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**Psalter Week II                      SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT      Year A      4th December 2022**

**December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception**

## MASSES & SERVICES

## INTENTIONS

PARISH ROOM	Sat 3rd Dec - <i>St Francis Xavier</i> <b>DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MIGRANTS &amp; REFUGEES</b>	
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
PRIVATE MASS	Mon 5th Dec – <i>Ferial</i>	Kerry Prendergast
PARISH ROOM	Tues 6th Dec 7.00pm Mass- <i>Ferial</i> & St Anthony Devotions	Grace Williams
PARISH ROOM	Weds 7th Dec 8.45 am Exposition	Dick Rogers
PARISH ROOM	9.30am Mass – <i>St Ambrose</i> Thurs 8th Dec- <b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 9.10 am Rosary 9.30 am Mass	Dot Bell
PARISH ROOM	Fri 9th Dec 8.45 am Exposition 9.30 am Mass- <i>Ferial</i> FRIDAY ABSTINENCE	Samuel Maher
SCHOOL HALL	Sat 10th Dec 5.40pm Rosary 6pm Vigil Mass	Hilda Evans
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 11th Dec 9.30am Mass- <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Lila & Johnny Bradburne
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.40am and on request</b>		

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Mon 19th Dec 7.00 pm Advent Penitential Service

Sat 24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE

4 pm Crib Service & first Mass of Christmas

8.00pm Christmas carols & Vigil Mass

Sun 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 am Mass of Christmas

## ST. CLARE'S CHURCH UPDATE

A meeting with all involved with the cleaning and redecoration of the Church was held twice last week and the outcome was very positive. A cleaning company present at the meeting is expected to submit a report and a tender for the work this weekend, and **hopefully work will commence sooner than expected**. 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.

## 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**

Zygmunt Weselak, Fr. John Davies OFM Cap, Anna Barry, Ann Fenney, Anthony Broaden and Peter Parker. **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.

## **MASS IN THE SCHOOL**

Many thanks to the Headteacher and her staff for accommodating the weekend Masses however, because some of the chairs are quite low, some people are struggling. **If you have a seat of your own and you can transport it then please feel free to bring it. There are a number of seats which are a little higher than others, please arrive early to secure one, alternatively if you find you are sitting on one and don't need it, please consider allowing someone else to use it. And finally, please do not feel that you have to keep standing up for the various parts of the Mass. Prayers offered from a seated position are heard just as well as those from standing.** It is still possible that we could be celebrating Christmas in the school, so it is important that we make it as comfortable as possible for people to attend Mass.

## **TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS**

This week it is Pat and Mary for the Parkinsons's Society. Next week it is Steve and Rosemary with proceeds to the School's PTA.

**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](mailto:stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) 07517 906 438

## **SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING**

The Christmas Sunday Lunch is now full however those booked on it are asked to be prompt at 12.15pm as the "Santa Dash" in the city centre may impact on travel.



## **ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE**

We have financed the purchase of a Tumble Drier for a family locally from national office donations, the local District, and a small amount from our own funds. The other furniture was delivered free from Birkenhead District. We move closer to presenting to a CWAC committee the progress of our Holiday Home replacement funds so far the benefits of the project. We have 185 Backers now and these kind people seem to be coming from a wide field showing the wide support we needed. Please do back us on <http://www.spacehive.com/holidays-for-disadvantaged-people>. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

## **ROSARY CORNER**

To pray the Rosary for children and even more with children, training them from their earliest years, to experience this daily "pause for prayer" with the family is admittedly not the solution to every problem, but is a spiritual aid which should not be underestimated *St John Paul II (Rosarium Virginis Mariae 42,2)*



## **St Clare's Catholic Primary School**

Advent is in full flow in school. Each day, we are taking time out of the busyness of school to participate in Open for Advent, which is a virtual retreat where we listen to the gospel and reflect on how we can truly prepare for Christmas.

We have also been sending one child from each class home with the Travelling Nativity where families can explore the Christmas story together and focus on what is the most important things in their lives.

