



# St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Psalter Week I**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Year A**

**26th February 2023**

**March is dedicated to St Joseph**

## MASSES & SERVICES

## INTENTIONS

SCHOOL HALL	Sat 25th Feb 5.40 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Eileen Wyatt Thanksgiving 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday (KC)
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 26th Feb 9.30am Mass – <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Henry Kearney
PARISH ROOM	Mon 27th Feb Private Mass – <i>Ferial</i>	Evelyn McGowan (RIP)
PARISH ROOM	Tues 28th Feb-Ferial 7pm Mass & St Anthony Devotions	Theresa Hart
PARISH ROOM	Weds 1st Mar 9.10 am Rosary 9.30am Mass– <i>St David</i>	Roger Jones
PARISH ROOM	Thurs 2nd Mar 9.10 am Rosary 9.30am Mass – <i>Ferial</i>	Gabriel Prendergast
PARISH ROOM	Fri 3rd Mar 9.10am Rosary 9.30 am Mass- <i>Ferial</i> 7.00 pm Station of The Cross	Debbie & John Dwyer
	FRIDAY ABSTINENCE SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE NEEDY AND HUNGRY OF THE WORLD FAMILY FAST DAY 1	
PARISH ROOM	Sat 4th Mar 10.30-11.30am Holy Hour For Peace	
SCHOOL HALL	5.40 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Roger Williams (KC)
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 5th Mar 9.30 am Mass – <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Leach Family Intentions

—A pastoral letter from Bishop Mark will be read at Mass this weekend—

## CLEANING UPDATE

The general cleaning in Church is up to 90% done and the cleaners are expected to round up on Tuesday, the 28th of February.

## THE TURKISH SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE

Very little aid has been reaching Syria .CAFOD and Caritas have launched appeals to provide urgent food, water and shelter to survivors The following links have more information and online donation forms. There is also an option to pay by bank transfer on the Caritas website. CAFOD: <https://cafod.org.uk/> Caritas: <https://www.caritas.org/>

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

First Holy Communion 2023 preparation classes will begin on Monday 6th March for children in year 3 and above who don't attend Catholic schools. Email names to the parish office as soon as possible or ring Fr. Emeka. Please help to spread the good news.

## 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**

Marie Quirk, Winifred Morris, John Lynch, Anthony Haycock, Terence Lavery, Mary Hughes, Laura Barlow, Zoe Campbell, Steven Gentile, Roger Jones, Philip Walsh, Charlie Lawrence, Patricia Cleaver, Kevin McCarthy, James McMahon, Mary Mughan, James Randles, Arnold Crowther and Albert Waters. **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 in Bold Type.**

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

## **ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II**

In response to Synodal Submissions, the Diocese is offering a **series of short podcasts** throughout Lent. Accessible on the diocesan website at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org) they are not time-bound and may be listened to anytime. You will also find **handouts** there on various topics, whilst a **leaflet** outlining the content of the recordings is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have any other questions, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 526821.

## **FAMILY FAST DAY**

There will be a collection for Family Fast Day after Masses next weekend for Cafod on behalf of the poor and hungry. Next Friday it will be noted is a 'Special Day of Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World'

## **LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE**

Chester and Wirral Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes this year. There are vacancies for nurses, helpers and sick and disabled pilgrims. We have taken folk with a wide range of health problems such as stroke, cancer, MS, Motor Neurone Disease, etc. The cost is £995. Nurses and under 25s in full time education pay half. However, financial help may be available for those who cannot afford to pay the full amount. COVID Vaccinations compulsory.

## **TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS**

This week it is Veronica and Mike with proceeds to the Holiday Home and next week Pat and Mary with proceeds to the Parkinson's Society. **Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.**

## **ROSARY CORNER**

The Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon,. Use it with confidence, and you will be amazed at the results. -*St Josemaria Escriva*  
Why not come to Mass 20 mins early? The Rosary is prayed before nearly every Mass.



## **ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE**

This week 2 Chests of Drawers were delivered to a beneficiary who was delighted to be able to move her clothes off the floor. She and the family are recovering from Covid so fitting of the carpet will have to wait. Thank you all for your generosity in buying the Theatre Night tickets for the "Girl on the Train" at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. Tickets are still available. We have also been offered another Chest of Drawers and 2 Wardrobes. Thank you all for your help with our work. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

## **SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING**

The next Sunday Lunch will be at the Alyn Hotel in Rosset. 12.30pm.  
Contact Catherine on 01244 678825 [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

## **CONFIRMATION 2023**

The Chester Parishes take it in turns to organise Confirmation. Last year it was St Columba's and St Theresa's, this year St Werburgh's, St Clare's and St Francis. The date is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00 pm, at St Francis. The Classes will be on Wednesday evenings at St Werburgh's, 7.00 pm. Flyers at the back of hall give full details. Minimum age is Year 8 in the High Schools – no maximum! Launch Meeting is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, and first class is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Contact Fr Paul at St Werburgh's if you need more information – but the flyer at back of the hall should answer most questions

## **St Clare's Catholic Primary School**

The school has been on mid-term break

