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Psalter Week IV

27th February 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March is dedicated to St. Joseph

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 26th Feb 5.40pm Rosary

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Chris & Helen Brown & Family (KC)

Sun 27th Feb 9.30am Mass—8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Roger Jones

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

Mon 28th Feb - Ferial

Okey Iwuji & Family

Tue 1st Mar 7.00pm St Anthony devotions & Mass- St. David

The Boles Family

Wed 2nd Mar ASH WEDNESDAY –Lent begins

9.30 Mass and distribution of ashes

Stella Brown & Family (KC)

7.00pm

Ebere Adline

DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE (Universal Day of prayer for peace)

Thu 3rd Mar 9.30 am Mass –Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Lara Prendergast

Fri 4th Mar 9.30am Mass-Friday after Ash Wednesday

Joe Poole Prendergast

Sat 5th Mar 5.40pm Rosary

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Zygmunt Weselak

Sun 6th Mar 9.30am Mass– First Sunday of Lent

Nnandi, Sophie, & Uchenna

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

ST. CLARE'S SYNOD MEETING

Last Monday, a good number of parishioners met to discuss the way forward following the synodal pathway initiated by Pope Francis. The session began in church with a solemn Eucharistic adoration after which discussions on the theme of the synod started in the parish room. A couple of questions following the Holy Father's model were introduced to guide the session.

As a parish, our first exercise came via a consideration of the life of the church, before, during and after the pandemic. This approach steered participants to address key issues like, what journeying together in the church mean for us, the strength and beauty of our faith journey, its shortcomings and disappointments. Another important aspect of the discussion aimed at considering what the Spirit of God might be saying to us through our reflection on these experiences of journeying together.

Participants made their input on these issues and more with concrete views that were noted as our parish contribution to be submitted to the bishop Mark.

As soon as Jackie, who was secretary for the day completes the editing with Pat and Fr. Emeka the outcome will be submitted to the diocese.

Grateful thanks to all who were present, especially for your prayer, openness and generosity towards the mission of the church today and in the future.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Pope Francis calls for Ash Wednesday to be dedicated to be a universal day of prayer and fasting for peace. You may join us in Church for rosary at 12noon on Ash Wednesday.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL TODAY

The 'Society for the Protection of Unborn Children' (SPUC) continues to fight for life from conception to the grave. There will be a leaving collection on their behalf of this week, please give generously to support this mission dedicated to the gospel of life.



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, 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

Zoe Campbell, Steven Gentile, Roger Ellis Jones, Philip Walsh, Charlie Lawrence, Patricia Ann Cleaver , Albert Waters, Arnold Crowder, James Randles, Mary Mughan, James Francis McMahon, Antony Aracari

ANNA ADKINS RIP

Please pray for Anna Adkins of Rushfield Road, who died recently in America where she was living temporarily

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

For a **spring clean of the Church** on Saturday the 2nd April from 10 am onwards. No experience necessary! Dusters, mops and cleaning equipment provided! There will be refreshments! Please let Mary Axon (07964 425501) know if you are able to volunteer so that we have some idea as to numbers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during lent in Church at 7.00pm. Please kindly sign up to lead on any of the Fridays.

LENT REFLECTIONS

Each Friday during Lent, Missio invites you to join us, and speakers from our partners the Mill Hill Missionaries and the wider Catholic community, for a short time of prayer and reflection. The events should last around 20 minutes and will be live-streamed via YouTube. Recordings of the liturgies will be available to view on Missio's YouTube channel shortly after they have taken place. Live Stream Lent Reflections, Fridays, 10.30am Join us live every Friday on Missio's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK> March, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, April 3rd and 5th.

ROSARY CORNER

Friends have told me that when they pray the Rosary, their day somehow falls into place. I wholeheartedly agree. That doesn't mean everything gets done or goes as planned. I think what it means is that God pours his grace into us when we pray — and that grace softens our hearts and helps us accept whatever happens that day. "When people love and recite the Rosary they find it makes them better." ~St. Anthony Mary

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.



ST CLARE'S SVP

We will collect the foodbank food donations this week and take them to the warehouse in Ellesmere Port early next week. Thanks to all for your generosity.

The change of treasurer continues. Banks are never the swiftest movers. Dave Carr our previous treasurer is now established in his new home in Liverpool and has made contact with the SVP there. He and Terri intend to come to our Holiday Home Music Night Feb 23 so it will be good to see both. Our thoughts are with those everywhere in trouble or in need. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

The school is on half term holiday

