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Psalter Week I

28th November 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Whilst the Bishops of England & Wales do not possess the authority to suspend the Sunday obligation they write:

“At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in a position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.” However, the bishops ask every Catholic to honestly review their situation motivated by real love which must be our personal response to Christ’s total self-offering in the Holy Eucharist.

ST CLARE’S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 27th Nov	5.40 pm Rosary 6pm Vigil Mass	Relatives & friends of Brown family
Sun 28th Nov	9am Exposition 9.30am Mass – <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	Michael Prendergast (b'day)
Mon 29th Nov	Private Mass- <i>Ferial</i>	
Tues 30th Nov	7pm Mass – <i>St Andrew</i>	Holy Souls- Friends, relatives and parishioners who have died during the Covid 19 pandemic.
Weds 1st Dec	9am Exposition 9.30am Mass- <i>Ferial</i>	Special Intention (SB)
Thurs 2nd Dec	private Mass - <i>Ferial</i>	Fr Adrian
Fri 3rd Dec	private Mass St Francis Xavier	Deceased Members of Conlon family
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES		
Sat 4th Dec	5.40 pm Rosary 6pm Vigil Mass	Elsie Roberts
Sun 5th Nov	9am Exposition 9.30am Mass – <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Mary Jenkins
BIBLE SUNDAY		
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION every Saturday 11-11.40 am and on request		

PLEASE REMEMBER SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS

A solemn Mass will be held **this Tuesday 30th November at 7.00pm.** It will be celebrated in memory of all our friends, relatives and parishioners who have died during the Covid 19 pandemic. Please send in names to the parish office for the candlelit service at the end of Mass.

PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Mark’s Advent Pastoral Letter On ‘Re-awakening Eucharistic Faith’ will be read at all Masses on this the First Sunday of Advent, 28th November. Copies are available

BEQUEST TO ST CLARE’S

A longstanding and well-loved parishioner who passed away last year has left a very generous bequest to the St. Clare’s Church she loved so much. It is important that we shall deal with the donation responsibly in a way we can remember her and her generosity.

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

Nigel Clayton, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Sheila Farrelly, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Judy Kearney, Ann Leach, Peter Lloyd, , Rosemary McCabe, Kevin McCarthy, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY ABUSE

Bishop Mark will be leading us in prayer at the Cathedral for Holy Hour on Wednesday 1st December at 5pm. Once again this year, we will be praying for all those across society that have been effected by abuse. In our busy lives running up until Christmas, this Holy Hour provides us all with an opportunity to reflect and pray for the strength of God to aid those around us within our parishes and communities who may be facing challenges.

We are evidently not clear of the pandemic yet and the journey has presented challenges for many in their daily lives. For those impacted by abuse that present themselves for help and those that still remain unseen, please remember them in your prayers.

LIGHT UP THE DARK AT CHRISTMAS:

Once again if you missed last week and would like to donate and have your candle lit,. please fill in a sticker place your money and sticker in the boxas you leave church. All proceeds will go to The Hospice of the Good Shepherd Backford.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE



All foodbank donations will be taken to the warehouse next week. Their website [Donate food | West Cheshire Foodbank](#) shows urgent items to be tinned meat, UHT milk and juice, desserts and custard but of course any items are welcome.

Nationally the SVP twinnage scheme is looking to help with Christmas donations to those in South Sudan. Donations will go direct to Mike Coyle the twinnage coordinator. He will provide donation certificates if needed. Floods in the South, a drought in the North together with a military coup make life difficult for the ordinary people there. Thank you always for your help. Keep safe and well this week. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



We have had another super week in St Clare's- full of celebration and achievement!

Firstly, this was an assessment week and pupils rose to the challenge of sharing everything they can do!

Chester Catholic High School invited Year Five pupils to watch their production of Matilda! It was a superb show. Staff and pupils were particularly proud to see Millie, Tymon, Matthew and Sophie (all previous pupils of St Clare's) performing brilliantly and with great confidence. We are still smiling when we think of how good they were!

On Wednesday Oliver, Hollie, Jayden, Jim, Ella and Leighton went to an Athletics event in Ellesmere Port. They had great fun participating in a range of activities including wheelchair basketball.

We were delighted to be asked by AmaSing to decorate the tree they sponsored in the Festival of Trees at Chester Cathedral. All pupils made a Christmas Tree decoration- our theme was 'Music'. The tree is number twenty six and is positioned in the Chapter Room, off the Cloisters. Thanks to Nancy, Riley, Matilda, Tianna, James and Emilia for doing such a great job decorating the tree so beautifully.

Year Five and Six went to a morning of Junior Safety workshops at Cheshire View. Pupils had the opportunity to learn about all the crucial services and how to keep ourselves safe. The High Sheriff was present for the visit and children were very curious about his role.

Places for September 2022

Visits to school are encouraged for families with school aged pupils (September 2022) so we can share what happens in St Clare's and parents/carers can make an informed choice about schools. Appointments can be booked through contacting the school office on 01244 445266