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Psalter Week I

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

27th November 2022

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

ST. CLARE'S CHURCH

The repair of the smoke damage that affected our beautiful Church is now under the direct supervision of the diocesan property manager. The loss adjuster visited the church two weeks ago and has since then carried us along with the report, that they were in the final stage of discussion with the insurance company. We are hopeful of a more detailed report very soon and we look forward to the commencement of the cleaning of the Church sooner than later. While we hope to celebrate the Christmas liturgies in Church, we have started to look at a plan B, that is, to celebrate all the Christmas services in the school hall. In the meantime, **weekday Masses will be in the Parish room and Weekend Masses, Saturday and Sunday, in the school hall. Exposition and Rosary will continue as before in these venues.**

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

SCHOOL HALL	Sat 26th Nov 5.40pm Rosary 6pm Vigil Mass ADVENT BEGINS	Eileen Green
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 27th Nov 9.30am Mass- <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	The Breslin Family
PRIVATE MASS	Mon 28th Nov – <i>Ferial</i>	Isobel Prendergast
PARISH ROOM	Tues 29th Nov 7.00pm Mass- <i>Ferial</i> & St Anthony Devotions	Mary Sykes
PARISH ROOM	Weds 30th Nov 8.45 am Exposition 9.30am Mass – <i>ST ANDREW</i>	Ann & Billy Hanwright
PARISH ROOM	Thurs 1st Dec 9.10 am Rosary 9.30 am Mass – <i>Ferial</i>	Jim Smith
PARISH ROOM	Fri 2nd Dec 8.45 am Exposition 9.30 am Mass- <i>Ferial</i> FRIDAY ABSTINENCE	Engy & Family
PARISH ROOM	Sat 3rd Dec - <i>St Francis Xavier</i> DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MIGRANTS & REFUGEES	
PARISH ROOM	10-30-11.30 am Exposition – Holy Hour for Peace	
SCHOOL HALL	5.40pm Rosary 6pm Vigil Mass	Geraldine Whelan
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 4th Dec BIBLE SUNDAY 9.30am Mass - <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Annina and Paolo Florio

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.40am and on request

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Prince of peace, once more we hear the guns of war. Once more we see the faces of frightened children. We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace. We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace. We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part of peace-making in the world. O Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding of the global human family, so that all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Kenneth Jones, Dorothy Shoemsmith, Richard Brown, Alan Wyatt, Paolo Florio, Frank Cant, Mary Tasker, Dominic Smith, Winifred Shalloe, Collette Newell, Leslie Jones, John Moore, Mary Walley and Irene Diver. **May they Rest in Peace**

OUR SICK ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type.

Trisha Cannon, Nigel Clayton, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Sheila Farrelly, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

BISHOP MARK'S ADVENT PASTORAL LETTER

This will be read at Masses this weekend. Copies of the full text will be available after Mass

PARKINSON'S UK, CHESTER BRANCH, COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to those who attended the coffee morning in the Parish room last Saturday, a lovely social occasion and the sun shone too. Thanks also to those who baked/bought cakes, donated raffle prizes, as well as those who were not able to attend but made cash donations. We made a wonderful £375 - particularly generous given the current financial difficulties. Thank you all.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week its Mike and Veronica for the Holiday Home and next week Pat and Mary for the Parkinson's Society.

All are welcome. Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or visiting

MISSION FOR CATECHESIS

Do you wish to know more about your faith, help passing it on to your children or is the lord calling you to be a catechist? The Mission for Catechesis department in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, has partnered with Franciscan University in Ohio, USA. Their Franciscan Catechetical Institute (FCI), offers access to a unique online library of faith workshops. This access is free for anyone in the diocese who wishes to learn more about their faith. These workshops can be used as standalone resources for specific training needs in a parish, or as a course of study towards earning a Diocesan Certificate/Diploma in a range of ministries. If you would like to know more, please contact: Stephen Yates stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org 07517 906 438

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

. It's the Christmas Lunch in December however all places are now taken so watch this space for the first lunch in 2023 in January.



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

We have been active this week in providing the financial and administration behind helping 2 families with a tumble drier, wardrobe, and chest of drawers. Funding comes from the parish but also the SVP district and national office and we have had help from Birkenhead SVP. We are bigger than just St Clare's and being part of a National Organisation has its advantages. They also keep us on the straight and narrow regarding our legal responsibilities. We are also progressing with the Holiday Home replacement funding bid to CWAC/Spacehive where we will make a presentation on 7th Dec. Please back us if you can at www.Spacehive.com/holidays-for-disadvantaged-people or click the like button. Keep safe and well this week. God bless. Steve

ROSARY CORNER

Dear brothers and sisters! A prayer so easy and yet so rich truly deserves to be rediscovered by the Christian community. Let us do so, especially this year. *St John Paul II (Rosarium Virginis Mariae 43,1*



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

We have had another busy week in school this week, the children have started preparing for Christmas; the sound of Christmas songs filling the school is wonderful to hear.

Our Y1 children went on a trip to Delamere forest to compare it to Lache, they had a wonderful day.

We are glad to be able to help the parish during this difficult time by having Mass in the school hall.

