



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

DIAMOND JUBILEE 1960 - 2020

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Psalter Week II

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6th DECEMBER 2020

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

ST CLARE'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Our Diamond Anniversary is on **Tuesday 8th December**. which is also the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

There will be 2 public Masses to ensure everyone can attend, one at 9.30am- with a loudspeaker speaker outside for anyone who may wish to stay in their cars (Communion could be brought out). and one at 7pm. Both Masses will be livestreamed. **PLEASE let Pat Riddell know urgently** which Mass you plan to attend and how many would be in your group/family? Email patriddell31@aol.com or phone on 01244 675688

PARISH PRIESTS OF ST CLARE'S

Capuchin Franciscans:

Br. Bede Walton OFM.Cap	1960 – 1965
Br. John Davies OFM.Cap	1965 – 1968
Br. Michael McIntyre OFM.Cap	1968 – 1977
Br. John Davies OFM.Cap	1977 – 1978
Br. Bernardine Comerford OFM.Cap	1978 – 1980

Other Franciscans who also served in St.Clare's Parish: 1960 - 1980

Br. Rudolph Keeler, Br.Eric Jones, Br.Frank Hickman, Br.Jim Durkin, Br.Terry Moore

Society of Saint Columban:

Fr. Gerry French SSC. 1980 - 1981

Other Columban Fathers who also served in St.Clare's Parish: 1980 – 1981

Fr.Bernard McDermott, Fr.Joe Coyle Fr.Pat O'Shea

Priests of Shrewsbury Diocese:

Fr.Paschal Byrne	1981 – 1985
Fr.Terry Boylan	1985 – 1989
Fr.John Murphy	1989 – 2000
Fr.Nick Kern	2000 – 2005
Fr.Francis Doyle (Wrexham)	2005 – 2008
Fr.Simon Treloar (Wrexham)	2008 – 2010
Fr.Paul Shaw	2010 – 2011
Fr.Martin Onuoha	2011 – 2016
Fr. Emeka Nwachukwu	2016 -

OUR CHURCH OF ST CLARE OF ASSISI

Our church is a daughter church from St.Francis' Parish, built under the leadership of Fr.Ignatius Jordan OFM.Cap, Guardian of St.Francis' Church.Designed in a distinctive modern Gothic style, the church was designed by Reynolds & Scott and built by a Mr Roddy, with voluntary help from the parishioners. It eventually cost £40,000, much of which was raised through community fundraising and individual donations. It was built to meet the growing post-war Catholic population of suburban Lache.The foundation stone was laid in 1958.

The first Mass was on 7 December 1960 and the church was officially opened the following day. St Clare's served as a Chapel of Ease until 1969, when the parish was erected. The church was served by the Franciscans (from St Francis, Chester) until 1980, when the Columban Missionary Fathers took over.

The first Diocesan parish priest was appointed in September 1981.

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, Alan Gibson, Katie Gray, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, **Geoff Prendergast**, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt, Mark Wilson.

Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross ,

MASSES (Public Masses in Bold)

Sat 5th 4 pm 'Drive in' vigil Mass

Sun 6th 9.30 am *Second Sunday of Advent*

Mon 30th 11.30 am *St Ambrose*

Tues 8th 9.30am & 7pm Diamond Jubilee Masses

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed 9th 9.30 am Public Mass *St John Diego*

Thurs 10th 11.30 am *Our Lady of Loreto*

Fri 11th 11.30 am *St John Damascus*

Sat 12th 4 pm 'Drive in' Vigil Mass

Sun 13th 9.30am Public Mass *2nd Sunday of Advent*

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

INTENTIONS

David Jenkinson
Catherine Byrne
Gillian Baxter
Our Parish Family

David Brown
Meryl and Mike Fisher
Phoeni and Family
The Needy
Longworth Family



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

For some time, a proposed walk-in hub has been in development by Birkenhead and Wallasey SVP Districts with support from the Shrewsbury Central Council. Whilst there is nothing definitive at present partners such as the local Trussell Trust foodbank have come forward to offer support. If this project does finally go ahead and premises found it may become a place that some furniture items could be stored. This would be a positive move as we often cannot tie up offers of furniture with those in need. The walk-in hub proposal shows that the SVP does move forward when it can. Keep safe and well this week. God bless.

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



We started Advent with a reflection led by Fr Emeka, via a zoom call. Krzysztof lit the first candle of our Advent wreath. Pupils from Year One upwards have been given Advent books to complete. There are a lovely range of activities for the children to enjoy.

As we won't be able to visit Church in the same way this Christmas, we decided to have a Nativity in the school grounds for the local community to enjoy. With the wonderful help and support from our great parents, the outcome is simply joyful. It has been lovely to watch children stopping by the scene on their way to school to ponder.

Last

Friday we held a dress down day- pupils dressed in a 'class colour' and brought an item for our Christmas rainbow hampers. Our families were incredibly generous and the hampers are overflowing with goodies! The raffle will take place on the last day of term.

To ensure that pupils still have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas through performing in Nativity plays and leading prayerful reflections in our Carol Service, staff are busy recording pupils so that we can share these with families in some very special zoom events! It has been super hearing their wonderful voices around school and pupils are enjoying the experience.

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

