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Psalter Week I

6th February 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January is dedicated to the Holy Family

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 5th	5.40pm Rosary	
	6.00pm Vigil Mass	The Hopkins family (SB)
Sun 6th	9.30am Mass— Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Leach family intentions
Mon 7th	private Mass- <i>Ferial</i>	
Tue 8th	private Mass- <i>Ferial</i>	Doris Leach
	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING	
Wed 9th	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass —Ferial	Monica Hopkins (SB & Michael Cremin (anniv)
Thu 10th	private Mass — <i>St Scolastica</i>	Tess Moore
Fri 11th	private Mass — <i>Ferial</i>	Meryl Fisher
	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK	
	Bishop Mark's ordination anniversary	
Sat 12th	5.40pm Rosary	
	6.00pm Vigil Mass	The Hopkins Family (KC)
Sun 13th	9.30am Mass— Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ann Leach

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

UPDATE FROM CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

- Anyone with symptoms of covid is advised to stay home and refrain from acts of worship
- Those attending an act of worship are encouraged to continue to wear a face covering whilst in church
- Formal social distancing in church buildings is not needed, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them.
- Churches should continue to ensure there is good ventilation, balancing this against the need for church heating, especially at this time
- The Sign of Peace may be offered again if felt appropriate and the use of hymn books and congregational missals can be resumed
- Holy water stoups may be refilled but care should be seen that the water is changed regularly.

N/B, The parish safety team will meet this week to discuss what is best for St. Clare's.

ST CLARE'S PARISH SYNOD MEETING

A parish synod meeting will be held on 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.

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 today and next Sunday 13th February, at the 9.30 am Mass

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.

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

Mary O’Gorman, Elizabeth Walsh, John Wright, Wilf Bromley, Andrew Tooth, Mary Blackburn, Patrick O’Gorman, Evelyn Bennett, John Harran, Mabel Dobson, Fr. Bede Walton OFM Cap, Margaret Horrocks, Francis Thomas, Charles Roden, Joan Carter, William Smith, Fr. Bernardine Comerford OFM Cap, Margaret Casey, Sr. Mary Paul Quane OSU, Honora Davies and Peter Byrne—May they rest in peace.

LIGHT UP THE DARK

A huge thank you to all who supported St Werburgh’s school children’s ‘Light up the Dark ‘ project before Christmas , £465.90 was raised for the Good Shepherd Hospice

ST CLARE’S SVP

 We delivered 25.5kg of food to the foodbank warehouse this week. Thanks to all. The first family has agreed to a week at the Holiday Home and the opening of this will go ahead on 12th March. PAT testing of the portable items will happen next week. Financing of a replacement continues and we look to the autumn of 2023 for a new Holiday Home. This may be a new one or a demonstration model. We are still collecting used ink cartridges and recent box full brought in £40 so please if you have any the collection box is in the church lobby. Thank you all for your support. Without it we cannot help. Keep safe and covid free. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



On Monday our skilful football team played in the county finals in Crewe. Although it was a wet and windy day, that didn't deter the team. It was a wonderful experience for all the players, especially as the majority of the team were Year Five and below. St Clare's played three matches in the group stage. They won one and lost the other two, these were against the two teams who eventually played in the final! Mr Wright commented on the high standard of football played.

This weekend we are delighted that half of our pupils who are preparing for the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion will be presented and enrolled formally onto the programme. The children have written a short piece about themselves which we will display in church during the coming months. They are very grateful for the support and prayers of the parish as they take the next step in their faith journey. Pupils in Year Five were super excited when Miss Newell launched our Children's University. This is a pilot programme being run across many



education authorities and St Clare's have signed up! Pupils are encouraged to engage in a wide range of extra-curricular activities both in school and at home. They are able to accumulate points for activities completed which are recorded in their passports and ultimately gain awards- Bronze, Silver and Gold. We are looking forward to seeing the impact of this initiative.

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.