i>St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr; St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Friday 20 th Sept	<i>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i> Mass 9.30am
Saturday 21 st Sept	<i>St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist - feast</i> Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55 Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 22 nd Sept	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

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People of the Parish

Bill Rush RIP

Hyde Family (KC)

Barbara Hyde RIP (KC)

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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, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell & Michael Darby

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME: Michael Mee, Mabel Hallington, Francis Franchetti, Ann Koushi, Grace Williams, Edith Wilding, John Nicholas, Hilda Baker and Francis McGovern.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week it is Pat and Mary with proceeds to Parkinsons UK and next week its Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home.

FOODBANK DONATIONS: Donations will be taken to the Warehouse this coming week.

NEW CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: Volunteers needed as soon as possible, please see Fr Patrick if you can help.

SINGING PRACTICE HAS RESUMED AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK: Every Thursday in the Church choir loft at 7.30pm. All welcome 🎵🎵🎵

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: September is the month of Awareness of the SVP and the theme this month is "Who Care's". All of us care and it's a central message of the SVP. Leaflets explaining how the SVP cares can be found in the Church lobby. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless, Steve

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: For the Cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED BY CANCER?: *Today* - 15th Sept at 3pm, an Ecumenical Service "Pause for Hope" at St Columba's Church. For anyone affected by cancer. The choir of St Joseph's Church will be leading the singing.

ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE: Over the last two weeks in September (21st/22nd and 28th/29th) and the first two weeks of October (5th/6th and 12th/13th) the annual Mass attendance will take place, that is the number of people attending Mass are counted. This is the figure that is used for the Parish Pastoral Statistics form.

GARDENING AT ST CLARE'S: Many thanks to those who have got involved already, still more room for others! We have set up a WhatsApp group to keep in contact and updated. Email Jenny: jenny.szczylowska@gmail.com

ST CLARE'S PARISH COUNCIL: met on Tuesday 10th September. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the notice board at the back of Church.

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT PARKINSON'S? Chester Branch of Parkinson's UK are holding an Awareness Event at St Columba's church hall on Sat 2nd November – leaflets on the table at the back of Church.

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: It was wonderful to celebrate Holy Mass to welcome the children back into school, thank you to the parishioners who were able to join us. Aside from some very wet days this week, the children have all had a fantastic week. Next week, our Year Five pupils are going on a residential trip to the Conway Centre in Anglesey, please pray for better weather than this week.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: Thursday 19th September 6pm - 8pm. No booking needed. Interactive demonstrations, canteen tastings, live sports action, meet & greet our students and staff. All welcome! Old Wrexham Road, Handbridge. CH4 7HS.

ROSARIES: As October approaches we are likely to get a tidal wave of requests from schools for our free Rosaries. If you could be available to help then please email me: kevprennd@gmail.com Thank you, Kevin

SEASON OF CREATION: This is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It started on 1st September and finishes on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share. When we work together with Creation, the first fruits of hope can emerge.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY 2024 *is named after Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.*

EXTRACT FROM THE POPE'S EXHORTATION 'EVANGELII GAUDIUM' - THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, PARAGRAPH 114:

"Being Church means being God's people, in accordance with the great plan of his fatherly love. This means that we are to be God's leaven in the midst of humanity. It means proclaiming and bringing God's salvation into our world, which often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope and strengthened on the way. The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

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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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