



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week III

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

12th March 2023

March is dedicated to St Joseph

MASSES & SERVICES

SCHOOL HALL **Sat 11th Mar**
5.40 pm Rosary
6.00 pm Vigil Mass
Sun 12th Mar
9.30 am -Third Sunday of Lent
Mon 13th Mar Private Mass -Ferial
PARISH ROOM **Tues 14th Mar -Ferial**
7pm Mass & St Anthony Devotions
Weds 15th Mar
PARISH ROOM **8.45 am Exposition**
9.30am Mass-Ferial
Thurs 16th Mar
PARISH ROOM **9.10 am Rosary**
9.30am Mass -Ferial
PARISH ROOM **Fri 17th Mar**
9.10am Rosary
9.30 am Mass- ST PATRICK
PARISH ROOM **7.00pm Stations of the Cross**
FRIDAY ABSTINENCE
Sat Mar 18th
SCHOOL HALL **5.40 pm Rosary**
6.00 pm Vigil Mass
Sun 19th Mar
SCHOOL HALL **9.30 am Mass -Fourth Sunday of Lent**

INTENTIONS

David Brown (SB)
Alberto
Lorenzo Mansutti
Michael Stamper
Monica Hopkins (SB)
Syd Jones
Eileen Prendergast RIP
Roger Williams (SB)
Eilish Rocks

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.40am and on request

PLEASE NOTE - STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday during Lent in the parish room at 7.00pm.

EUCCHARIST TO THE SICK

We are looking to add to those who can take out the Eucharist to the sick. If you feel that you would be able to help please contact Steve on 07838 089298 or stevebonsall@outlook.com Thank you for your help.

CHURCH CLEANING

The next phase of work in Church is expected to commence in the next 5-7 days to allow a drying period of the walls and plastering of the area damaged by the fire before the decoration begins. The colour will remain the same as chosen by parishioners a couple of years ago. The decoration will take about three weeks when it starts.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 ABOUT TO BEGIN

Preparation classes for children in year 3 and above who don't attend Catholic schools are ongoing in the parish R every Monday at 5pm. Email names to the parish office ASAP or ring Fr. Emeka.

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

Mary Cummins, Mary Patterson, Edward Eccleston, Christine Long, Phyllis Beane, Mona Kirby, Ann McGarry and Nora Donnelly **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, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

FAMILY FAST DAY

For those who forgot their family fast day envelopes last week, there is still time to place your offering in basket after Masses this weekend for CAFOD on behalf of the poor and hungry

CONFIRMATION 2023

Confirmations will take place on Wednesday 10th May, 7.00 pm, at St Francis. Classes are on Wednesday evenings at St Werburgh's, 7.00 pm. Minimum age is Year 8 in the High Schools – no maximum! Please contact contact Fr Paul at St Werburgh's

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For those parishioners who have used planned giving envelopes during 2022/23, new boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 9th April are now available. If you wish to set up a Standing Order in favour of the Parish, or have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so, please contact Mike Russell (07883 199628).

EASTER EGGS FOR CAFOD

As Easter approaches the chicken knitters are busy once more, donations of cream eggs would be very much appreciated. The money from the sale of these rare breeds goes to Cafod. Thank you very much for your help. Stella Brown.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is Steve and Rosemary with proceeds to the school PTA and next week Catherine and Elaine will provide with proceeds to St Clare's SVP.

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

ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II

Online course on Vatican II: Thank you to those who have been in touch to say how interesting/ informative/ helpful/ even 'excellent'(!) you have found the first two podcasts. The next two on *Divine Revelation* are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. They are not time-bound and may be listened to any time. There are also 3 **handouts for downloading or printing:** An introduction to the document; A guided reading of the text; A suggested reading list for the whole course. A **leaflet** outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies: 07730 526821.

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The April lunch will be at the "Bird in the Hand" at Guilden Sutton on Sunday April 2nd at 1230pm. Contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Thank you all for the fantastic turnout at our Theatre Night. St Clare's parishioners did us proud. Production enjoyable given slight technical problems. We collected the keys to the new HH on Tuesday and are renewing much of the outdated equipment. Weather permitting, the HH should be blessed on Saturday. We have 4 families booked in and other conferences are taking bookings. A beneficiary has asked if we could supply a settee and feelers have been extended to arrange this. Thank you for all your support. Details of events can be found on www.stclaresvp.co.uk Keep as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



We were very proud of some Year Four girls this week who went to a tournament to encourage girls who have never played football competitively before to get involved in the game. They were thrilled to discover they were amazing and left the tournament undefeated with one girl scoring over ten goals!

The whole school have continued to practise singing and have learnt some wonderful new songs, we hope to share them with you soon.

