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Psalter Week II

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

5th March 2023

March is dedicated to St Joseph

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

SCHOOL HALL	Sat 4th Mar 5.40 pm Rosary 6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Roger Williams (KC)
SCHOOL HALL	Sun 5th Mar 9.30 am Mass –Second Sunday of Lent	Leach Family Intentions
PARISH ROOM	Mon 6th Mar Private Mass –Ferial Tues 7th Mar -Ferial 7pm Mass & St Anthony Devotions	Mrs Bates
PARISH ROOM	Weds 8th Mar 8.45 am Exposition 9.30am Mass–Ferial	Leach Family Intentions
PARISH ROOM	Thurs 9th Mar 9.10 am Rosary 9.30am Mass –Ferial	Mary Frain
PARISH ROOM	Fri 10th Mar 9.10am Rosary 9.30 am Mass-Ferial	John McCann
PARISH ROOM	FRIDAY ABSTINENCE Sat 11th Mar 10.30-11.30am Holy Hour For Peace	
SCHOOL HALL	5.40 pm Rosary 6,00 pm Vigil Mass Sun 12th Mar 9.30 am Third Sunday of Lent	David Brown (SB) Alberto

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.40am and on request

FAMILY FAST DAY

There is a leaving collection in response to last Friday's Family Fast Day after Masses this weekend for CAFOD on behalf of the poor and hungry

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week it is Pat and Mary with proceeds to the Parkinson's Society. Next week it is Steve and Rosemary with proceeds to the School PTA **Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.**

CHURCH CLEANING

The next phase of work in Church is expected to commence in the next 10 to 12 days to allow a drying period of the walls and plastering of the area damaged by the fire before the decoration begins. The colour will remain the same as chosen by parishioners a couple of years ago. The decoration will take about three weeks when it starts .

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

Antony Arcari, Patrick Casey, Gerard Huxley, John Williams, Mary Pink, Mary Bride, Elizabeth McHugh, Joseph Morrell and May Kilduff. . **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, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

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 10th 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 20th February, and first class is Wednesday 1st March. Contact Fr Paul at St Werburgh's if you need more information

EASTER EGGS FOR CAFOD

As Easter approaches the chicken knitters are busy once more, donations of cream eggs would be very much appreciated. The money from the sale of these rare breeds goes to Cafod. Thank you very much for your help. Stella Brown.

JESUS WORDS TO ST MARGARET MARY

"I have a burning thirst to be honoured by men in the Blessed Sacrament, and I find hardly anyone who strives, according to My desire, to allay this thirst by making Me some return of love."

If you wish to make some return for love to Jesus, Exposition is available on Wednesdays 8.45am before Mass and Saturdays 10.30-11.30am in the parish room

ROSARY CORNER

....a prayer destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness" -Pope St John Paul II

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during lent in the parish room at 7.00pm.

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 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.

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

This Sunday 5th March the lunch is at "The Alyn Hotel Rosset at 12.30pm and in April it is "The Bird in the Hand at Gulden Sutton. Contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

This week the Theatre Night with proceeds to the Holiday Home running costs will occur on 8th March. Tickets at £10 are still available from conference members. The Girl on the Train. Gladstone Theatre Port Sunlight. The new holiday home will be blessed on Sat 11th March and opened for families from 25th March. The District President visited our conference meeting on Monday and hoped that the various conferences across the District would continue to have joint events. St Werburgh's Conference organises an afternoon tea for beneficiaries twice a year. The next one is Thursday 26th March. 2pm at Chester CHS. Keep safe and well this week. God bless Steve



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

It was World Book Day on Thursday and so many of the children came to school dressed as their favourite book character! It was wonderful to see so many different characters and enjoy sharing stories with our friends.

