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Psalter Week II

16th January 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 15th	5.40pm Rosary	
	6pm Vigil Mass	Elizabeth Blair-Park (KC)
Sun 16th	9am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass— <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Brian McKay RIP
	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE	
Mon 17th	private Mass— <i>St Anthony Abbot</i>	
Tues 18th	private Mass— <i>Ferial</i>	Pauline Atkinson
Weds 19th	9am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass—<i>Ferial</i>	Henry Kearney
Thurs 20th	private Mass— <i>Ferial</i>	
Fri 21st	private Mass <i>St Agnes</i>	Leo N'amadi
Sat 22nd	5.40pm Rosary	
	6pm Vigil Mass	Stella Brown
Sun 23rd	9am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass— <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Alice & Lukose Sebastian
	SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD	
	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OPENESS TO THE WORD OF GOD	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION -Saturday 11-11.40am or on request

There will be a retiring collection for the priest's retirement fund this weekend

SYNOD 2023 -FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND SHARING

In the weeks ahead, I will be inviting all parishioners to look at the ongoing preparation for the Synod 2023. Following Bishop Mark's recommendation, we shall try to understand the three major dimensions of the theme of the Synod, that includes communion, participation and mission. As a parish family, we are expected to begin by looking at the following questions by Pope Francis

- How can we work together more effectively?
- How can we become a more listening Church?
- How can we become a better voice to the world?
- How does our Liturgy inspire and guide us?
- How do we all take part in the Church's mission?
- How can we promote better dialogue with others?
- How can we work better ecumenically?
- How can church authority be better exercised?
- How can we walk together better and more effectively?

I will forward other working documents on the synod through our parish email group, and leave copies in church, to enable as many parishioners as possible to make their contribution. Remarks and contribution are welcome through the parish office or by email before the 2nd week of March

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are now enrolling pupils who are not in Catholic schools for this year's First Holy Communion classes. Please send names to the parish office. Would you consider volunteering as a Catechist?

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 OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME :

Peter Walsh, Frances Whelan, Mary Price, John Spencer, Sarah Foxall, Joseph Whelan, Esther Shaw, Michael Ashcroft.

CLERGY WELFARE OFFICER

A vacancy for a Clergy Welfare Officer has arisen within the Diocese – The role of the clergy welfare officer is to work with and supervise the welfare assistant to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The clergy welfare officer will provide, advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing. Hours: 21 hours a week. Salary £38,000-£42,000 FTE pro-rata'd dependant on experience and qualifications. Closing date Friday 11 February. For further details please see <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/>



ST CLARE'S SVP

We have started the year with being asked if we can supply a single bed and mattress as well as helping with a house move of a disadvantaged family. The bed may come from a flat clearance happening the other side of town and the requirements of the house move are yet to be established. We have links to a "Man and Van" so hopefully if required it will go ahead smoothly. We keep updated with new requirements from the National Office by organised zoom meetings and help comes from many quarters. Thanks also for your support. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

This was our first full week back in 2022 and the days flew by like a whirlwind! Pupils enjoyed some wonderful learning experiences. On Tuesday Years Five and Six were amazed with the mobile planetarium which visited school.

There were gasps of awe and wonder as pupils' knowledge of space and the solar system grew. Auriga Astronomy, who led the science workshop, commented on how motivated and enthusiastic pupils were. They were impressed with pupils' understanding and use of questions to further their knowledge Year Two pupils started to read 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon. They started their work by looking up- both inside their classroom and outside! Throughout the week they have enjoyed their writing based on the book.



This week Miss Mallon started the preparation programme for our pupils who are going to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time this year. On Sunday 30th January we are hoping many of the children will attend 9:30am Mass, so they can be presented to the parish and formally enrolled onto the programme. Children are preparing some information about themselves which will be displayed in the near future.



Pupils were very excited to start their extra-curricular clubs this week- these included dodgeball, football, athletics, street dance, games skills and maths. Over the coming weeks classes are taking turns in performing French songs to the rest of the school. This week it was the turn of Years Five and Six. A new team of mini cops were enrolled this week- they are very excited to experience aspects of being in the police.

Please can you help? We are currently one of the projects which shoppers in Tesco can support with blue tokens! We are hoping to lead a project on improving mental health and wellbeing through music and want to purchase resources for this. If you shop in any local Tesco, please can you vote for St Clare's project with your blue token- your support will be greatly valued.