

# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Psalter Week III

#### 20th March 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

# March is dedicated to St. Joseph

MASSES & SERVICES	INTENTIONS
Sat 19th Mar ST JOSEPH	
10.30-11.30am Exposition-Holy Hour for peace	
5.40pm Rosary	
6pm Vigil Mass-Third Sunday of Lent	Joseph Russell
Sun 20th Mar 9.00am Exposition	
9.30am Mass Third Sunday of Lent	Gerard Prendergast
Mon 21st Mar private Mass-Ferial	Lorenzo Mansutti
Tues 22nd Mar 7pm Mass & St Anthony devotions-Feria	/ Ann Leach
Wed 23rd Mar 9am Exposition	
9.30am Mass-Ferial	Stella Brown & Frank Hopkins
Thurs 24th Mar 9.30am Mass-Ferial	Kevin McCarthy
Fri 25th Mar THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	
9.30am Mass	Kevin McCarthy
7.00pm Stations of the Cross	
Sat 26th Mar 10.30-11.30am Exposition-Holy Hour for peace	
5.40pm Rosary	
6pm Vigil Mass	Ann Leach
BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS	
Sun 27th Mar 9.30am Mass – Fourth Sunday of Lent	Dot Bell
Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 11-11.40 am	

#### 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

# **COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS**

This Sunday 20th March after the 9.30am Mass there will be refreshments in the Parish Room. A new member of our congregation has offered to lay on tea, coffee and cakes as a "thank you" to St Clare's parishioners for making her and her family feel so welcome. It would be lovely to see as many as possible pop in for our first proper gathering - **please join us** Next week the SVP will host

# **UKRAINIAN REFUGEES**

Working through *Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury* we will register interest in the Scheme as an organisation. Registrations are currently open for individuals with their own homes, or organisations such as charities which hold properties or have the ability to support those coming to the UK. Caritas will be updating their news page about the Ukraine Crisis with information about the scheme and further support for Ukraine including giving, campaigning and prayer: <a href="https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/2022/02/28/ukraine-crisis-update/">https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/2022/02/28/ukraine-crisis-update/</a>

The Catholic Church is working with the Government in developing the role of organisations in the Scheme.we will seek with Caritas, to co-ordinate our response with all the practical considerations involved.Other useful links: RESET: <u>https://resetuk.org/about/ukraine</u> and the new site for refugees to connect with sponsors: <u>https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/</u> + Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury

# 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, 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

George Bird, Eve Crowther, Arthur Davies, Jan Zalewski,

Christine Farrell, George Haydock.

# **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 prayer and reflection. The events should last around 20 minutes be live-streamed via YouTube. , Fridays, 10.30am Join us live every Friday on Missio's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK March, 26th,& April 3rd and 5th.

#### WAY OF THE CROSS

As part of the Lenten devotions, this year we have organised our first joint walk of the Stations of the Cross with St. Clare's Primary School.

The Stations of the Cross walk will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of March departing from St. Clare's Primary School (CH4 8HX) at 9:15am.Parishioners welcome

#### ST CLARE'S SVP

11 families have booked holidays and we hope to fill most of the 32 weeks this year. We have been asked by National Office to visit a lonely person and this blight is all around and it's for our SVP conference to answer that call.

#### SCHOOL PREMISES MANAGER

We are looking for a forward thinking who will guide the school towards even greater success. The successful candidate will start April 2022.

The deadline for application form will be 12.00pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 with a view to interviewing 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Salary: Grade 9 Point 27 - £31,895 per annum.Full Time: 37 hours per week

If you would like more information about the job and the school, please contact Mrs Mallon, Head's PA on mallonk@christofidelis.org.uk How to apply:

complete the application form which can be found our website www.christofidelis.org.uk

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School



During Lent we are supporting the 'Walk Against Hunger' Cafod appeal. Pupils are joining together to walk our 250m track daily. I am so proud of how children have demonstrated great motivation in helping others. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to this wonderful project. If you would like to support our efforts you can donate at : <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-clares-is-walking-against-hunger</u> This is such a short half term and seems to be flying by! We are looking forward to seeing agreents payst week, when we hold our

forward to seeing parents next week, when we hold our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March. It will be a great opportunity to celebrate pupils'



progress.

'On Saturday 12th March Mr Wright completed the challenging Ultra 50. On Saturday 12th March Mr Wright completed the challenging Ultra 50. His training paid off and he was delighted to raise over £1,000 for Myeloma UK. Congratulations Mr Wright- we are very proud of you! We are looking forward to a school Bingo evening on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March-any donations of eggs will be much appreciated. Everyone is very excited about a social event at school- they have become a rare experience! On April 10th 2022, St Clare's Catholic Primary School will be 50 years old! We are planning to have a small celebration with pupils when they return from their Easter holiday and then will have a further anniversary party later in the summer term. On Friday 15th July we will be holding a Summer Favre and this will also be a special celebration of St Clare's Please add the

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