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Psalter Week I

6th March 2022

First Sunday of Lent

March is dedicated to St. Joseph

ST CLARE'S MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 5th Mar: 10.30am -11.30am Exposition-Holy Hour for peace

5:40pm - Rosary

6:00pm - Vigil Mass

Zygmunt Weselak

Sun 6th Mar: 9.00am Exposition

9:30am - Mass - First Sunday of Lent

Nnandi, Sophie & Uchenna

Mon 7th Mar: Ferial

Tues 8th Mar 7.00pm Mass & St Anthony devotions-Ferial Tessa Creighton

Wed 9th Mar: 9.00am Exposition

9.30 am Mass-Ferial

Mary McGuinness

2-3 pm St Clare's children's Hour of Prayer

Thurs 10th Mar: 9.30am Mass -Ferial

Jim Deeney (RIP)

Fri 11th Mar: 9.30am Mass -Ferial

Jacob Maher

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE NEEDY & HUNGRY OF THE WORLD

Sat 12th Mar: 10.30-11.30 Exposition-Holy Hour for peace

5.40pm Rosary

6.00pm Mass Vigil Mass

Henry Lloyd

Sun 13th Mar: 9.00am Exposition

9.30am Mass - Second Sunday of Lent

Luke Ellis

11.30 am Baptism of Eleanor Rose-Kate Bonsall-Redston

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**. Please kindly sign up to lead on any of the Fridays.

CHILDRENS LITURGY Recommences at 9.30am Mass this Sunday

BISHOP MARK'S LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Mark's pastoral letter, exhorting us to thanksgiving and praying for peace especially before the Blessed Sacrament will be read at Masses this weekend

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.

THANK YOU

for generous donations to 'Society for Protection of unborn Children' SPUC 'White Flower' appeal last week which **raised £208.60**

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 OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME

Patrick Casey, Gerard Huxley, John Williams, Mary Pink, Mary (Betty) Bride, Elizabeth McHugh, Joseph Morrell, May Kilduff, Mary Cummins and Mary Patterson.—may they rest in peace

KEVIN McCarthy RIP

Kindly pray for the repose of Kevin McCarthy who died last Thursday. A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday 17th March at 10.30 am. May he rest in peace

ANN LEACH RIP:

Mike and all the family wish to **thank all parishioners** who came to the Requiem Mass on Friday to make it a joyful celebration of her life. Thanks also for your great generosity **almost £800** was raised at the Mass (not counting any Alzheimer Society donations online)-Thank you

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

We took 36kg of food to the foodbank this week so thanks to those who donated. Now booking weeks at the Holiday Home so if you know of a family that may benefit please let us know. Details of the Holiday home and what it offers can be found on stclaressvp.com . Our thoughts and prayers are with those in Ukraine. One of our bidding prayers is for Unity. Let's hope that our prayers for the secession of hostilities and need for world unity are answered. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



We welcomed all our refreshed back this week from their half term break. It was great to hear about all the wonderful things they did during the week. On Tuesday pupils enjoyed a CAFOD assembly lead by Mrs McCarthy and were very excited about the Lenten Project 'Walk for Hunger' which we are doing. You can support us in trying to raise £300 by donating to our just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-clares-is-walking-against-hunger> all your support is very much appreciated.

It was great to be able to join the parish for Mass on Ash Wednesday. Pupils were very keen to participate enthusiastically, particularly our Year Six who welcomed, read and offered up all our Lenten promises. During Lent pupils are participating in a Lenten Retreat led by One life Music.

Our School Council has invited families to donate provisions to support families from Ukraine. If you would like to help, please drop these off at school and we will arrange for them to be passed on so that they can reach people in need. Items required include flasks, hot water bottles, protein bars, bandages, dry food (rice and pasta), sleeping bags, wet baby wipes, first aid kits, toiletries, warm clothes, hats and scarves.

We all dressed up for World Book day on Thursday! The children and staff looked fantastic and enjoyed a wide range of 'book based' activities, including a visit from pupils at Chester Catholic High School who led a workshop. Years One and Three visited Lache library.

