



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week II

14th February 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February is dedicated to the Holy Family

ASH WEDNESDAY, 17th February:

There will be a Mass 9.30am. We shall then follow this beautiful steps from Fr. Paul's blog.

"As you come in, you will be given a small white card, with an Ash Cross on it. These will have been placed on the card a couple of days earlier. When it is time in the Mass for the Blessing of Ashes, you will please hold up your cards, and they will be blessed together. The Mass will proceed in the normal way, with Holy Communion as you leave. This way, everyone receives blessed Ashes for Ash Wednesday but there is no physical contact between Priest and Recipient". Grateful thanks to Fr. Paul.

ST CLARE'S MASSES

Sat 13th 4 pm 'Drive in' vigil Mass

Sun 14th 9.30 am 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 15th Private Mass *Ferial*

Tues 16th Private Mass *Ferial*

Wed 17th 9.30am ASH WEDNESDAY

Thurs 18th Private Mass Thurs after Ash Wednesday

Fri 19th Private Mass *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

Sat 20th 4 pm 'Drive in' vigil Mass

Sun 21st 9.30am First Sunday of Lent

Please ask Fr Emeka if you wish a Mass to be said or phone the parish office

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11-11.40am or on request

INTENTIONS

Lila & John Bradburn

Lara Prendergast

Catherine Barrett

Henry Michael Lloyd

Josephine Stamper

Frank & Rita Whelan

Jo Stamper

John Axon

WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

The way of the cross will be livestreamed from St. Clare's every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm. Anyone can volunteer to lead with Fr. Emeka responding or the other way. Please let Fr. Emeka know if you are available on any of these days: 19/12/21, 26/02/21, 05/03/21, 12/03/21, 19/03/21, 26/03/21.

CAFOD:

This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the Big Walk for Water virtual event. Help give the boot to water poverty across the world by walking a 5-mile route on Saturday 20th February at 2pm. Or you may wish to commit to the Walk for Water 40-day, 10,000 steps every day, challenge throughout Lent. To find out more about either of these fund-raisers, please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water> Family Fast Day will be on Friday 26th February.

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM -

Online Ministry To find them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram search for @Shrewsbury_ymt or on YouTube by searching for Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – SYMT, don't forget to subscribe so you know when they go live or release new content.

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type.

Peter Byrne, **Nigel Clayton**, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Alan Gibson, Gwyn Harris, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt, Mark Wilson. **Please remember to pray for them each day as they carry their cross ,**

FREE CHILDREN'S JUMPERS AND HATS

Daphne Jones writes: In these hard times when a lot of people have been laid off work or maybe short of money, if anyone knows of a family who would benefit from hats and/or jumpers for their children I have knitted quite a few. (Unfortunately I have not been able to get buttons as yet for the cardigans I have knitted). If interested contact dj04@talktalk.net



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

This week perhaps I could point you towards the SVP national website where is reports on many matters including in 2017 the setting up of the Famvin Global Initiative. This is a world wide group of organisations inspired by the 2m SVP members. The alliance tackles homelessness globally and the report covers the 13 houses campaign which had the objective of providing homes for 10,000 people within 5 years. 54 collaborative projects in 40 countries have presently provided 1263 homes for 5281 people in 40 countries including England and Wales. The initiative has led to the UN Commission on Social Development making Homelessness its central theme. Further in formation is found at www.svp.org.uk. Keep safe and well this week. God bless. Steve

ROSARY CORNER

"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."--St. Josemaria Escriva

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Sun bright, shadow long, frost crisp
Magic rock, pocket friend.
Beautiful snowdrops like lovely leaking snow
Snowdrops like little frozen sacks.
Nips of frost, teasing, tingling, tantalising.
A gaggle of people, whispering in the breeze
Blackbird – singing, yellow beak, red crabapples, black bird.
Melted shape makes a butterfly.
Hugging a tree – not smooth, barky, like a crocodile.
Monster tree, over a roof.
Helicopter, flying over my head.
Hot chocolate, hottety chocolate, it's so warming in your mouth.
Crocuses and daffodils appear, pink cyclamen, yellow primroses, white snowdrops
Cold wind bites against my cheeky, cheeky cheeks.
Sunlight slants from blue sky, with a trickle of snow.
Cars covered, ice puddles, frozen mud – crack like glass.
Brown leaves are crunchy, crunchy boots –crunch, crunch, crunch.
Dew on the trees like little icicles, Seren leaves food for the birds.
Shadows of trees, black ice – slippery, slid! Crunchy moss!
Snow, beautiful snow going on my head, now it's time to say goodbye
To the snow overhead.

What a strange half term, however, despite the challenges we have had, there have been many moments of magic. This week pupils enjoyed a presentation all about space, they loved the fact that the presenter called out to 'everyone in St Clare's'! The recent cold weather was the stimulus for this poem composed by Romy and Seren- we love it!

Each week we have enjoyed 'Feel Good Friday Challenges'- last week the challenge was model making. We loved celebrating pupils' masterpieces, there is a link to these



on the homepage of the school website. Families have been given lots of lovely well-being resources to enjoy over half term.

School will be closed during the week beginning Monday 15th February for half term. It will reopen for children of key workers on Monday 22nd February.

Our weekly school newsletters, where you can see more about school life, are available on the school website:



<http://www.stclares.cheshire.sch.uk/page/newsletters-2020-2021/80865>