







"I am happy, happy! Even though there are days when things are difficult.

It is worth it to give one's life to Cyod, who is so great.

This is what my heart has always desired, and is the reason why no human love, plan, or thing has ever been able to fill it."

So Clare Crockett



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# Section 1: Her Early Life (0:01:50 - 0:07:45)

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1.	What town was Sr Clare born in? Derry
2.	How did her mother Margaret describe her as a child? D <u>rama</u> Q <u>ueen</u>
	Summarise Clare's personality according to her family and friends:  kind, good personality, lively, bubbly, upbeat, friendly, nothing bothered here, could mix
	with anyone, everyone wanted and loved to be in her company
	What were the two main trouble-spots in the North? Falls Road and the Bogside.
5.	What kind of environment did Clare have to grow up in because of the tension in the North?
	Give two examples of how the violence impacted her life: If you heard shooting, you knew to be on the ground.
	She saw a soldier being blown up on her way home from school.
6.	What kind of life did young people in Derry face because of the Troubles?  Vandalism, illiteracy, unemployment, homelessness among young adults that was higher
	than anywhere else in Britain or Ireland
7.	According to Fr Colum Power, what helped Clare to escape or transcend that legacy of destruction she lived close up?
	her talent

8. Give two examples that show Clare was a seriously talented actress with a potential for fame and success: She got the lead role in all school plays. She had an agent who signed her up for his acting classes. She had parts in tilms and ads, and was a presenter on a show on Channel 4.

# Section 2: A Change in Tracks (0:07:46 - 0:13:27)

1. What was Clare ljke at age 17? She started drinking, smoking, she liked to party.

2. How did a perforated appendix lead to her travelling on pilgrimage to Spain? had to pull out and she gave Clare her spot on

3. How would you explain the term "God-incidence"?

4. What week of the year did Clare travel on pilgrimage? Holy

5. Why was Clare, so affected by, the crucifix, when she went up on Good Friday to venerate the cross? that her sins had nailed Jesus to the Cross.

She realised that Jesus loved her and

6. What dramatic realisation did Clare come to about her own life in light of what she experienced at the cross? had to change that she

7. What phrase did Clare keep repeating to herself in that moment? "He <u>loves</u> me. He <u>died</u> for me."
8. Clare decided there and then she wanted to be a nun. She also wanted to be famous however.
How did she reconcile the two ambitions? What did she decide she would be?
She would become a tamous nun!
Section 3: She came back (0:13:27 - 0:16:37)
1.,When Clare came back,to the Sisters, where did she travel to on pilgrimage with them?
She went to World Youth Day in Rome.
2. What three vows did the Sisters take that Clare jokingly described her eye as starting to twitch when she heard about them? Poverty, Chastity and Obedience
3. Clare also realised that if God asked her to do this (become a sister), what would He give her to do it?  Grace and Strength
4. When Clare told Fr Rafael she would become a famous nun, he told her that to become a famous nun, she must be
the most humble. What would she need to learn to become the most humble? To spey
5. What was Clare's response?
She took a put of her cigarette and said. "Ok. I'll obey!"
she cook a pull of her agarette and said. Ok. I'v opeg!
Section 4: Struggles back at Home (0:16:40 - 0:21:32)
1. Clare's life took a different track when she went home. How did she describe her social life?  She started going out more and getting drunk every night. She had
to be carried home. She ended up in hospital.
2. Was Çlare happy at this time?
No, she was miserable.
3. One evening, when she was in a toilet cubicle, feeling like she would be sick, what strange feeling did she
experjence that caused her to look up?
She had a feeling that someone was looking down on her.
4. What did she feel that Jesus said to her that evening?
"Why do you keep hurting me?"  5. "I thought that I had achieved everything and at the same time, I had nothing, I had nothing within me. I knew that
I had to change my life. I knew that I had to cut with everything that was taking me away from God." What was
taking Clare away from God at that time?  All of law distribution and continuous law at accordance to Marcollon Continuous to
All of her drinking and partying: how she stopped going to Mass: how God wasn't her
priority any more.
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6. How did she describe her love for Jesus? "He <u>stole</u> my heart."
7. Did Clare's family support her decision to go back to Spain? Explain your answer.
No, they thought it wouldn't last. They thought she was meeting a boy out
there. They thought she was ruining her life. They didn't believe her when
she said she wanted to be a nun.
she said she wanted to be a nun.
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Section 5: Formation begins (0:21:33 - 0:26:14)
<ol> <li>What language did Clare have to learn during her time as a candidate? Spanish</li> <li>What particular aspect of her spiritual and human formation did she find difficult?</li> <li>She found the physical work difficult.</li> </ol>
3. Clare grew up in an environment of hatred and violence, but now was called to love,  serentia and peace.
4. Clare faced a tough battle while there: who continued to phone her asking her to come home?  Her agent called her offering her parts:
5. Who was Carlitos? <u>Carlitos was a character Clare played, of a little Spanish boy with a runny nose!</u>
Section 6: Novitiate and Temporary Vows (0:26:15 - 0:39:28)
1. After Sr Clare took her first vows, her first assignment was in Belmonte, Spain. After that she
travelled to Jacksonville in <u>America</u> .  2. What first impression did she make on people? <u>Her exhuberant joy, her contagious smile, her enthusiasm for the Jord and His</u> Blessed Mother.
3. How did she help the children to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharist)?
What two instructions did she give them (hint: look / listen)?  Look at the Blessed Sacrament for three minutes, don't look around you. Listen to what Jesus has to tell you.
4. How did she help the 2nd Grade children grow in their love for Our Lady? She set up a rosary club for them and they would pray the rosary together after school. She told them to be faithful to what they know they have to do.
school. She told them to be faithful to what they know they have to do.  5. In June 2010, where did she bring a pilgrimage of American girls to?  She brought them to Ireland.
6. What happened during this trip that gave her family a bit of comfort?  Sr Clare shared her testimony and her family understood a little bit more of why she left to enter the Home of the Mother in Spain.
Section 7: Perpetual Vows (0:39:29 - 0:41:29)
1. Sr Clare said:
"He is calling me to faithfulness in <u>LOVE</u> , forever. And I am willing to love Him
forever , even though my love is very poor and weak , I know that if I place myself into His Hands He will give me the strength to love
Him as I should, and to give my <u>life</u> for Him."
2. What motto was Sr Clare given by Fr Rafael at her Perpetual vows?  "Alone with Christ Alone"
3. Why was this a suitable motto for Sr Clare?  She was the only Sister making her vows that day. It also was
She was the only Sister making her vows that day. It also was reminiscent of her Good Friday experience.

Section 8: Obedience (0:41:30 - 0:51:44)	<u> </u>
1. What did Sr Clare's stories do for Paco, the man they visited in the hospital?  She opened his heart through her stories. [He confessed and received Communis	en daily.] - D D
2. What role did the Sisters have in their mission in Belmonte?	<u> </u>
They ran a boarding school for girls, they were like mothers to the	em as $\square$
well as teachers.	
3. One Sister, when speaking about Sr Clare's obedience, said that she still did not kr	now what Sr Clare liked to do
didn't like to do. Why was that?	<b>^</b> -
Because of her obedience. She responded to every request in the	e same
way (joytully).	
4. What was the name of the superhero Sr Clare invented to amuse the girls on the I Sor Clor.	ong trip to Lourdes?
5. Although Sr Clare didn't like to be the centre of attention any more, why did she st	ill use her humour and acting
skills, so much? She saw everything as a gift from God and wanted to use it for	Him.
6. Sr Clare was always very unselfish, even when she was suffering with a migraine.	
She played guitar and sang for the Sisters even when she was i	mwell.
7. What is a "zuncho"?	
Chinese word for yoghurt.	
8. Where did Sr Clare get to go on pilgrimage to before she travelled to Ecuador?	
The Holy land	
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7. What was Sr Clare's secret for working with children?, What did she focus on? <u>She never generalised. She focused on individuals.</u>



- What did she call her difficult class of teenagers?
- She called them her Chickens.
- 9. Sr Clare's investment in that class paid off: what was the sign of that success at the end of the year? Every one of her students passed all their classes that year.
- 10. Sr Clare urged them to give everything everyday. She didn't like mediocrity
- 11. What was Sr Clare's attitude to death, even to dying young? She wasn't atraid of dying young. She was only worried about dying without having served, without giving all of herself.
- 12. What transformation in Sr Clare did, the visiting Sisters notice? They noticed she was on a different level of spirituality. She was like an examination of

13. What particular act of selflessness did one Sister notice during the visit?

<u>Sr Clare was very unwell and had just come back from a doctor's </u> appointment. Some of the Sisters asked her to play, and she picked up guitar and sang, giving it her all as usual despite teeling so knew she was

# Section 10: The Flood and the Quake (1:06:05 - 1:17:51)

 What happened to the school in Playa Prieta on April 11, 2016? What caused it? tooded because a ton of branches had blocked the tow been taken out and the entire area was

2. How did Sr Clare react initially to this event? How did she respond then? She was shocked and couldn't believe this had happened. But then she started to work to clean it all up, with great energy.

3. What did one Sister notice in particular about Sr. Clare's face on April 15th that really struck her? Her tace was really beautiful. It had a special beauty, and not just because of

 $\overline{4}$ . In the morning of 16 April, one of the shelves in the library fell on some of the girls. What question did Sr Clare ask them?

What would happen if you had died today? Are you afraid to die?"

5. How many girls remained with Sr Clare in the school for guitar lessons after lunch?

tive girls remained with her.

What happened to the school building that afternoon? Why was it so difficult to find Sr Clare and the girls?

An earthquake struck and the school collapsed.

7. What was the motto Sr Clare received at her Perpetual Vows?

Alone with Christ Alone

8. How was that motto significant now at her death? Sr Clare did not have any other Servant Sister with her when she died She died with Christ alone.



# Section 11: Her Legacy (1:17:52 - 1:24:30) 1. Where was Sr Clare buried\_on 2 May 2016? She was buried in Derry. 2. Bishop Donal McKeown preached that although Sr Clare died young: "We believe that a life given in loving is never wasted." 3. What can the people of Derry most identify with in Sr Clare's story? Sr Clare was one of their own. She grew up on the same streets as them. 4. How does her friend Sharon describe the relationship she has with Clare now? She has a stronge<u>r relationship with her now than the years she had</u> 5. What effect did, Sr, Clare's life have on her sisters? <u>They have started going to Mass now.</u> 6. What do you think is meant by Sr Clare "touching more hearts after she died than she ever could while she was alive"? Do you agree this is possible? What is your initial response to the life and death of Sr Clare Crockett? Ideas for you to think about: What questions do her life and death raise for you? What stands out for you the most? Do you think you would have liked to have known Sr Clare? Have you anything in common with her? What do you think of her decision to become a religious sister?



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Date of birth: 1982	Place of Birth: Derry
Religious Denomination: Cathol	lic
Hobbies as a child/teen: Singi	ing and Acting
Goals / dreams as a teen: To be	a famous actress
Did she practice faith as a teen?	A little
How Clare first met the Servant	Sisters of the Home of the Mother?
She ended up going on a pilgri	image to Spain (reluctantly!) with them.
Age when she met the Sisters?	17
What Clare realised on Good Frid	day at the Holy Week Encounter:
Jesus loved her and He died to	ér her.
She had to change how she w	sas living her life.
Age when she entered the Home	e of the Mother: 18
Characteristics of Sr Clare as a S	Sister: Toyful, serving, obedient,
never thought of herself, gave he	erself to the max. sense of humour
Musical instrument she played:	guitar
Full religious name: Sr Clare $\underline{\mathcal{M}}$	Daria of the Trinity
and the Heart of Mary	<u> </u>
Date she took Perpetual Vows: 8	8 September <u>2010</u>
Date of death: 16 April 21	016

Killed in an earthquake

"ALL OR NOTHING: SR CLARE CROCKETT" RESOURCE PACK BY ASCEND YOUTH MINISTRY (DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE) -

Cause of death:

Did you know, at least one earthquake occurs somewhere in the world each day? Some are slight tremors that can hardly be felt, while others are much stronger. Earthquakes even happen in Ireland, even though we don't feel them.



Watch the National Geographic Video (5:01 minutes) to learn how earthquakes occur. Did anything in this video surprise you?

### FIND OUT!

- Which tectonic plate Ecuador is situated on? Nazca
- 2. What magnitude on the Richter Scale was the earthquake that struck Ecuador on April 16th 2016?
- 3. What is the device used to measure earthquakes called? seismograph



#### 2016 Ecuador earthquake: Facts, FAQs, and how to help | World Vision

5. What was damaged / destroyed during the Quake?

An estimated 35,000 houses were destroyed or badly damaged, leaving more than 100,000 people in need of shelter. Water, sanitation, and healthcare facilities were also destroyed

#### READ THE REPORT IN "THE GUARDIAN" NEWSPAPER ONLINE FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF SR CLARE



- 6. What date was this report written? 18 April 2016
- 7. Who wrote the article? Henry McDonald
- 8. What city was Sister Clare based in when the earthquake struck?
- 9. Why were the students with her after school at the time of the quake? Guitar lessons with Sr Clare
- 10. What age was Sister Clare when she died? 33
- 11. What movie did Sr Clare have a role in as a teenager?

<u>Paul Greengrass</u> Bloody Sunday 12. How did "The Guardjan" describe this, earthquake?

Ecuador's most devastating earthquake in 40 years

- 13. Suggest an alternative headline for this article:
- 14. Who else could "The Guardian" have interviewed for this article?

## WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE?

Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey towards heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer (Catholic Catechism 2691)

A pilgrimage is a journey people take to a holy place or a place of religious significance. All the major World Religions have places of significance for their believers where they travel on pilgrimage to. The Catholic faith has thousands of pilgrimage sites all over the world, including here in Ireland, and in your own diocese even!

CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THESE PILGRIMAGE SITES FROM AROUND THE WORLD?

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For Sr Clare, one pilgrimage to Spain at age 17, even though she was initially a reluctant pilgrim, changed her life forever. A later pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Rome in 2000 sealed her conviction that she would be a "famous nun" some day. Sr Clare also brought many young people on pilgrimage as she knew how their lives

and hearts could be changed through these encounters.

#### WORLD YOUTH DAY

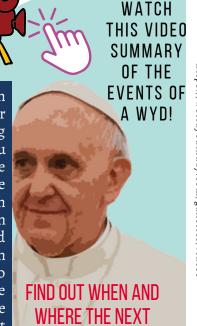
World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope celebrated about every three years in a different country. WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter centred on Jesus Christ together with their peers. This event is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church, and to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who are committing their lives to Christ and His Church.

World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, through prayer and the sacraments, together with hundreds of thousands of other young people who share your interests and ambitions. https://worldyouthday.com/about-wyd

"God expects something from you, God wants something from you. God hopes in you. God comes to break down all our fences. He comes to open the doors of our lives, our dreams, our ways of seeing things. God comes to break open everything that keeps you closed in. He is encouraging you to dream. He wants to make you see that, with you, the world can be different. For the fact is, unless you offer the best of yourselves, the world will never be different. This is the challenge. The times we live in do not call for young "couch potatoes", but for young people with shoes, or better, boots laced. The times we live in require only active players on the field, and there is no room for those who sit on the bench. Today's world demands that you be a protagonist of history because life is always beautiful when we choose to live it fully, when we choose to leave a mark. History today calls us to defend our dignity and not to let others decide our future. No! We must decide our future, you must decide your future! .... [Jesus] wants your hands to continue building the world of today. And he wants to build that world with you. And what is your response? Yes or no?" POPE FRANCIS - WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 2016



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**WORLD YOUTH DAY IS!** 

https://worldyouthday.com/galleries/videos



Using the site <u>www.sisterclare.com</u> find the answers to the following questions. Why not have a class treasure hunt and see who can find all the answers the quickest?

	TIP: CTRL + F WILL BRING UP A SEARCH FUNCTION ON YOUR PAGE
	What date was Sr Clare born?  November 14, 1982
2	What city was she born in?  Derry
3	What date did Sr Clare die?  16 April 2016
4	Clare got her first acting role on Channel 4 - what age was she?
5	What age was she when she entered the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother? $18$
	What was her full religious name? Sr Clare Maria of the Trinity and the Heart of Mary
7	When she went to World Youth Day in Rome, she bought a cigarette lighter in the shape of a?
	Sr Clare wrote a poem called "Dear Mother" in 2002. Finish the quote: "When I am discouraged, you"smile and encourage me
	Who was Pope when Clare went to World Youth Day in Rome in the Year 2000?  John Paul II
10	Where is the mission station of Cuenca? (what country?) Spain
H	What date did she take her perpetual vows?  8 September 2010
2	Who directed the movie "Sunday" she starred in?  Charles McDougall
3	Did she die in Playa Prieta or Guayaquil?  Raya Prieta
14	What age was Sr Clare when she died?

Sr Clare is buried in Derry City Cemetery - what Stadium is this next to?

Celtic Park Stadium

# THE WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH SR CLARE'S LIFE BELOW IN THE WORDSE ARCH

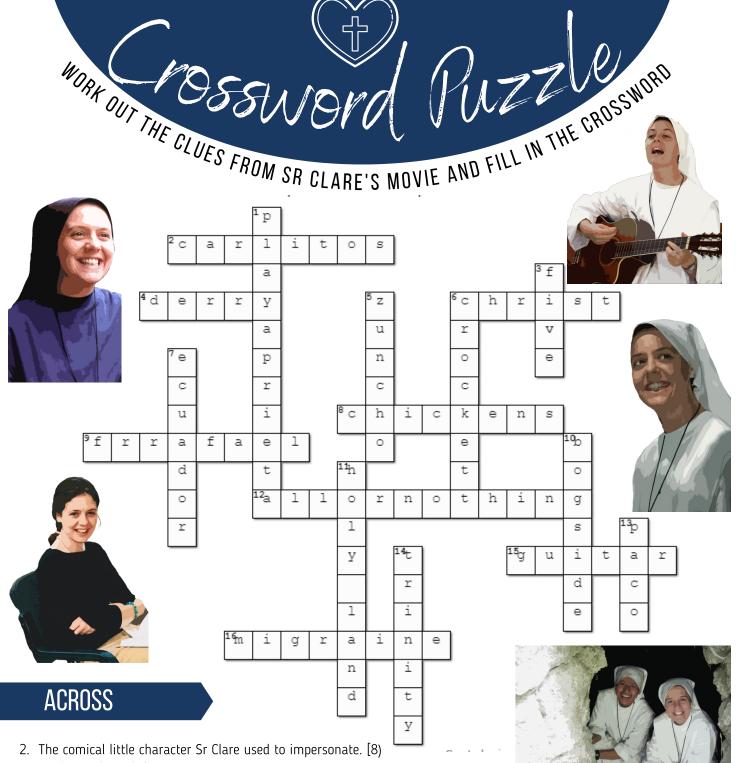
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# **QUICK FIRE QUIZ!**

Choose at least ten of the words / phrases in the list above and work as a team to explain how they relate to the life of Sr Clare Crockett as quickly as you can. Who can explain the most words?



- 4. Sr Clare is buried there. (5)
- 6. "Alone with \_\_\_\_ alone" was her religious motto. (6)
- 8. What Sr Clare called her most challenging teenage class. (8)
- 9. The founder of the Home of the Mother. (2/6)
- 12. Sr Clare's attitude to life! (3/2/7)
- 15. The instrument Sr Clare learned to play. (6)
- 16. A pain Sr Clare often suffered from. (8)

All or Nothing.

- 1. Sr Clare's last mission was here. (5/6)
- 3. The number of girls who died in the earthquake with her. (4)

DOWN

- 5. A Chinese word for yoghurt. (6)
- 6. Sr Clare's surname. (8)
- 7. The country where Sr Clare died. (7)
- 10. A dangerous area in Derry near where Sr Clare grew up. (7)
- 13. The Spanish man in the hospital who converted. (4)
- 14. Sr Clare added this to her religious name. (7)



As you water the 31 clare crockett short film, answer the following questions.
<ol> <li>What date is shown at the start of the movie? 16 April 2016</li> <li>What event has just occurred? an earthquake</li> <li>What age was Sr Clare when she died? 33</li> </ol>
4. How does young Clare describe the causes of the Troubles in Northern Ireland?
5. What were the two main trouble-spots in the North? Falls Road and the Bogside .
6. What kind of environment did Clare have to grow up in because of the tension in the North? Give two examples of
how the violence impacted her, life:  If you heard shooting, you knew to lie on the ground.  She saw a soldier being blown up on her way home from school.
7. According to Fr Colum Power, what helped Clare to escape or transcend that legacy of destruction she lived close up?  her talent
8. Give examples that show Clare was a seriously talented actress with a potential for fame and success.  She got the lead role in all school plays. She had an agent who signed her up for his acting classes. She had parts in films and ads, and was a presenter on a show on Channel 4.
9. What was Clare like at age 17?  She started drinking, smoking, she liked to party.
10. Where did Clare end up on a pilgrimage to? Spain
11. What week of the year did Clare travel on pilgrimage? Holu Week

- 13. Clare decided there and then she wanted to be a nun. She also wanted to be famous however. How did she

12. Why was Clare so affected by the crucifix when she went up on Good Friday to venerate the cross?

- reconcile the two ambitions? What did she decide she would be? She would be a famous nun! 14. When Clare told Fr Rafael she would become a famous nun, he told her that to become a famous nun,
- she must be the most humble. What would she need to learn to become the most humble? To She
- 15. What was Clare's response? She took a pull of her cigarette and











16. (	Clare's	life took a	differe	nt tracl	k when sh	e went h	ome. How	ı did sh	e descrit	oe_her socia	l life?
	_She	started	GOLNG	out n	iore and	getting	drunk	everu	night.	She had	/
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17. Once on a night out, when she was in a toilet cubicle, feeling like she would be sick, what strange feeling did she experience that caused her to look up?

<u>She had a feeling that someone was looking down on her.</u>

- 18. What did she feel that Jesus said to her that evening?

  Why do you keep hurting me?
- 19. Why did Clare cry when she thought about her life, even though she had everything she thought she wanted? She realised she actually had nothing, she was miserable.
- 20. "I thought that I had achieved everything and at the same time, I had nothing, I had nothing within me. I knew that I had to change my life. I knew that I had to cut with everything that was taking me away from God." What was taking Clare away from God at that time do you think?

All of her drinking and partying; how she stopped going to Mass; how God wasn't her priority any

more.

21. What impression did she make on her students in the Parish of Jacksonville where she taught from 2006 - 2009? The kids loved to be around her. Her life was an inspiration to students.

- 22. What did Sr Clare thank God for? His patience with her.
- 23. Who did Sr Clare depend totally on? She depended totally on God.
- 24. Sr Clare's life in Ecuador was described by the newscaster as a life of service smiles and senge.

## What is your initial response to the life and death of Sr Clare Crockett?

#### Ideas for you to think about:

What questions do her life and death raise for you? What stands out for you the most? Do you think you would have liked to have known Sr Clare? Have you anything in common with her? What do you think of her decision to become a religious sister?





#### ALL OR NOTHING: SR CLARE CROCKETT MOVIE - HOLY FAMILY MISSION RESPOND

Watch five young people at Holy Family Mission react to the story of Sr Clare Crockett. How has Sr Clare inspired their lives?

