



St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

Downsfield Road Chester CH4 8HH

Priest: Fr Emeka Nwachukwu, Tel: 07590 880327

Parish email st.clareschester@sky.com Tel 01244 671015,

Diocese of Shrewsbury, Registered Charity 234025.

Parish Website: stclares.co.uk

Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/StClaresChester/

Psalter Week I

9th January 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 8th Jan 5.40pm Rosary

6pm Vigil Mass

Gill Gibbons (KC)

Sun 9th Jan - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9am Exposition

9.30am Mass

Henry Kearney

Christmas season ends

Mon 10th Jan private Mass –Ferial

Catherine Maher

Tues 11th Jan private Mass –Ferial

Joan Acworth

Weds 12th Jan

Judy Kearney

9am Exposition

9.30am Mass-Ferial

Thurs 13th Jan private Mass –Ferial

Jacob Maher

Fri 14th Jan private Mass –Ferial

Jo Stamper

Sat 15th Jan 5.40pm Rosary

6pm Vigil Mass

Elizabeth Blair-Park (KC)

Sun 16th Jan -DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

9am Exposition

9.30am Mass– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brian McKay RIP

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

BAPTISM

Call the parish office to pick a form and register for baptism

RCIA

Are you or anyone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church, or just wish to learn more about the faith? Please send us an email or call the Parish Office to give your details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

You may begin now to enrol for this year's classes for those not in Catholic schools. Please send names to the parish office. Would you consider volunteering as a Catechist?

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.



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

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME :

Louisa Dean, Denis Donnellan, Arthur Griffith, Annie Jones, Albert Waters, Helen Kulkowski, Christopher Gentile, Concetta Gretton-Watson, John Bullough, Margaret Cuffley, Margaret Jones —**May they all rest in peace**

ROSARY 'CORNER'

Don't think that you obscure the glories of the Son, when you highly praise the Mother, the more you honour the Mother, the more you honour the Son -St Alphonsus Ligouri



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

We start the New Year with confidence. The next Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 16th January at the Ring O Bells in Christleton CH3 7AS. Pleaser contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk for details.

A St Clare's SVP website has been set up at www.stclaressvp.com. It's still under construction but is intended to be a forum for Local, District, and National SVP matters. There's an advert for a PA to a disabled man in our Parish. 8hrs per week negotiated at interview. £10 ph. Send a CV and covering letter to mina.naguib1@hotmail.com Help with errands and hospital appointments etc needed. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



This week it was delightful to welcome all our superstars back to school. On Tuesday and Wednesday we had INSET days. As a staff this was a great opportunity to reflect on what we are doing and develop plans for further improvements.



On Thursday the whole school community joined together for a liturgical service to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Everyone was challenged to reflect on how they can use their gifts and talents to help and care for others. During the week we have had two focused days: one concentrating on Religious Education- Year Five discussed inspirational people, some pupils illustrated St Clare. In Friday we had a whole school focus on French culture. Pupils have returned with great enthusiasm and high motivation. The whole community would like to reach out to parishioners to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy



2022. Thank you for all your support in our events leading up to Christmas. We were blessed with the opportunity for children to perform their nativities live and also to lead a wonderful Carol Service in Church. These were certainly highlights for our Christmas celebrations.

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.

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. Closing date is 16th January 2022.