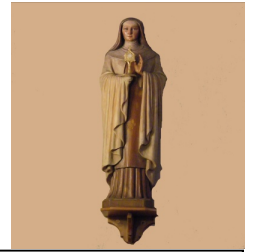




St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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PENTECOST 9th JUNE 2019

Psalter Week II

YEAR OF HOLINESS

DEDICATION:

June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus



PENTECOST

What is it that blinds me to the reality of what I read about Pentecost? What makes me refuse to acknowledge that it can happen to me just as it did to the Apostles? That, within my unworthy self, there is a temple in which the Spirit adores without easing? Lord, is it a fear that, by accepting your greatness at the centre of myself, great things will be asked of me? Is it possible that, in my desire to avoid pain, I also deprive myself of experiencing joy? The risen Jesus penetrates the disciples' defences, overcomes their fears, and brings them joy. I ask him to pass through all my security systems and liberate me from whatever prevents me from 'having life and having it in all its fullness'.

Jesus always brings peace and reconciliation. Saint Augustine called peace 'the tranquillity of order', meaning order in my relationships with God, with other people and within myself. Where is there lack of peace in my life? Who do I need to make peace with? Do I make space to experience God's forgiveness and gift of peace? I ask for his peace so that I may bring others peace- *'Sacred Space' Irish Jesuits*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

We join with the whole parish and school in congratulating: **Izabella, Julia, Joseph Killian, Lexie, Lillie, Pati, Romy, Tiffanie, Veronica, and Wiktor**, who will be making their First Holy Communion at the 9.30 Mass this Sunday Please remember to pray for them

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, **it should always be a big deal.**

THY KINGDOM COME:

A National Celebration of Churches Together between Ascension and Pentecost, praying for our individual churches and the cause of Church Unity.

The Chester Event is on this **Sunday, 9th June, at 4.00 pm** at the Cross, outside St Peter's Church (top of Bridge Street). Come and join Christians from dozens of other Chester Churches for a short Service, and refreshments afterwards in St Peter's Church. Everyone warmly welcome.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.30am

Sunday 11.15 am (Latin)

Weekday Masses Please see back page

Confessions

Saturday 5.30 -5.45pm

or on request

Children's Liturgy

Takes place Sundays 9.30am

In Sacristy

For Baptisms, Confirmation,

Weddings & Funerals

Please call or email Fr Emeka

above



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, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Mike Edwards, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Lorna Jarvis, Dorothy Jones, Henry Kearney, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Bob McConnell, Mary McDonough, Alex Shone, SR, Maureen Oliphant, Gwen Spurr, Eileen Wyatt.

MISSIO SUMMER MASS

On Saturday, 29 June at 12 Noon at Church of St Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch. Celebrated by Bishop Mark & Fr Tony Chantry MHM. See Notice Board for details

NEW HEADTEACHER

The Board of Trustees and the Governing Body are delighted to inform you that following the intention of our Principal, John Murray to retire on the 31st August 2019, a new Head Teacher, Cathryn McKeagney has been appointed from the 1st September 2019.

Cathryn is currently Deputy Head Teacher at St Cuthbert's in Widnes and was the excellent candidate from a very strong shortlist arising from an exhaustive two-day selection process before half-term.

CRUSADER MAGAZINE

Please take your free copy of 'Crusader' magazine on table in porch

PARISH ROOM HIRE

Our renovated parish room is now available for hire. Please contact Paula on: st.clareschester@sky.com or telephone her on 01244 671015,

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 4.**

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Thanks to all who have attended the Lunch club since March. It has been enjoyed by all who came. 7 people sat down last Sunday. The club is on holiday until Sunday Sept 1st. Thanks to all Catherine.

CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR:

This year's Chester-wide Confirmation will be at St Clare's on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00 pm. The programme is organised jointly by St Clare's and St Werburgh's, and candidates are welcome from any Chester Parish. **Classes will be on Tuesday Evenings at St Werburgh's, beginning 10th September.**

Launch Meeting on Tuesday 9th July in St Werburgh's

Please take a flyer from the back of church with full details and send names in to either St Werburgh's or St Clare's. Minimum age – in High

CUPCAKE FOR DEMENTIA

(Alzheimer's Society)

Please join us for a coffee morning on Saturday 15th June at 10.30am in the Parish room to support this excellent cause.

Donations of cakes and/or raffle prizes would be gratefully received. For info contact Pat on 675688 or email patriddell31@aol.com

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food Bank is the weekend, 29/30th June.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

June:

That Priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Thank you all for your continuing contributions to the Foodbank. Last month St Clare's Church foodbank collection amounted to 47.7Kg. St Clare's congregation members including many SVP conference members volunteer at the Lache distribution centre in Hawthorn House at the end of Hawthorn Road on Friday lunch times. Last week we fed 40 people on 13 vouchers where a voucher represents a person or family. Lache distribution centre is run by the Trussell Trust West Cheshire Foodbank with its warehouse at Little Stanney in Ellesmere Port. Last week we ran out of desserts and gave families biscuits instead. The warehouse had no desserts to distribute and reports that food donations are similar to last year but demand is 25% higher hence the shortage. Thus your food donations are not for nothing but are a vital part of the greater requirement in the area. For more information and shortage items visit <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/> .

Items also needed for the homeless via the Share Shop. Bath towels, Backpacks and Washing Powder. Thanks for all your help. God bless you all. Steve

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

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

CHOIR Thursdays after the 7.30 pm Mass, in the Parish Room . 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 fortnightly in the Parish Rooms on Monday Evenings. New Members welcome. Contact Steve 01244 671817 or e-mail PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB **Sunday Lunch Club** **Sunday Lunch Club** 1st Sunday of month 1pm Contact Catherine 01244 678825 or e-mail catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

CHESTER SPUC GROUP next meeting contact 01244 681816 for details

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SVP THEATRE NIGHT **Wed 12th June** 7.30pm 'Outside Edge' Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tickets £8 each are now available. Contact Steve 01244 671817 email PresidentF180413@svp.org.uk

CUPCAKE FOR DEMENTIA (Alzheimers Society) **Saturday 15th June** 10.30am in parish room

CAFOD Support Group's "Strawberry Tea", **Sunday 23 June** See previous page

CONFIRMATION LAUNCH MEETING **9th July** St Werburgh's

FLAT PACK MUSIC NIGHT **7.30 pm 12th July** at Our Lady and St Bernard's. This is another event to support the Holiday Home. Tickets will be available soon.

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP **Sunday 11th - Thursday 15th August 2019**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN **10th September**

SVP SPONSORED WALK. **Sunday 6th October.** 1.30pm Route TBA but it will be in and around Chester. Proceeds to the SVP Chester and Ellesmere Port District Holiday Home running and replacement costs.

CONFIRMATIONS **Tuesday 19th November** at 7 pm St Clare's

"CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT:

The Climate Coalition of 120 organisations including CAFOD is organising a mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 26 June. As people of faith, we'll be gathering at Westminster to connect the poor to the powerful, by sharing our concerns on climate change and the environment, with leaders who can make a difference. Politicians will only increase their ambition if they see that we care. They will act if their constituents tell them that they want change.

CAFOD is running a pilgrimage coach from St Clare's on the day for £25 return. Leaving St Clare's at 6.15am. Alternatively some of us are going on the 8.55am train from Chester. For more information or to sign up please E-mail <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby> or phone 0792020232936

CAFOD STRAWBERRY TEA

"Next weekend tickets costing just £3.50 will be on sale for Chester CAFOD Support Group's "Strawberry Tea", to be held on Sunday 23 June from 2.30 - 4.30pm, at 49 St Chad's Road, Chester CH1 5LF.

Please support this event and help us to support CAFOD as it works to bring support to those in desperate need around the world. If the last few years are anything to go by, we can promise you a very enjoyable afternoon, in lovely surroundings and beautiful sunshine. Contact Sue on 679270 for more details or to reserve a ticket."

Youth Zone

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP 2019

What: Lifeteen Summer Camp UK 2019 #LTCAMPUK
week packed with high-adrenaline outdoor adventure including archery, mountain biking, climbing and much more. Enjoy a full day at Alton Towers and of course Mass, Reconciliation, amazing music, Eucharistic Adoration and talks from international speakers

Why: Journey with new friends, be transformed as you pray, share and have fun together. Encounter your faith in a new way and delve deeper into what God has in store for you!

Where: Alton Castle, Staffordshire, ST104TT

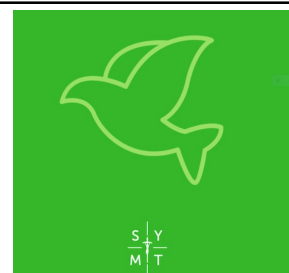
When: Sunday 11th - Thursday 15th August 2019

Who: For young people aged 11-18

Donation: The cost is £265 per person. Financial help available. -see Fr Emeka for details

Group Leaders: Youth Leaders from Parishes are encouraged to attend with their young people, clergy too! We encourage Parishes to sponsor their Leaders donation for the Camp. Clergy are FREE to attend!

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Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 08/06 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Pentecost</i>	Ac 2: 1-11; Ps 103;	<i>Tom Haddock</i>
Sun 09/06 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am <i>Day of Special Prayer for The Church</i> <i>Easter Time Ends Today</i> <i>Ordinary Time Week Ten Begins</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>Red</i>	1 Co 12: 3-7,12-13; Jn 20: 19-23	<i>Arnold Timmins</i>
Tue 11/06 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 6.40 pm MASS 7 pm	<i>St Barnabas, Ap, M</i> <i>Red</i>	Ac 11: 21-26,13:1-3 Ps 97;	<i>Kay Whelan</i>
Wed 12/06 Exposition 8:30am & Benediction 9.00am Rosary MASS 9.30 am	<i>Ferial</i> <i>Green</i>	2 Co:3: 4-11; Ps 98; Mt 5: 17-19	<i>Eileen Prendergast</i> <i>Anniversary of Bsp</i> <i>Brian's Ordination</i>
Thu 13/06 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4pm Rosary 7.10pm MASS 7.30pm	<i>Our Lord Jesus</i> <i>Christ, Eternal Hugh</i> <i>Priest</i>	Is 6: 1-4.8: Ps 22; Jn 17: 11-2-9,14-24	<i>Johnny Bradburne</i>
Fri 14/06 Rosary 9.10am MASS 9.30am	<i>Ferial</i> <i>Green</i>	2 Co 4: 7-15; Ps 115; Mt 5:27-32	
Sat 15/06 Rosary 5.40pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Trinity</i>	Pr 8: 22-31; Ps 8; Rm 5: 1*5	<i>Jack Walsh</i>
Sun 16/06 Exposition 8.30 am Rosary and Benediction 9 am MASS 9.30am Tridentine Latin MASS 12.30pm <i>Day of Special Prayer for Day for Life</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>White</i>	Jn 16: 12-15	<i>Leach Family</i> <i>Intentions</i>



St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This weekend we are celebrating:

*Izabella, Romy, Killian, Joseph, Tiffanie,
Wiktor, Lexie, Julia, Lillie and Veronica,*

who are receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. This is a very special step in faith for all the children and we wish them all huge congratulations. After 9:30am Mass on Sunday 10th June, teas and coffees will be served in the school hall as we celebrate with all the children- parishioners are very welcome to come along and join us.

Pupils in Africa went on a trip to Chester on Tuesday- this is part of their study on their local area. The children had a wonderful time and brought back lots of information which they will use in their work back in school.



On Thursday Year Five pupils went to Queens Park High School for a Curriculum Enrichment day- this is part of our transition programme to prepare children for a successful transition to high school. The children had a wonderful time, experiencing exciting learning opportunities and meeting new friends.

Also, on Tuesday we had a visit from Ofsted. As always the pupils were wonderful. We will share feedback to the visit once we receive it.

There is a 'Love Lache' event on Sycamore field on Sunday 10th June. Pupils from St Clare's will be singing in a joint choir with Lache Primary.