



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

DIAMOND JUBILEE 1960 - 2020

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Psalter Week II

22nd November 2020

Year of The Word

November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

This Feast was

established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion –*Catholic Culture*

ADORATION AND PRAYER PREPARATION FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

All of us are invited to mark the Feast of Christ the King by joining in a time of adoration and prayer **this Saturday**, November 21st 2020. For more information see: <https://www.iec2020.hu/en/news-press/7th-worldwide-adoration-and-prayer-21st-november>

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE PANDEMIC AND A 6.00PM PRAYER

The Bishops are inviting Catholics across the land to share in a special day of prayer for the ending of the pandemic on the Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King next Saturday and to observe a national shared moment of prayer each evening of the lockdown at 6.00pm.

PRIVATE MASSES livestreamed

Sat 21st 11.30 am *Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary*
Sun 22nd 9.30 am *Our Lord Jesus King of the Universe.*
Mon 23rd 11.30 am *St Clement*
Tues 24th 11.30 am *Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*
Wed 25th 11.30 am *St Catherine of Alexandria*
Thurs 26th 11.30 am *Ferial*
Fri 27th 11.30 am *Ferial*
Sat 28th 11.30 am *BVM*
Sun 29th 9.30 am *First Sunday of Advent*

If you wish for a Mass to be offered contact Fr. Emeka or the parish office

INTENTIONS

Kathlen Dixon RIP
Annina & Paolo Florio RIP
John Gallagher
Agnes Latham
William Predergast
Christine Long
Cath Davies
Private Intention
James and Glenda Whelan

PRIVATE IN CHURCH: SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 11AM-12NOON (Christ the King)

ST CLARE'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Our Diamond Anniversary is on Tuesday 8th December.

It has been suggested that we have 2 Masses to ensure everyone can attend, one at 9.30am and one at 7pm - with the possibility of a speaker outside for anyone who may wish to stay in their cars (Communion could be brought out). We would also livestream one or both of the Masses. **In order to help with the planning could you please reply to Pat Riddell on patriddell31@aol.com** letting us know if you would like to attend, which Mass would be preferable and how many would be in your group/family? The sooner you could reply the better, thank you.

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type. Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Meryl Fisher, Mike Fisher, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Katie Gray, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, **Jenny Parker**, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt, Mark Wilson.
Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross ,

PHIL HUGHES, One of our Stewards, has a niece called **Jenny Parker** who is very poorly in the Countess with Covid19. Her family at home, husband **Wes** and children **Bethany, Hallie & Jasmine** also have it. Please remember Jenny and all of the Parker, Bean & Hughes families in your prayers

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Melody Mutwira ex wife of Max Maenzanise and mother of his children who died on Friday 13th Nov. May she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with Max and his family

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

If you are visiting Church for private prayer and would like to contribute to the collection, please leave your donation in the basket provided as you leave Church. There are a small number of envelopes available that can be used to Gift Aid your donation You can also make your donation Online and Gift Aid your donation. Go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is also available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

This week we had a District Meeting and our St Clare's fortnightly Conference Meeting, both remotely by Zoom. All conferences in the District are working well although most conference members are in the "vulnerable" group. A report from the Shrewsbury diocese showed that there are 50 active SVP members in Chester and Ellesmere Port and 667 over the diocese. Within the District, there is another call for bedroom furniture in St Columba's area and there have been 3 calls for washing machines of which one in Ellesmere Port is being arranged. Cries for help are always followed up even if other agencies help first. Keep safe and well this week. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This week there has been a lot of celebration around school as teachers have been collating attainment and progress data ready for pupil progress meetings. There has been a lovely atmosphere where children have both encouraged and celebrated each other. It has been a privilege to witness the peer support being provided without prompting.

The school is looking forward to joining parishioners to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of our lovely church opening through a live link to the Mass at 9:30am on Tuesday 8th December. We are also planning a day of celebrations! Children are being challenged to illustrate the church in different ways- we are hoping to display outcomes in the near future!



This week some of our generous fathers have worked over and above to prepare an amazing backdrop to our outdoor nativity. This year we thought it would be lovely if we had a Christmas nativity in the school grounds to focus our thoughts. Hopefully this will be in place for the start of Advent.



We were delighted to hear the news that one of our past pupils, Ryan -who played his trumpet in a number of masses, has recently passed an audition and interview to become a member of the National Children's Brass Band of Great Britain. Ryan started Chester Catholic High School in September and is currently in Year Seven. We love hearing news about the achievements of our previous pupils!



If you know any families who have school aged children due to start in September 2021, please encourage them to contact school so we can share information about the wonderful things we do. Unfortunately we cannot hold open mornings, however on the homepage of our school website we have added a link to a virtual tour of the school. Last year we had some families who missed the opportunity to secure a place in St Clare's which was disappointing.