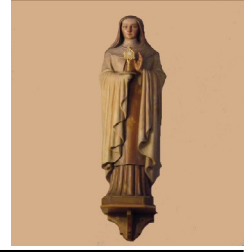




# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**  
**Psalter Week I I** **Diocesan Year for Mission 2017**

**DEDICATION: December is dedicated to The Immaculate Conception**



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the crown of the liturgical year Dear brothers and sisters, today we proclaim this singular victory, by which Jesus became the King of every age, the Lord of history: with the sole power of love, which is the nature of God, his very life, and which has no end (cf. 1 Cor 13:8). We joyfully share the splendour of having Jesus as our King: his rule of love transforms sin into grace, death into resurrection, fear into trust.

**It would mean very little, however, if we believed Jesus was King of the universe, but did not make him Lord of our lives:** all this is empty if we do not personally accept Jesus and if we do not also accept his way of being King. Our King went to the ends of the universe in order to embrace and save every living being. He did not condemn us, nor did he conquer us, and he never disregarded our freedom, but he paved the way with a humble love that forgives all things, hopes all things, sustains all things (cf. 1Cor 13:7).

This love alone overcame and continues to overcome our worst enemies: sin, death, fear As soon as we give God the chance, he remembers us. He is ready to completely and forever cancel our sin, because his memory – unlike our own – does not record evil that has been done or keep score of injustices experienced. God has no memory of sin, but only of us, of each of us, we who are his beloved children. **And he believes that it is always possible to start anew**, to raise ourselves up. Let us also ask for the gift of this open and living memory. - Pope Francis

## LOST TOUCH?

If you have lost touch with your Faith, you might be surprised at how joyful it can be once you have made that difficult first step, **Our Lord is waiting for you with open arms**, just speak to Fr Emeka.



## ARE YOU NEW TO ST CLARE'S

**Everyone is welcome here.** We would like you to feel very much at home with us whether you are Catholic or not. God loves us deeply, and enters our lives in various ways, and invites us to know and love him more. This is His house and His arms are always open to welcome. **Forgive us if we fail to notice a new face in our midst.. PLEASE join us for coffee after Mass**

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 9.30am  
11.15am(Latin)

### Confessions

see back page

### Children's Liturgy

Sundays 9.30  
In Sacristy

Weekday Masses: Please see back page

### For Baptisms, Confirmation,- Weddings and Funerals

Please call or email Fr Emeka above

Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 25/11 Confessions 5.30 -5.45 pm Rosary 5.40 pm Vigil MASS 6 pm	<i>The Lord Jesus Christ, King</i>	Ezk 34: 11-12.15-17; Ps 22;	<b>Brian Jones</b>
Sun 26/11 <i>Exposition 8.30am</i> Rosary 9.00am, Benediction 9.15am MASS 9.30am LATIN MASS 12.30pm	<i>Of The Universe</i>  <b>Special day of White</b>	1 Co 15:20-26.28 Mt 25: 31-46 <b>prayer for Young people</b>	<b>Harry McGuire</b> <b>Anna Florio</b>
Tue 28/11 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm <b>NO MASS</b>	<i>Ferial Green</i>	Dn 2: 31-45' Ps Dn 3;	<b>Confirmation 7.0pm</b> <b>St Werburgh's</b>
Weds 29/11 <i>Exposition and Rosary 8,30 am.</i> MASS 9.30am .	<i>Ferial Green</i>	Dn 5: 1-6.13-14.16-17.23-28; Lk 21:12-19	<b>William Prendergast</b>
Thurs 30/11 <i>Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm</i> Rosary 7.10pm MASS 7.30pm	<i>St Andrew Ap Red</i>	Rm 10:9-18; Ps18; Mt 4:18-22	<b>Win &amp; Tom Bell(SB)</b>
Fri 01/12 Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am	<i>Ferial Green</i>	Dn 7: 2-14, Ps Dn 3; Lk 21: 29-33	<b>Mike Prendergast</b>
Sat 02/12 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6 pm	<i>First Sunday of</i>	Is 63: 16-17; 64:1:3-8; Ps 79;	<b>Nino Mansutti</b>
Sun 03/12 <i>Exposition 8.30 am</i> Rosary 9.00am, Benediction 9.15am MASS 9.30am Latin MASS 11.15am	<i>Advent Purple</i>	1 Co 1: 3-9; Mk 13: 33-37 <b>Day of Special Prayer for Migrants &amp; Refugees</b>	<b>Will Prendergast</b>

## St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This week our Year Six and Year Five pupils enjoyed a day of Curriculum Challenge in Chester Catholic High and Queen's Park High School. The children absolutely loved their experiences which included being journalists and scientists amongst many other activities. Many of our pupils came away with prizes for great participation and ideas.

Children in Classes Four and Five have been preparing for the Angel Voices concert which takes place next Tuesday in St Mary's Creative Place, Chester. Tickets can be bought online.



Children in Year Two have been preparing for a Multi skills competition which they are taking part in next week. This is an event which challenges lots of physical skills including jumping, skipping, throwing and balancing. The activities are great fun!

Our school PTA is organising a Christmas Raffle, tickets are available from the school office. There are some super hampers for prizes.

If you know any families who have school aged children due to start in September 2018, please encourage them to come to visit us. Last year we had some families who were disappointed as they were not able to secure places for their children in St Clare's.

## PARISH EVENTS

**PARISH COUNCIL.** 12th December after evening Mass

### REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

**PRAYER GROUP.** Meets after Wednesday 9.30 am Mass, in the Parish Room. All welcome.

**CHOIR.** Weekly practice on Thursdays after the evening Mass, in the Parish Room (sometimes in the choir loft. New members needed.

**CAFOD.** Meets in the Parish Room on the first Tuesday of the month, after the evening Mass.

**SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul).** Meets every two weeks on Saturdays. New members welcome; for information contact Steve on 01244671817 and e-mail [stevebonsall@outlook.com](mailto:stevebonsall@outlook.com)

**CHESTER SPUC GROUP** alternate 3rd Wednesdays next meeting November

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ACTA GROUP “ An Astonishing Secret”** Saturday 25th November, St Columba’s—see below

**CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP COFFEE MORNING.** 28th November 71 Liverpool Road 1030-1230

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION TO PATRISHIONERS,** Sunday, 26th Nov. 9.30

**CONFIRMATION.** Tuesday, 28 November, in St Werburgh’s at 7.00pm

## MISSION APPEAL

A group of Nuns living in Liverpool will be visiting our parish for mission appeal during the weekend masses of 25/26th November. Sr. Pennie Macinnes will be coming for the appeal. As we welcome Sr. Pinnie to our parish, I appeal to parishioners to generously assist the Nuns to carry on with the good work they do.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

**Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.**



” *“Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace.”*

*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

## Youth Zone

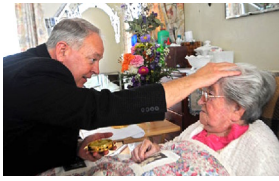
### SOMETHING TO SAY

Today we celebrate National Youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the Universal King. This year we focus on the theme “Something to say” because of the important Youth Consultation that Pope Francis has called next year.

Over the last Summer there was a Mega Youth Poll taken in England and Wales all about faith and the Church. **Pope Francis wants to hear what YOU have to say.** The Church needs to hear what you have to say. When we think about Jesus in the Gospels, He always encouraged children and young people to come to Him. He always told stories so they would understand. Your voice is important to Christ. Your story is important to Christ. It is important to talk about your faith, the challenges, the questions, the joys...and it is important that adults in the Church listen! It's probably true to say that we don't listen to each other enough these days. Let your voice be heard! And adults...be ready to listen!-Catherine SYMT

**To get more information and have your say click on <http://www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk/>**





### OUR SICK LIST

**Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type**  
**Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross ,**  
Dot Bell, Anna Brennan, Christopher Browne, Gerard Boyle, Joan Bullough, Mary Duffy, Mark Evans, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile,, Kath Heffernan, Katie Gray, Ewyn Jenkins, V. Jones, Ann Leach, Bob McConnell, Mary McDonough, Belinda Riddell, Bob Sheppard, Phyllis Smith, Jo Stobbs, Gwen Spurn, Eileen Wyatt. Residents of Curzon Park Nursing Home.

### CAFOD THANKYOU

**A very big THANK YOU from CAFOD for the donation of £1668.50p from St Clare's from the Harvest Festival Collection**

### "CHESTER CAFOD Support Group

Invite you World Gifts Coffee Morning this Tuesday 28 November. Any time between 10.30am - 12.30pm enjoy a coffee and goodies, friendly company and the opportunity to buy from a great selection of world gifts including for the first time a solar powered lamp and a birth certificate. 71 Liverpool road. Heading out of Chester this is on the left hand side before the Bache roundabout. Plenty of parking in side streets, or Ellesmere Port buses stop almost outside the

### NEW FACES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

A call — for three new people to join the Parish Council. Names for this latest need to Fr Emeka please. One name has been put forward but more are needed. Failing sufficient volunteers it will be necessary to ask you, the parishioners of St Clare's, to produce suggestions and then for an election to take place.

### Candidates for first Holy Communion.

**Children for first Holy Communion in June 2018 will be presented to the parish on the first Sunday of ADVENT. Our prayers for them during this spiritual journey leading to their First Forgiveness and Communion.**

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food Bank is the **THIS WEEKEND** 25/26 November.

### LOURDES HOSPITALITY GROUP

The Lourdes Hospitality Group will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception with Mass at 7.30pm on Friday 8th December at St Chad's, Cheadle followed by a social in Parish Centre. preceded at 6.30pm with a meeting

### HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS DECEMBER

**Universal:** That the elderly, sustained by familiar and Christian Communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations

### CONFIRMATION

Please pray for the following parishioners who are going forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, 28th November at 7pm in St Werburgh's:

Maxi Mc Kay  
Frances Mc Kay  
Thomas Preece  
Adam Preece  
Filip Fidler  
Ben Elphick



### TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

**There will not be an evening Mass in St Clare's because of the 7pm Confirmation celebration in St Werburgh's. Please come and join us. All are welcome.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

The first part of the Mass (known as the liturgy of the Word) is structured as follows:

#### **Sunday Mass Readings:**

Each Sunday Mass has four readings: the first from the Old Testament, followed by one of the Psalms the third from an Apostle and the fourth from the Gospels. This arrangement brings out the unity of the Old and New Testaments and of the history of salvation, in which Christ is the central figure, commemorated in his paschal mystery. The lectionary is organized into three-year cycles of readings. The years are designated A, B, or C. Each yearly cycle begins on the first Sunday of Advent  
Year A: Gospel of Matthew  
Year B: Gospel of Mark  
Year C: Gospel of Luke  
The Gospel of John is read throughout Easter, and is used for other liturgical seasons including Advent, Christmas, and Lent where appropriate. This Advent we commence Year B with the Gospel of Mark.

#### **Weekday Mass readings:**

These are on a two year Cycle called Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 (odd numbered years being Cycle 1) , so we are about to begin Cycle 2 this Advent..The weekday lectionary includes a reading from the Old Testament, Acts, Revelation, or the Epistles; a Responsorial Psalm; and a reading from one of the Gospels, arranged so that portions of all four are read every year. .