



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week II

5th December 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

UPDATE FROM THE BISHOPS CONFERENCE (OMICRON VARIANT)

It is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

**Sat 4th Dec 5.40 pm Rosary
6pm Vigil Mass**

INTENTIONS

Elsie Roberts

Sun 5th Dec 9am Exposition

9.30am Mass –2nd Sunday of Advent

Mary Jenkins

BIBLE SUNDAY

Mon 6th Dec private Mass-Ferial

Tues 7th Dec private Mass– St Ambrose

Jim O' Neill

Weds 8th Dec Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Exposition

9.30am Mass –Solemnity

Naomi Bedworth

Thurs 9th Dec private Mass-Ferial

Tom Andrews

Fri 10th Dec private Mass-Ferial

Dickie Baynon

Sat 11th Dec 5.40 pm Rosary

6pm Vigil Mass

Marion McMurray

Sun 12th Dec 9am Exposition

9.30am Mass –3rd Sunday of Advent

Edwin Corcoran

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION every Saturday 11-11.40 am and on request

CHRISTMAS MASSES & SERVICES

Wed 15th Dec 6pm (in church) St Clare's Catholic Primary School Carol Concert

Mass times

Christmas Eve Fri 24th Dec 4pm children's Mass

8pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day Sat 25th Dec 9.30am Mass

Boxing Day Sun 26th Dec 9.30am Mass

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 ,

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Anna Barry, Ann Fenney, Anthony Broaden
Peter Parker, Ann O'Grady - May they rest in peace

CRUSADER MAGAZINE (Renamed)

Please take your free copy of 'The Crusader Magazine', now renamed 'The Golden Thread' from the church porch

ROSARY CORNER

"The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual..."
-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Thank you for the Foodbank donations, duly delivered to the donation centre. We will collect and deliver any future food donations at each month end. The cold weather and dark nights mean we have to be ever more vigilant to those in need around us. Please let us know of anyone who is in need.

We have our fortnightly meetings on line at present and pass on local news and events across the district. In our prayers we accept anew our calling to make visible our unity in Christ with all other Christians by working together with them in the service of those in need. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

This week we were excited to celebrate the start of Advent. Each day all pupils gathered for prayer and reflection on the theme of HOPE. Our outdoor nativity is all set up for the local community to enjoy and Year Six pupils had the honour of decorating the Christmas tree in the school entrance- they did a super job!



Many of our families have already visited Chester Cathedral to see the Christmas Tree Festival. We have decorated a tree for AmaSing- it is in the Chapter Room- just off the cloisters and the theme for all our decorations is 'music'. Pupils in Years Five and Six were challenged to build Anderson shelters in their technology lesson. There was huge excitement when all the shelters were tested! A small

model of Hagrid was placed inside each shelter and an apple was dropped to see if shelters provided good protection. We are pleased to report that all shelters were successful in



passing the scrutiny. On Thursday pupils in Year Four joined in the lantern parade. On a cold, dark evening, they brightened up the streets of Chester!

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