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Psalter Week III THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A 11th December 2022

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

SCHOOL HALL	Sat 10th Dec	
	5.40pm Rosary	
	6pm Vigil Mass	Hilda Evans
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 11th Dec 9.30am	Mass-Third Sunday of Advent
PRIVATE MASS	Mon 12th Dec	-Ferial
PARISH ROOM	Tues 13th Dec	
	7.00pm Mass-St Lucy	
	& St Anthony Devotions	Bart Bradshaw
PARISH ROOM	Weds 14th Dec	
	8.45 am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass	-St John of the Cross
PARISH ROOM	Thurs 15th Dec	
	9.10 am Rosary	
	9.30 am Mass-Ferial	Nora Scott RIP
PARISH ROOM	Fri 16th Dec	
	8.45 am Exposition	
	9.30 am Mass-Ferial	Rosemary Prendergast RIP
	FRIDAY ABSTINENCE	
PARISH ROOM	Sat 17th Dec	
PARISH ROOM	10-30-11.30 am	Exposition – Holy Hour for Peace
SCHOOL HALL	5.40pm Rosary	
	6pm Vigil Mass	Joyce Williamson
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 18th Dec	
	9.30am Mass	-Fourth Sunday of Advent
	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS	Bart Bradshaw
<u>NOTE</u>	Mon 19th Dec 7.00 pm	Advent Penitential Service

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.40am and on request

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Mon 19th Dec 7.00 pm Advent Penitential: (other priests will be available for confession)

Sat 24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE

4 pm Crib Service & first Mass of Christmas

8.00pm Christmas carols & Vigil Mass

Sun 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 am Mass of Christmas

Mon 26th Dec 9.30am Mass –St Stephen

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.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Ann O'Grady, David Brown, Terence Durham, Joannes Burgess, Nora Crawford, Mary Foxall and Winifred Smith. **May they Rest in Peace**

OUR SICK ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND

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

Trisha Cannon, Nigel Clayton, Veronica Creaney, W. Downes, Sheila Farrelly, Mary Frain, Michelle Gentile, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

MASS IN THE SCHOOL

Many thanks to the Headteacher and her staff for accommodating the weekend Masses however, because some of the chairs are quite low, some people are struggling. **If you have a seat of your own and you can transport it then please feel free to bring it. There are a number of seats which are a little higher than others, please arrive early to secure one, alternatively if you find you are sitting on one and don't need it, please consider allowing someone else to use it. And finally, please do not feel that you have to keep standing up for the various parts of the Mass. Prayers offered from a seated position are heard just as well as those from standing.** It is still possible that we could be celebrating Christmas in the school, so it is important that we make it as comfortable as possible for people to attend Mass.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is provided by Steve and Rosemary for the School PTA. Next week it will be Catherine and Elaine for St Clare's SVP.

All are welcome. Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or visit

There will be no tea and coffee on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The Sunday lunch last week was well attended and enjoyed by all. There has been no decision on a Sunday Lunch in January 23.



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

We made a presentation to the CWAC committee this week who will decide whether we get the funds to replace the Holiday Home. We will know next week so keep us in your prayers. We were also able to help with a single mum whose freezer broke ruining the food.

We helped Ukrainian refugees who needed items with financial help from national office. The District Meeting this week reported that there are now SVP minivinni groups at all Shrewsbury Diocese primary schools plus Youth programmes at many. One of these is being set up at our Catholic High School. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless Steve

ROSARY CORNER

The family that prays together stays together. The Holy Rosary, by age-old tradition, has shown itself particularly effective as a prayer which brings the family together. Individual family members, in turning their eyes towards Jesus, also regain the ability to look one another in the eye, to communicate, to show solidarity, to forgive one another and to see their covenant of love renewed in the Spirit of God. *Rosarium Virginis Mariae 41,3 St John Paul II*

COST-OF-LIVING CAMPAIGN -

Caritas Shrewsbury are supporting the new Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) Cost-of-Living Campaign and are inviting parishioners to write to their MP to amplify the 'asks' of Government issued by the Bishops' Department for Social Justice on 5th September. If Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury can support you in this initiative in any way please do get in touch via mobile: 07824 329 344; or email: ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk and claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Everyone in school is busy rehearsing for the different Nativity performances and Carol Concerts we are putting on for parents next week. It is so lovely to hear the school filled with song. We are all focusing our RE lessons on preparing for the birth of Jesus and the role we can play in preparing to spread the Good News.

One of our pupils recently went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It was lovely to hear all about her trip and share in her wonderful experience

