## St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church Downsfield Road Chester CH4 8HH



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Psalter Week III/IV 23rd/30th January 2022 3rd/4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

PLEASE NOTE: This newsletter covers the next two weeks

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES	INTENTIONS
Sat 22nd Jan 5.40pm Rosary 6pm Vigil Mass	Stella Brown
Sun 23rd Jan 9am Exposition 9.30am Mass– Third Sunday in Ordinary The SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD	ime Alice & Lukose Sebastian
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYERFOR OPENESS TO THE WORD OF GO Weds 26th Jan 9.30am Mass-Ss Timothy & Titus Sat 29th Jan 6.00pm Vigil Mass Sun 30th Jan 9.30am Mass Fourth Sunday in Ordinary T Weds 2nd Feb9.30am Mass -The Presentation of the Lo Thurs 3rd Feb -St Werburgh Sat 5th Feb 6.00pm Vigil Mass Sun 6th Feb 9.30am Mass- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Tir	Zygmunt Weselak (KC) Christine Mary Andrews ime Monica Hopkins RIP (KC) ord Chris & Helen Brown Peter and Mary Cummins The Hopkins family (SB)
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 we walk together better and more effectively? Pat will send other working documents on the synod through our parish email group, and some 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 1st week of March	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION   You are now invited to enrol for this year's classes for children who are not in   Catholic schools. Please send names to the parish office.   CATECHIST REQUIRED   Would you consider volunteering as a Catechist for these children preparing for   their First Holy Communion?   PRESENTATION AND ENROLMENT   Candidates from St. Clare's school who are preparing for First Holy communion   this year will be presented and enrolled during Mass on Sunday 6th February at 9.30 am.	

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 :

Kathleen Saunders, Joseph Ash ,Tom Penlington, Jane Flynn, CharlesCarson, TeresaDavies, Peter Welsh, Gladys Shanley, William Britlin, EdnaWilliams, Lesley Jones, William McDonagh, Colette Fitzgerald, Fr.TerryMoore OFM Cap Josie Blackburn

#### DIOCESAN VACANCY FOR FUNDRAISER

A vacancy for an Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser has arisen within the Diocese – The role of the Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser is to work with parishes I developing a Diocesan individual giving and legacy programme. Hours: 25 hours per week. Salary £25K-£30K FTE pro-rata'd dependant on experience and qualifications. Closing date Friday 18 February. For further details please see http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about -us/curia/vacancies completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org



### ST CLARE'S SVP

This week as well as the home visiting, we delivered a single bed from donor to beneficiary plus assisting in helping a family move from a flat to a house. Another family's tumble drier failed so if anyone knows of one available, please let us know. A St Clare's SVP website is now available at <u>www.stclaressvp.com</u> Please have a look at this site and have comments (Positive or negative). We will have a foodbank collection next weekend

let me have comments (Positive or negative). We will have a foodbank collection next weekend 29<sup>th</sup>/ 30<sup>th</sup> Jan with the food being taken to the warehouse the following week. Please leave any items in the lobby. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. Thank you again for your help. God bless. Steve

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

This week 'Forest School' started in St Clare's. Pupils in Reception and Year One had super learning experiences in the great outdoors. Forest School sessions provide opportunities for children to learn more about nature, wildlife, trees and birds, and develop new skills which build their confidence and resilience, and learn to manage

their own risk taking. During the sessions the children will learn how to identify insects and plants and take part in activities such as learning to tie knots

and creative projects. This week the children made friendship bracelets.

'Forest School' is so important if we are to address the climate crisis and loss of biodiversity. Through being involved in this children will also have lots of fun, and have the opportunity to toast a marshmallow around the fire at the end of the sessions!

We are really proud of the team of twenty four children who participated in an athletics event in





Ellesmere Port on Wednesday the team finished in an impressive 3rd place. There were a lot of individual successes and the team events, e.g. the relays, were very exciting. All pupils enjoyed it had a wonderful experience.

Exciting news.....we have submitted our evidence to achieve our Bronze Rights Respecting Award. These awards are organised by Unicef. We are already planning on what we are going to do for the Silver Award! **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.