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Psalter Week III SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 19th February 2023

February is dedicated to the Holy Family

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

SCHOOL HALL	Sat 18th Feb 5.40 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Laura & Family (KC)
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 19th Feb 9.30 am Mass –Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED	Gerard Prendergast
PARISH ROOM	Mon 20th Feb Private Mass –Ferial	John Axon
PARISH ROOM	Tues 21st Feb-Ferial 7pm Mass & St Anthony devotions	Mary Jones
	Weds 22nd Feb- ASH WEDNESDAY	
	NOTE:SCHOOL HALL 9.30am Mass	Frank Hopkins (KC)
	NOTE:PARISH ROOM 7.00pm Mass	
	DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE	
	Please pray for Bishop Mark on this the anniversary of his ordination to the episcopate (2010)	
PARISH ROOM	Thurs 23rd Feb 9.10 am Rosary 9.30am Mass -St Polycarp	Mary Sykes
PARISH ROOM	Fri 24th Feb 9.10am Rosary 9.30 am Mass-Friday after Ash Wednesday	
PARISH ROOM	7.00 pm Stations of the Cross	
PARISH ROOM	Sat 25th Feb - Saturday after Ash Wednesday	
SCHOOL HALL	10.30-11.30am Holy Hour For Peace 5.40 pm Rosary 6,00 pm Vigil Mass	Eileen Wyatt Thanksgiving 100 th birthday (KC)
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 26th Feb 9.30am Mass –First Sunday of Lent	Henry Kearney
	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.40am and on request	

CLEANING UPDATE

Work has commenced in Church and the cleaners are already making a steady progress. The duration of work is expected to be about two weeks after which the decoration will start. Two companies have already put in tenders for the decoration job, pending approval.

THE TURKISH SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE

CAFOD and Caritas have launched appeals to provide urgent food, water and shelter to survivors. The following links have more information and online donation forms. There is also an option to pay by bank transfer on the Caritas website. CAFOD: <https://cafod.org.uk/> Caritas: <https://www.caritas.org/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

First Holy Communion 2023 preparation classes will begin on Monday 6th March for children in year 3 and above who don't attend Catholic schools. Email names to the parish office as soon as possible or ring Fr. Emeka. Please help to spread the good news and ensure that all 1st Communion candidates attend Mass every weekend.

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

Antonio Ippoliti, Joseph Fenlon, Peter Lavender, Rose Edwards and Gerry McGrath. **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 in Bold Type.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Eileen Wyatt will be 100 Years old on the 24th of February. Congratulations Eileen from Fr Emeka and all at St Clare's. She was a parishioner of St Clare's for many years until moving to a nursing home three years ago.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is provided by Catherine & Elaine with proceeds to the St Clare's SVP and next week Mike and Veronica will provide it with proceeds to the SVP Holiday Home. .

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE

Chester and Wirral Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes this year. There are vacancies for nurses, helpers and sick and disabled pilgrims. We have taken folk with a wide range of health problems such as stroke, cancer, MS, Motor Neurone Disease, etc. The cost is £995. Nurses and under 25s in full time education pay half. However, financial help may be available for those who cannot afford to pay the full amount. COVID Vaccinations compulsory.

MATERIALS FOR REFLECTION FOLLOWING THE SYNODAL SUBMISSIONS

In submissions to the Synodal Process, many people expressed a desire for formation in e.g., Scripture, spirituality and, specifically, the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. To meet these requests, the Department for Evangelisation is offering an introduction to the Council, together with a presentation of two of its major Documents: *Dei Verbum* (on Revelation) and *Lumen Gentium* (on the Church). The aim is simply to give an overview of both documents, and enough insight into their content and ongoing importance to encourage people to read the texts for themselves. . For further information, please contact either Barbara (07730 526821) or Stephen (07842 487978).



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

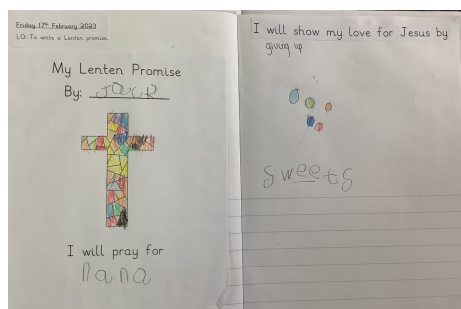
We have a new website www.stclaressvp.co.uk Please take a look and let us know what you think. Our new Holiday Home was bought this week and we have 3 St Clare's families booked in already. We are in the process of helping a family with carpets and bedroom chests of drawers. The latter we haven't yet sourced so if anyone knows of these available please let us know. The SVP Theatre Night is on Wednesday 8th March at the Gladstone Theatre in Port Sunlight. **Tickets for "The Girl on the Train"** are available at £10 each from any SVP member. Tickets will be available after each Mass. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God Bless. Steve

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The next Sunday Lunch will be at the "Alyn" Rosset LL12 0HE on Sunday 5th March, 1230. Details from Catherine e-mail Catherine117hq@hotmail.co.uk Tel 01244 678825

CONFIRMATION 2023

The Chester Parishes take it in turns to organise Confirmation. Last year it was St Columba's and St Theresa's, this year St Werburgh's, St Clare's and St Francis. The date is Wednesday 10th May, 7.00 pm, at St Francis. The Classes will be on Wednesday evenings at St Werburgh's, 7.00 pm. Flyers at the back of hall give full details. Minimum age is Year 8 in the High Schools – no maximum! Launch Meeting is Monday 20th February, and first class is Wednesday 1st March. Contact Fr Paul at St Werburgh's if you need more information – but the flyer at back of the hall should answer most questions



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

In the final week of this half term, we have celebrated with our winning house making pancakes and everyone took part in a mad science afternoon. On top of this, we have had parents' evenings and valentine's discos.

To prepare for the start of Lent we have spent time writing Lenten promises in each class. We look forward to returning after the holiday to the period of preparation before Easter.

