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Psalter Week IV FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A 18th December 2022

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

	Sat 17th Dec	
SCHOOL HALL	5.40pm Rosary	
	6pm Vigil Mass	Joyce Williamson
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 18th Dec	
	9.30am Mass –Fourth Sunday of Advent	Bart Bradshaw
	DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS	
	Mon 19th Dec	
	Private Mass -Ferial	Kerry Prendergast
PARISH ROOM	NOTE: 7.00 pm Advent Penitential Service	
PARISH ROOM	Tues 20th Dec	
	7.00pm Mass-Ferial	Desmond & Anne Singleton
	& St Anthony Devotions	
PARISH ROOM	Weds 21st Dec	
	8.45 am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass –Ferial	Nora Scott
PARISH ROOM	Thurs 22nd Dec	
	9.10 am Rosary	
	9.30 am Mass-Ferial	Bill Lockyer RIP
PARISH ROOM	Fri 23rd Dec	
	9.30 am Mass-Ferial	
	FRIDAY ABSTINENCE	Engy and family
	Sat 24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE	
SCHOOL HALL	4 pm Crib Service & first Mass of Christmas	Bart Bradshaw
	8.00pm Christmas carols & Vigil Mass	Henry Michael Lloyd
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY	
	9.30 am Mass of Christmas	Pat & Tessa Creighton
PARISH ROOM	Mon 26th Dec 9.30am Mass –St Stephen	

TIMES OF MASS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

24 Dec. 4.00 pm Crib service/Mass
 8.00 pm Carols
 8.30 pm Mass
 25 Dec. Christmas 9.30 am
 26 Dec. St. Stephen's Day 10 am
 27 Dec. 10 am
 28 Dec. 10 am
 29 Dec. 10 am

JANUARY MASSES.

Fr. Paul, our beloved dean has gladly accepted to cover all the Masses in our Parish in January. A big thank you to Fr. Paul and Fr. Neill for this act of generosity and support.

Note that, all the Saturday and Sunday Masses will continue to be held in school, while the Wednesday Mass will be celebrated in the parish room. There will be no Saturday evening Mass on New Year's Eve.

EMERGENCY WINTER APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

An Emergency Winter Appeal will be run in partnership with Caritas Ukraine, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church parishes in East and South Ukraine, as well as local NGOs. The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week will cost approximately £ 16. Each package will contain the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits etc.) If you do wish to support our new request in this season of good will to all people, may I please ask that funds be remitted to our Eparchial Account Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund Account Number: 20927317 Sort Code: 20-92-60 or by cheque made payable to the Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing Winter Appeal in both cases.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Ann Miller, Elizabeth McGovern, Evelyn Stanton, Gerald Jones, Rose Bailey, Constance Davies and Fr. Frank Hickman OFM Cap. **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.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is 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 8th January 2023 will be Steve & Rosemary for the School PTA. Thanks to all for your support to the Tea and Coffee Sunday gatherings during 2022.



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

This week we had our first request for help with gas and electricity. The harsh weather is beginning to bite. At the time of writing (Early in the week I'm afraid) we had not heard of any success or not of our CWAC bid so no news is good news! We are grateful for your prayers to our causes. We help where we can and pray when we cannot. A very Happy Christmas to you all and a prosperous New Year. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless. Steve.

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

OUR MISSION TOGETHER

Over the last five years, OUR MISSION TOGETHER has successfully supported the three pillars of Strengthening Parishes, Providing for Clergy, and Mission and Social Outreach. Through the generosity of donors, the initiative has achieved some amazing results which are highlighted in the Our Mission Together Impact Report. Copies of the report are available for you to take home

CARITAS CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022

Caritas diocese of Shrewsbury is appealing for support to enable them reach out to the most vulnerable within the diocese ensuring they receive crises food vouchers and practical support as quickly as possible when it is most needed. There will collection to this effect this weekend and next.

ROSARY CORNER

To rediscover the Rosary means to immerse oneself in contemplation of the mystery of Christ who "is our peace", since he made "the two of us one, and broke down the dividing wall of hostility" (Eph 2:14). Consequently, one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace, especially in the land of Jesus, still so sorely afflicted and so close to the heart of every Christian. *Rosarium Virginis Mariae 6,1&2 St John Paul II*

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

We have had a wonderful week in school celebrating Christmas. Our KS1 children did a superb Nativity, they re-created the story of Christmas with enthusiasm and joy. Our KS2 children put on a carol concert, singing with such passion as they showed how important the Christmas story is to them and how it impacts their lives.

Alongside this, we've had Christmas lunches, parties, crafts, bingo and continued to take time out of the busyness of the week to reflect with our Advent virtual retreat.

The children have been inspired by the many events this week and continued to keep the true meaning of Christmas at the centre of their minds, in the picture you can see one of our Y1 pupils making an Advent wreath during his free time. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the children and staff at St Clare's Catholic Primary School to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

