

ST CLARE'S MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Holy Spirit we are ready to use our talents to support and co-operate with our Parish Priest in all matters liturgical and temporal.

We commit ourselves to build a family of Christ at St Clare's and in the local community, based on love, compassion and understanding.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The minutes of the last meeting (4 May) are on the notice board at the back of the Church. The next meeting will be held on Tue 31 May, after evening Mass. This will address those items left over from 4th May and any new matters arising. Feel free at any time to let your input reach Fr Martin or any of the members.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Come and adore the Blessed Lord in the Eucharist with us every Wednesday from 8.30am, ending with the 9.30am mass. The fruits of adoring the Eucharistic Lord are beyond words! Come and have a taste of it, and invite friends and family. Bring along your intentions to be blessed by a loving and caring Lord. We have a half hour of silent prayers and half hour of rosary, worship song and Benediction.

FR John Murphy: Fr John, who died during the week, was Parish Priest of St Clare's for some 10 years has died. His vigil mass will be on Tuesday 24th of May, 7.00pm. Requiem will take place on Wednesday, 25th May in All Saints, Ashton-on-Mersey by 11.00am. If you intend going and have room for a passenger or two in your car please contact Fr Martin. Equally, if you wish to go and need transport contact Fr Martin. A special Mass (Month's Mind) will be celebrated in St Clare's on Wednesday 15th June.

JUBILEE MAGAZINE

There are still some copies available in the porch (printing cost £3 each). If you have already taken a copy but were not able to make a donation at that time towards costs please do so now otherwise the Parish may be seriously out of pocket.

CONFESSIONS:

Fr Martin will be available in the Church for Confessions from 5.00 to 5.45pm on Saturday, just before the 6.00pm mass.

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Mass Times and Intentions

SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2011 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
PSALTER Week I CHURCH CLEANING Group 5

Saturday 21st May: Confessions 5.00-5.45pm
6.00 pm: *Mass Special intention*

Sunday 22nd May: 9.30 am: *Theresa Maguire*
Coffee after Mass provided by CAFOD

Monday 23rd May: *Ferial No Mass*

Tuesday 24th May: *Our Lady Help of Christians*
7.30pm St Anthony's Devotions and Mass
Bernard Bownas

Wednesday 25th May: *St Bede The Venerable, P.D.*
8.30 Eucharistic Adoration 9.30 Mass *The Leach Family Intentions*
Half an hour of Shared Prayer in the Parish Room after Mass

Thursday 26th May: *St Philip Neri, P. No Mass*

Friday 27th May: *St Augustine of Canterbury, B No Mass*

Saturday 28th May: Confessions 5.00-5.45pm
6.00 pm Mass Fr John Murphy RIP

Sunday 29th May: 9.30am: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rita Whelan

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr John Murphy, former Parish Priest of St Clare's.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for the souls of Bernard Kearney and Brigid Kearney whose anniversaries occur during the week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Annette, Archie, Bernie Ashcroft, Margaret Borrowes, Rose Boyle, Maureen and Frank Brady, David Brown, Joan Bullough, Geoff Craggs, Helen Creaney, David, Brendan Edwards, Una Harrington, Kath Heffernan, Emmanuelle, Erica Finn, Hanna Jones, Eve, Eileen Jones, Mrs Jones, Gladys Joinson, Winefride Keenan, , Ann Leach, Sandra Lenel, Win Littler, Josephine Loveland, Mary Marshall, May McAteer, Mary McDonough, Rob McEwan, Ted Mooney, Ree Morgan, Nan Morris, Ann O'Gorman, Margaret Pachteli, John Parnell, Mark Patavino, Peggy la Pierre, Rosemary Prendergast, June Rai, Vera Rattigan, Sandra Rogers, Elizabeth Shaw, Margaret Sloggett, Peggy Shone, Jackie Sumner, Maureen Tolefree, and Freda Tyldesley. May the Lord bless them with His healing love and give them the joy of His presence.

“TUESDAYS AT ONE” ORGAN RECITALS AT ST. WERBURGH'S:

The annual season of weekly lunchtime organ recitals at St. Werburgh's Church starts on **Tuesday 17th May** and runs right through to **20th September**. These 45 minute recitals are given by members and friends of the Chester and NE Wales Organists and Choirmasters Association. Retiring collection.

LOURDES: The Chester ACROSS Group will be going to Lourdes by Jumbulance again this year. The dates are Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th September. There are vacancies for sick or disabled people and for helpers. Cost is £685 (fully inclusive of all travel costs, travel insurance, meals during journey to Lourdes and return, full board at Hotel Mediterranee in Lourdes and full excursions programme including visits to Bartres & Garvanie). For further information, please ring Tony Murphy on 0788-1656-974.

ADVANCE WARNING - BAPTISMS: On Sunday 29th May at 1130 am there will be the Sacrament of Baptism for Kate Maria Goodwin, Reece Michael Senior and Oscar Edward Senior. On Saturday, 18th June, at 4.30pm, Annelie Isabel Watson will be Baptised in St Clare's Church. Please remember them, their families and God Parents in your prayers in the days ahead and on the day itself.

CAFOD MASS: A date for your diary - On Tuesday, 7th June, the evening Mass will be for the work and intentions of CAFOD. It is hoped that as many as possible of the CAFOD supporters of our Parish will be able to attend and also supporters from neighbouring parishes too.

RCIA FORMATION: There will be a **Diocesan Morning** on Saturday 4th June at St Columba's, Chester from 1030am (assembly with Danish pastries & tea/coffee) and finishing at 1.30pm. Please see the poster in the porch for details.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS: This will be held on Saturday, 25th June at St Nicholas Catholic High School, Hartford, CW8 1JW, starting at 1030am-Arrivals & coffee and ending at 3.30pm. Bishop Mark invites us to join him for “The Riches of the Catechism” led by Msgr Paul Watson & Dr Caroline Farey, Maryvale Institute. See the Poster on the notice board for RSVP details and the mention of *Strawberries & Cream!*

FRANCISCAN DAY OF REFLECTION-SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

The theme of the day is “What a wonderful World”. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL-SUBSIDISED TRANSPORT: it has been proposed to remove the Council Subsidy for pupils' transport to the CHS. Catholic parents pay taxes, including Council Tax, so it seems unfair that they should have to meet the cost of transport for their children to attend school when non Catholic parents do not. Please pick up a copy of John Murray's letter to the Leader of the Council from the table in the porch which sets out his objections to the proposal.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK AFTER EASTER

Sunday 22nd May: Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 32; 1 P 2:4-9; Jn 14: 1-12

Monday 23rd May: Acts 14: 5-18; Ps 113; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 24th May: National Calendar;

Si 4: 11-18; Ps 112; 1 Cor 1: 18-25; Jn 19: 25- 27

Wednesday 25th May: Acts 15: 1-6; Ps 121; Jn 15: 1-8

Thursday 26th May: Acts 15: 7-21; Ps958; Jn 15: 9-11

Friday 27th May: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 56; Jn 15: 12-17

Saturday 28th May: Acts 16: 1-10; Ps 99; Jn 15: 18-21