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August 9th 2026 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
Eleventh after Pentecost *(Extraordinary Form)*

Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	8th Aug	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	9 th Aug		
Monday	10 th Aug	10.00am	Andrew Jewitt
Tuesday	11 th Aug		
Wednesday	12 th Aug		
Thursday	13 th Aug		
Friday	14 th Aug	10.00am	Fr Leo Pyle
Saturday	15th Aug	5.00pm	Priest's Intention

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 11.00am – 11.55am

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle: Save our parish

St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday	9 th Aug	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Priest's Intentions Christine and John McConvill: Golden wedding
Monday	10 th Aug		
Tuesday	11 th Aug	12.05pm	Thanksgiving for good exam results
Wednesday	12 th Aug	12.05pm	Thanksgiving for good exam results
Thursday	13 th Aug	12.05pm	Francisco Lleses
Friday	14 th Aug	12.05pm	John Hayes
Saturday	15 th Aug	11.00am (EF)	Private Intention (A.T)
Sunday	16 th Aug	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Eve Smith People of the Parish

(EF) = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Sanctuary Candle: Soy's Intentions

Baptism for Ayola Oloye at 10.00am Mass – 9th August

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass.
SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

**Rosary for Vocations to Priesthood after
Mass each Tuesday**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 11.00am – 11.55am

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month
followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

End of Summer Family BBQ Sunday September 6th beginning after Midday Mass

IF this is to go ahead we need more people to commit to:-

- doing the shopping
- barbequing the food
- preparing the garden
- cleaning up afterwards

Please email to let us know or fill in the sheet at the back of church by NEXT SUNDAY 16th August

If you are planning to come along you MUST let us know, please email or complete the form at the back of church to register your interest and let us know the number of people in your party. If too few people show an interest the event will not take place.

This will be a ticketed event with tickets costing £30 per family or £10 per adult over 18 years – no children to come unaccompanied. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will go on sale from Monday 17th August **IF** the event is going ahead.

RESPONSES ARE REQUIRED BY SUNDAY 16th AUGUST – in order for us to make a decision as to whether or not the event can actually take place

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 11th August – Book Club – 7.00pm – John Ingram Room, St Joseph's Presbytery

Sunday 6th September End of Summer Family BBQ – 1.00pm – Canon's garden (TBC)

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

Saint Clare of Assisi's Story

One of the more sugary movies made about [Francis of Assisi](#) pictures Clare as a golden-haired beauty floating through sun-drenched fields, a sort of one-woman counterpart to the new Franciscan Order. The beginning of her religious life was indeed movie material. Having refused to marry at 15, [Clare of Assisi](#) was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide.

At 18, Clare of Assisi escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant.

Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare under obedience to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death.

The Poor Ladies went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat, and observed almost complete silence. Later Clare, like Francis, persuaded her sisters to moderate this rigor: "Our bodies are not made of brass." The greatest emphasis, of course, was on gospel poverty. They possessed no property, even in common, subsisting on daily contributions. When even the pope tried to persuade Clare to mitigate this practice, she showed her characteristic firmness: "I need to be absolved from my sins, but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ."

Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of Saint Clare of Assisi's life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her—Clare herself never left the walls of San Damiano.

Francis always remained her great friend and inspiration. Saint Clare of Assisi was always obedient to his will and to the great ideal of gospel life which he was making real.

A well-known story concerns her prayer and trust. Saint Clare of Assisi had the [Blessed Sacrament](#) placed on the walls of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens. "Does it please you, O God, to deliver into the hands of these beasts the defenseless children I have nourished with your love? I beseech you, dear Lord, protect these whom I am now unable to protect." To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The Saracens fled.