

Sunday
2nd February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Ordinary Time Week IV

Psalter week IV

Year: C

Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 23,

Hebrews 2:14-18,

Luke 2:22-40



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 1 st Feb	Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm: Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 2 nd Feb	<i>The Presentation of the Lord - Feast</i> Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am
Monday 3 rd Feb	<i>St Werburgh - Memorial</i> No Mass
Tuesday 4 th Feb	Children's Rosary 6.25pm – <i>all children welcome (see notice overleaf)</i> Mass at 7pm (St Anthony's Devotions)
Wednesday 5 th Feb	<i>St Agatha, V, M - Memorial</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Thursday 6 th Feb	<i>St Paul Miki & companions, Mm - Memorial</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am Followed by Adoration 10am – 10.30am Vigil Service for Elizabeth Payas 6 pm
Friday 7 th Feb	Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am Funeral Service for Elizabeth Payas at 12 noon
Saturday 8 th Feb	Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm: Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 9 th Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Andrew and Ann (KC)

Tessa & Pat Creighton RIP

Meryl Fisher

Pat Connors 95th birthday

Gerard Prendergast

Lara Prendergast

Edward Craggs (KC)

Ann Leach RIP

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sunday 2nd February during 9.30am Mass Faith, Fun & Friendship

THE SICK, ELDERLY, HOUSE BOUND and those in care homes are important members of our parish community, please pray for: Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Michael Darby and Andrea Burns.

ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME: Andrew Tooth, Mary Blackburn, Patrick O'Gorman, Evelyn Bennett, John Harran, Mabel Dobson, Fr. Bede Walton OFM Cap. Margaret Horrocks, Francis Thomas, Charles Roden, Joan Carter, Ann Leach William Smith and Fr. Bernardine Comerford OFM Cap.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week it's Jenny and Rita with proceeds to the Church Garden Group and next week it's Sue with proceeds to CAFOD.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: Tickets for "Pride and Prejudice" at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. £12 each with all proceeds to the Holiday Home funds. 6 local families had a holiday there last year, who otherwise would not have had a holiday. Let us know of anyone in need at this cold time. Contact via the website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk> or to Steve on 07838089298.

FOODBANK DONATIONS: Please keep the donations coming and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. Please do not put food donations in the understairs cupboard. Thank you for your support. Regards Steve

"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME", Mt 19: The 4th meeting of the Children's Rosary Group is on Tuesday 4th Feb at 6.25pm. All children welcome and of course parents. Followed by a short party after 7pm Mass in the parish room. "You shall obtain all you ask of me by recitation of the Rosary". Our Blessed Lady to St Dominic.

VOLUNTEERING: the idea has been circulating to have volunteers to keep the Church open for prayer during the week, volunteering would be for half an hour or an hour, with ideally two volunteers to steward the Church at each given moment.

OUR MISSION TOGETHER: We are at the end of the time for suggestions for project ideas that we can use the OMT funds on. Thank you to those who have made some very interesting suggestions. The Parish Council will now consider the next steps in line with the Diocese's guidelines.

HEALING MASS AT ST WERBURGH'S: Sunday 9th February 2.30 pm with an opportunity for the Sacrament of the Sick at the end.

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Our Year Two children enjoyed a trip to Manchester Airport on Tuesday this week, they were able to explore a plane including dressing up as a pilot in the Cockpit! Year Five were visited by Urenco for a Science workshop, looking at how a centrifuge works. We are looking for Foundation Governors to join our Governing Body. If you are interested, please contact the school office or Mike Axon, our Chair of Governors.

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH: During the Jubilee Year, the chaplain and the students at the CHS would like to hear from parishioners about ideas on how the school could bring hope to our community. Any ideas, please email to Ana: gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk. Thank you to those who already emailed fantastic ideas!

ADVENT SINGERS CONCERT – FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY – ST WERBURGH'S CHURCH: - full of wonderful Popular Choral Classics, from Sixteenth Century Motets to Twentieth Century Songs from the Shows. A Charity concert - collection on exit in aid of Parkinson's Research UK.

LOURDES ROADSHOW: Bishop Mark has decided that this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage. To answer any questions parishioners might have, there is a roadshow for anyone interested in joining our Lourdes pilgrimage. It is on 15th February 2pm-4pm St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. Information and register of interest cards will be available and members of the Lourdes Management Team will be present to answer any questions.

CARITAS: *Catholic Social Teaching: An online course for staff and volunteers in parishes.* Five one-hour Zoom sessions each Tuesday in March and 1st April. For parishioners who are not familiar with Catholic Social Teaching. The fee is £95 which includes a copy of Raymond Friel's book, *Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction for Schools, Parishes, and Charities*. Contact: bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk.

JUDY KEARNEY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY: Saturday 1st February. Although Judy no longer lives in the Parish, she is still a valued member of our community and remembered fondly by so many. A birthday card was sent to the care home in Rhyl where she lives from all of her friends in St Clare's.

VACANCY: A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at St Clare's Parish, Downsfield Road, Chester. CH4 8HH. 4 hours per week @ £14 per hour. For further details, please see the Diocesan Website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latestvacancies/> CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 28 February 2025.

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If you wish to donate to St Clare's: Bank sort code 30 15 52 Acct 5479560 or see Mike Russell for a standing order.

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