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Psalter Week II

13th March 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

March is dedicated to St. Joseph

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 12th Mar: 10.30am -11.30am Exposition-Holy Hour for peace
5:40pm - Rosary 6:00pm - Vigil Mass Henry Lloyd

Sun 13th Mar: 9.00am Exposition
9:30am - Mass - *Second Sunday of Lent* - Luke Ellis
11.30am- Baptism of Eleanor Rose-Kate Bonsal-Redstone

Mon 14th Mar: Ferial

Tues 15th Mar 7.00pm Mass & St Anthony devotions-Ferial Holy Soul(AW)

Wed 16th Mar: 9.00am Exposition
9.30 am Mass-Ferial Ann Leach

Thurs 17th Mar: - St. Patrick 10.30am Funeral Mass for Kevin McCarthy

Fri 18th Mar: 9.30am Mass -Ferial
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 19th Mar: St. Joseph 10.30-11.30 Exposition-Holy Hour for peace

5.40pm Rosary

6.00pm Mass Vigil Mass

Joseph Russell

Sun 20th Mar: 9.00am Exposition

9.30am Mass - *Third Sunday of Lent*

Gerard Prendergast

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

CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

HOLY HOUR Please remember to pray for peace in the world

There will be a Holy Hour every Saturday 10.30 am -11.30 am in Church during the period of Lent for this intention

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during lent in Church at 7.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes for children who are not in St. Clare's preparing for First Holy communion are held every Monday at 5.00p-m in the parish room.

PLEASE HELP

1) **Newsletter Team** - One more volunteer would be appreciated - the load would be made even easier.

2) For a **spring clean of the Church** on Saturday the **2nd April from 10 am onwards**. 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.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Prince of peace, once more we hear the guns of war. Once more we see the faces of frightened children.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace. We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace. We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part of peace-making in the world. O Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding of the global human family, so that all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace. Amen.

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names are in Bold Type.

Maureen Brady 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 OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME

Edward Eccleston, Christine Long, Phyllis Beane, Mona Kirby, Ann McGarry, Nora Donnelly, Martin McAllister-Turner.

KEVIN MCCARTHY RIP

A funeral Mass will be held for his repose on Thursday, 17th March at 10.30 am

REGULAR GIVING TO THE PARISH

For those parishioners who have used planned giving envelopes during 2021/22, new boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 10th April are now available in the porch. If you wish to set up a Standing Order in favour of the Parish, or have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so, please contact Mike Russell (07883 199628).

LENT REFLECTIONS

Each Friday during Lent, Missio invites you to join us, , 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 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.



ST CLARE'S SVP

This week my thoughts are dominated by help for a couple of families struggling with the loss of their washing machine and tumble drier. Modern living means that items that were once the realm of the "better off" are now the essentials of all families. The SVP National Office and our Chester and Ellesmere Port District may be able to help but our own funds are depleted. Our fortnightly meeting last Monday may well be our last by "Zoom" as we hope to meet "Face to Face" on 21st March for the first time in a couple of years. Keep safe and well this coming week. God Bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

This was one of those weeks which flew by..... There was a hum of everyone busy working throughout the week. Mrs Ward and myself were able to look at pupils great work in History and Geography. We saw some great map work and opportunities for extended writing. Mrs Holt spoke to some pupils about these curriculum areas to capture what they had remembered from their lessons. On Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March we have Parent's Evenings so that we can celebrate what pupils are doing and discuss what they need to do next.

On Wednesday pupils in Key Stage Two spent time in church praying for world peace. Children were very sensible and thoughtful in their responses. On Friday St Clare's joined a large gathering of schools virtually for a special singing assembly. All the pupils joined together to sing 'Lean on Me' together- it was beautiful.

This week I had the pleasure of joining Year Five for their swimming lesson. I was impressed with the progress pupils had made since starting their lessons in January. The large majority of the class can now swim without aids. It was heartwarming to see how encouraging the children were of each other. Our Reception and Year One pupils enjoyed Forest School this week. They had a super time exploring the great outdoors, making bridges and toasting marshmallows!



Our Sports teacher, Mr Wright, is running in the Chester Ultra 50 this weekend to raise funds for Myeloma UK. This is a charity close to our hearts at St Clare's, as our previous deputy headteacher, Mr Wilson, battled Myeloma in recent years. Thankfully he is keeping well now. We are so proud of Mr Wright's determination to complete this challenge. If you would like to support click:

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