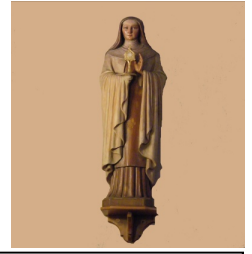




St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11th NOVEMBER 2018
Psalter Week IV **Diocesan Year of The Eucharist 2018**

DEDICATION: November is dedicated to Souls in Purgatory

NOVEMBER: FOR THE HOLY SOULS AND FOR US.

When the lights finally go out in my world, will it then be darkness and no more? The Christian belief is that there is more than darkness. ‘Then they will see the Son of Man coming in glory’. The judgement will not be some dread day of reckoning in the dim future when everybody who ever lived will be gathered together to hear an all-seeing prosecutor reading out our debits and credits for all to hear. The day of judgement is each today. What takes place at death will be the continuation of how I behave each day. The final “Yes” or “No” to God is worked out in the little situations of today. ‘In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.’

What about purgatory? Where does it fit into the scheme of things? Forget about purgatory as a place of punishment. God has no interest in punishing people. That is not his way. His forgiveness is total. Purgatory is beautiful. It is God’s love overwhelming us. The pain of purgatory comes in so far that we are not ready for this pure fire of love. We have to be purified of our years of selfish living. We have to be cleansed of the residue of sinful ways. Purgatory is a state of happy pain. It has the happiness of knowing the love of God and the pain of knowing our selfish response to that love for so long.

However we understand the process, we must regard the souls in purgatory as being absolutely sure of their final salvation in God’s love. Not one of these souls would come back here if given the option.

November’s dying reminds us that each of us will surely die.

But do we live each day with that knowledge? (Silvester O’Flynn OFM.Cap.)

PARISH ANNUAL 40 HOURS ADORATION

Our 40 hours adoration will take place:

Wednesday 21st November 10am-8.30pm
Thursday 22nd November 9 am-7.30 pm
Friday 23rd November 10 am-8 pm
Saturday 24th November 9am-5.30 pm
Sunday (Feast of Christ the King) 8.30 -9.30 am

Please put your name on list at back of church to ensure we have complete coverage

"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament, and I find hardly anyone who strives, according to My desire, to allay this thirst by making Me some return of love - *Words of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*



Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.30am

11.15 am (Latin)

Confessions

Saturday 5.30 -5.45pm

or on request

Children’s Baptisms, Confirmation,-

Sundays 9.30am

In Sacristy

Weddings and Funerals

Please call or email Fr Emeka above

Weekday Masses: Please see back page



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, Kirsty Bonsall, Veronica Creaney, Kathy Craggs, , Mike Edwards, Mark Evans, Mary Frain, Stafford Hutchins, Katie Gray, Eifon. W. Jenkins, Dorothy Jones, Ann Leach, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Bob McConnell, Mary McDonough, **Mrs Julie Reece**, Alex Shone SR, Maureen Oliphant, Gwen Spurr, Eileen Wyatt.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of Jackie Reece who has died and also pray for Mrs Reece that she may find comfort and loving support from friends, neighbours and parishioners

RED MISSIO BOXES

It is about time to bring your Red Mill Hill boxes to church so that Tony Austin can empty them. If you can't get to church please phone Tony (his number is on the bottom of your box. If you do not have a box, but would like one, please contact him, he is usually Sacristan at the Saturday evening Mass, or Fr Emeka.

SPECIAL MASS FOR DEAD PARISHIONERS

On Tuesday **20th November** we plan to have a **special Mass and a candlelight ceremony** for all our parishioners who have died especially those who have died in the last three years.

All are welcome and a special

ENGLAND; DOWRY OF MARY

The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be in Shrewsbury cathedral from 29 Nov-1 Dec 2018. This is in preparation of the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

DEANERY HOLY HOUR FOR MISSION AND RE-

NEWAL :

Wednesday, 28th November, 7.00pm

2019 CALENDARS

The 'Knights of St Columba' will again be selling their calendars for the coming year after masses on 24/25th November, proceeds to go to Knights' charities

THE BATTLE'S OVER

Please see the notice Board re gathering Sandy Lane Community Centre this Sunday to see if your relative, neighbour or friend is on the Saltney/ Saltney Ferry Fallen List for WW1, WW2 and more recent conflicts.

VACANCY:

The Diocese is seeking to employ a **Diocesan Mission Catechist** to assist with the organisation and provision of the formation of those working in all areas of parish and adult catechesis throughout the Diocese This is a permanent contract based at the Curial Office although a part time job share would be considered. **Closing date 21 November 2018.**

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The next collection for the Food Bank is the weekend of 24/25 NOVEMBER

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS—November Universal:

In the Service of Peace:

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

ST CLARE'S SVP.

After the wonderful response throughout the year for Chester's homeless people, our last collection of the year is warm clothes e.g. hats ,gloves, jumpers, jackets etc anything that can be washed in a washing machine. We will be collecting throughout November. Thank you.

This week we sent a £200 Donation to the Kerala Disaster Fund as 20% of the generous collection in September. The Holiday Home was closed down for the winter. This year we gave 29 families holidays they otherwise would not have had. 7 of these were from our parish and your SVP group also helped 4 other families from outside the parish to have holidays.

This month 154kg of food was given to the foodbank: Locally the foodbank feeds an average of 20 people per week. We continue to work within and outside the parish to help those in need.

CTS READ OF THE MONTH

A Test of Faith by Fr Benedict J Groeschel. When life doesn't go to plan this booklet offers help and guidance to any Christian troubled or burdened by life. Available from Catholic Truth Society online,

USED POPPIES

Please put used poppies in box at back of the church for flower arrangers to use next year for Remembrance arrangement

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

This week the duty falls on **Team 1**

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

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

CHOIR Thursdays after the 7 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 Room on Monday evenings usually at 6.30pm. New members welcome. contact Steve on 01244 671817 and e-mail stevebonsall@outlook.com

CHESTER SPUC GROUP next meeting contact 01244 681816 for details

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL MASS FOR ST CLARE'S DECEASED PARISHIONERS Nov 20th 7pm

ST CLARE'S 40 HOURS ADORATION Weds 21st –Sun 25th November

ADOREMUS REVISITED 17th Nov and 1st December

DEANARY HOLY HOUR Weds 28th Nov 7pm

CAFOD FUN RUN Thursday 27th December at 12noon see over

SVP Music Night St Columba's Church Hall Friday 8th Feb.

ADOREMUS REVISITED

By popular demand, there will be **three possibilities to revisit Bishop Robert Barron's first talk on the Mass.** Open to everyone, all Catechists are invited to attend. Venues: 1. **In the East:** St Hugh & St John's, Altrincham. Sat 17 Nov. Starts 09:15; ends with 12:15 Mass. 2. **In the West:** St Anne's, Rock Ferry. Sat 8 Dec. Starts 09:15; ends with 12:15 Mass. 3. **In the South:** Shrewsbury Parish Hall. **NB: Sat 19 Jan 2019.** Starts with 9:30 Mass; ends 12:30. Information and Registration: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund is being held. Special Envelopes are available for you to use. If you use weekly Offertory Envelopes, please can I ask that you write in your envelope number. If you do not have this, or you give to your Parish by means of a Standing Order, write in your name and full address (including postcode). It will then be possible to claim Gift Aid on your donation if you have joined the Gift Aid scheme.

A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation by Cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the Fund. If you prefer, you can donate Online via Paypal to the Fund at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund, where you can also take advantage of Gift Aid. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends, and I would ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely in Christ

+Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

Youth Zone

REMEMBRANCE

Today the country, and many places across the world, hold special services for Remembrance Sunday. I think Remembrance Sunday has a significant meaning to Christians, not just on November 11th but every Sunday, in fact every time we go to Mass, we remember someone who loves us so much that He gave His life for us. The Celebration of Holy Mass is a response to Jesus' command at the Last Supper when He said 'do this in memory of me.'

The first book of John tells us '*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*' (1 John 3:16) This may not be as radical as enlisting in a war, or like in today's Gospel, give our entire livelihood, but we are all called to give our lives as response to God's love. What small sacrifice can you make today out of love for God and others?

Sophie SYMT

Young people of every continent, do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium! Be contemplative, love prayer; be coherent with your faith and generous in the service of your brothers and sisters, be active members of the Church and builders of peace. To succeed in this demanding project of life, continue to listen to His Word, draw strength from the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Penance. The Lord wants you to be intrepid apostles of his Gospel and builders of a new humanity" - Pope St John Paul II
Know that we are praying for you as we 'dare to be saints'. - SYMT team



Date/Time	Feast/Colour	Readings	Offered For
Sat 10/11 CONFESSION 5.30pm Vigil MASS 6pm	<i>Thirty Second Sunday</i>	1 K 17: 10-16; Ps 145;	John Murphy
Sun 11/11 Rosary 9am MASS 9.30am Sung Latin MASS 11.15am Remembrance Sunday Day of Special Prayer for all Victims of war	<i>In Ordinary Time</i> Green	Heb 9: 24-28 Mk 12: 38-44	The Cavanagh Family
Tue 13/11 Exposition / Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4 pm Rosary 6.40 MASS 7 pm	<i>Ferial</i> Green	Tt 2: 1-8,11-14; Ps 36; Lk 17: 7-10	James & Glenda Whelan
Wed 14/11 Exposition 8.30am Rosary 9am Benediction 9.15 am MASS 9.30am	<i>Ferial</i> Green	Tt 3: 1-7; Ps 22; Lk 17: 11-19	Ursula Breslin
Thu 15/11 Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet 3-4 pm NO MASS	<i>Ferial</i>		
Fri 16/11 NO MASS	<i>Ferial</i>		
Sat 17/11 CONFESSION 5.30pm Vigil MASS 6pm Day of Prayer for the Poor	<i>Thirty Third Sunday</i>	Dn 12: 1-3; Ps 15; Heb 10: 11-14,18;	Tom Haddock
Sun 18/11 <i>Exposition 8.30 am</i> <i>Rosary 9.00am, Benediction 9.15am</i> MASS 9.30am Tridentine Latin MASS 12.30pm Day of Prayer for the Poor	<i>In Ordinary Time</i> Green	Mk 13: 24-32	Joe Littler RIP People of the Parish

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Our pupils came back rested and ready for more fun! On Monday our Year Six pupils went to Police Headquarters in Winsford to participate in 'Crucial Crew', the event is designed to help children to stay safe. Workshops included First Aid, Fire Safety and Internet safety.

On Wednesday our choir, who are singing on Children in Need- next Friday 16th November, practised with Sean and Vicky from Chant productions for the BBC. The children were simply amazing, moving both of our visitors to tears! I particularly loved the fact that Vicky complemented the boys on the fact that she could hear them clearly. The children have risen to the



task of singing the harmony- listen out for them when you watch!

This week Fr Emeka popped into school to meet with parents of children who are starting their preparation for the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion. It was lovely to be able to discuss the exciting journey ahead for the children. Parents were able to ask questions and are now more aware of the plan to ensure children are ready.



Parents/carers joined staff for a Maths evening in the school hall, when they heard how they can best support their children to learn times tables and read the time. It was a very informative evening and well received by all.



Our girls' football team were victorious this week! This was their very first football tournament and they were our stars drawing 1-1 with Huntington and winning their match against St Werburgh's 4-1. I am sure this is the start of great things!!

If you know any families who have school aged children due to start in September 2019, please encourage them to come and visit us. Last year we had some families who almost missed the opportunity to secure a place in St Clare's.



Our Year Five/Six footballers played St Oswald's in Mollington- it was a superb match with some great individual performances. Harry and Daniel scored to help St Clare's secure a 1-2 win!