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Psalter Week III

20th February 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February is dedicated to the Holy Family

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 19th 5.40pm Rosary

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun 20th 9.30am Mass-

Mon 21st Ferial

**Tue 22nd 7.00pm St Anthony devotions & Mass
-The Chair of St Peter**

Wed 23rd NOTE 9.15 am Mass-St Polycarp

Thu 24th 9.30 am Mass -Ferial

Fri 25th 2pm Requiem Mass for Ann Leach

Sat 26th 5.40pm Rosary

12.00pm Baptism of Kitty Bell

6.00pm Vigil Mass Chris & Helen Brown & Family (KC)

Sun 27th 9.30am Mass- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1.00 pm Baptism of Milani Marie, Francis William and Joseph Gorman

Elizabeth & Donald Blair-Park

Nwaokocha Family & Dot Bell RIP

lyke Baron & family

Bill Rush

Ann Leach/Eileen Wyatt

Ursula Breslin

Ann Leach

Roger Jones

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11-11.40am or on request

ST CLARE'S PARISH SYNOD MEETING

The parish synod meeting will be held **this Monday 21st February** at 5.30 pm in church. Following Pope Francis' guidelines, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5.30 pm and discussion and questions will follow at 6.00pm. All welcome.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

There will be a leaving collection on behalf of the 'Society for the Protection of Unborn Children' (SPUC) next week. The well financed abortion lobby constantly aim to push back the boundaries even further—already a child diagnosed as disabled in the womb can be aborted **up to birth** in Britain! Please give generously.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1) Newsletter team –Volunteers needed to share reins.

2) Coffee after Sunday Mass- In the near future we hope to have coffee after Sunday Mass, the previous groups involved were SVP, Needlework Guild, CAFOD, Choir & PTA, some of which are no longer available - can you help?

3) Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass - we need to encourage young families, can you get involved? Experienced help and advice is available so don't worry!

4) Church Spring clean - the (very small!) cleaning group would like to do this soon, on a Saturday, anyone good with a duster?

5) Singing! The group at Sunday Mass would love to see you. You don't need to be Pavarotti, just enjoy raising your voice in song. Please contact Fr Emeka via the office number/ email or call Pat on 07941839161 or email patriddell31@aol.com

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, Mary Jenkins 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 Lavender, Rose Edwards, Gerry MGrath, Marie Quirk, Winifred Morris, John Lynch, Anthony Haycock, Terence Lavery, Mary Hughes and Laura Barlow.

ANN LEACH FUNERAL

Ann's Requiem Mass and funeral will be **this Friday** 25th February at 2pm in St Clare's. (The cremation will be at Blacon crematorium at 3,20pm). The family have said for those attending **PLEASE** come to Crabwell Manor after the Mass.



ST CLARE'S SVP

We remind you that next weekend 26th & 27th February we will be collecting food for the Trussel Trust Food Bank so do bring your contributions before then . The next Sunday Lunch which will be on 6th March at 1pm Rowton Poplars. Directions are on the website www.stclaressvp.com . Please contact Catherine (01244 678825) soonest. .

CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to all the children being Confirmed this Wednesday and Thursday 23rd & 24th at 7pm in St. Columba's. kindly pray for them.

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Last Sunday Harry, Emelia, Hunter, Seren, Caleb, Bella, Julia, Nicola, Imogen and Aiden were officially enrolled onto the sacramental preparation. It was such a joy to see so many young people and their families present for the 9:30am Mass. Year Six joined the parish for 9:30am Mass on Wednesday. After studying the different parts of the Mass in their RE lessons, they were able to engage in a deep and meaningful way.

On Monday Year five participated in an Ethos conference which focused on the theme of love. This event was organised for schools, by schools and was a huge success.

This week pupils in Key Stage Two have focused on different faiths. On Monday Year Five visited a synagogue in Liverpool, whilst Year Six visited a mosque. Afterwards



both year groups visited the Anglican Cathedral. Unfortunately the Cathedral of Christ The King was fully booked - this means we will have organised another trip to Liverpool! Pupils in Years Three and Four learnt more about Sikhism and Hinduism respectively. During the week pupils in Key Stage One focused on Christianity. Year One studied all the different items we find in a Catholic Church, by visiting St Clare's. Year Two visited Chester Cathedral and learnt all about the monks who once lived there.

Sadly, the strong winds meant that Forest school took place within school! Children in Reception and Year One had great fun making items out of clay.

Our end of half term treat was enjoying pancakes! Pupils had great fun decorating and eating their creations! Maximillian Kolbe was the winning house- their prize was Science Fun which they thoroughly enjoyed in the hall.

What a busy half term we have had, with so much achieved. Next week is our half term holiday. We are looking forward to joining the parish for Mass on Ash Wednesday when we return.

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.