Poor Clares, Arundel



Among the other gifts which we have received and do daily receive from our benefactor, the Father of mercies, and for which we must express the deepest thanks to the glorious Father of Christ, there is our vocation for which we owe the greatest thanks to Him.

(Testament of St Clare)

Welcome into our house. Come first to see the Chapel



This is the back, then we look towards the altar.

Let the sisters celebrate the Divine Office according to the custom of the Friars Minor. (Rule of St Clare)



Visit our refectory where we eat our meals.



One day the sisters had only half a loaf of bread,
the other half having been sent to the brothers,
the Lady (Clare) directed the witness to make fifty slices
out of the half loaf – and the Lord multiplied the bread
so that she made fifty good slices as Saint Clare had directed her.
(From the Canonization Process of St Clare)





Come into the kitchen, where the sisters prepare meals for the community and our guests.





While preparations for the meal are going on, the other sisters are also at work.



Let those who know how to work do so.

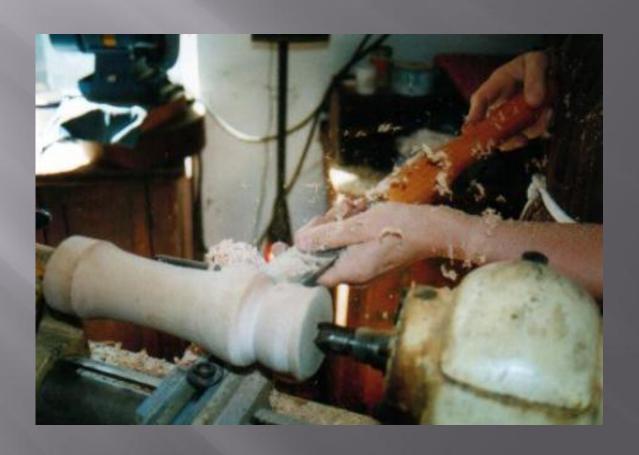
(Rule of St Francis)



Those who have a skill, practice it.



St Clare said: Let the sisters to whom the Lord has given the grace of working, work faithfully and devotedly.





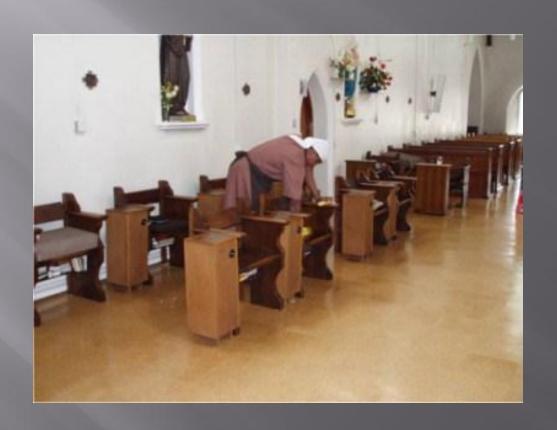








The house needs caring for as well.



Each one does things her own way.



The sisters may always and everywhere communicate what is necessary, briefly and in a low tone of voice.

(Rule of St Clare)



The sisters may speak at all times for the service and recreation of the sick. When the sick sisters are visited, let them respond with some good words to those who speak to them.



This is our craft room.



There is a small Chapel where the sisters may pray.



The sisters shall have as much land as is necessary and this land may not be cultivated except as a garden for the needs of the sisters.

(Rule of St Clare)



Here are some views of our garden.











In a quiet corner of our garden is our peaceful cemetery.



Thank you for visiting our house.

