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Psalter Week I THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 2nd July 2023

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 1st July - *Ferial*

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Bernard McCarthy

Sun 2nd July - **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30 am

Jack Reilly RIP (Ireland)

Mon 3rd July - **ST THOMAS**

Private Mass

Tues 4th July - *Ferial*

Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm

Philip John & Vina Whitlock RIP

Weds 5th July - *Ferial*

Exposition 8.45am)

Mass 9.30am

Pauline Buckley (SB)

Thurs 6th July

11.45am Requiem Mass and funeral for Michelle Moore

Fri 7th July - *Ferial*

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Eileen & William Prendergast RIP

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Sat 8th July

Exposition 10.30-11.30am - Holy Hour for Peace

Rosary 5.40 pm

Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Cecilia Davies (SB)

Sun 9th July - **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30am

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

Samuel Ojeka

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.30 am and on request

WHY DOES THE CHURCH EXIST?

We continue our reflections on **Vatican II, in Part III On The Church**. This time, we ask the question: **'Why is the Church?'** Why does she exist...? The Council's answer is that her mission is to call all people of all times to holiness, which is why she must evangelise. What this means for us is given in **Lumen Gentium Chaps 5 and 6, taken together**.

Podcast 9 and its **handout** are now available on the diocesan website at

dioceseofshrewsbury.org in the section on **'News and Events'**.

A leaflet outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara via Email: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or T: 07730 526821.

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

William Heffernan, James Davies, Vincent Franks, Anthony Gentile, Samuel Williams, Ann Evans, Sydney Jones, John Piggott and Catherine Mills. **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, Mike Darby, W. Downes, Sheila Farrelly Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL CHAPEL

Roman Catholic Mass is to be celebrated on Thursday 6th July 2023 at 1215pm In the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This month Fr Desmond from St Columbus and St Teresa's parish in Chester is joining us. This mass is for all the staff, patients, patient families, volunteers and parishioners of our area.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week its Pat and Mary for the Parkinson's UK and next week its Steve & Rosemary for the School PTA.

PLEASE PLEASE HELP US FOR JUST 2 HRS EACH MONTH

Please, even one or two volunteers would mean that the commitment would be just **2 hrs per month**, we appeal again for more people to join the cleaning rota. Mary's phone number is 682646

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE GREEN FINGERS

If you like gardening and may wish to give some of your time to this cause in and around the church, please let Fr. Emeka know or contact the parish office.

SPUC SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Rob Collins of SPUC completes his Cycle marathon Walsingham to Holywell today. If you have signed up to sponsor him, please give your money to Kevin (email kev-prend@gmail.com) or send directly to SPUC if you prefer.

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The next Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 2nd July at the Oak Tree, Liverpool Road. 1230pm. Contact Catherine for any further details on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk



SVP CONFERENCE

We continue to help the beneficiaries where we can, including the homeless who appreciate just a kindly word. The **SVP District Music Night** Holiday Home event which raises money for running and capital costs of the Holiday Home draws near and is a week on Friday 14th July. The CHS will provide the entertainment at their Emmaus Centre and if the weather is good then we will be able to enjoy it outdoors. Our own mini Glastonbury. Tickets are available from our SVP members and details are on the posters and the St Clare's SVP website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk> Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH

On Friday 23rd June, Samantha Dixon MP visited representatives from the 'Faith in Action Award' group in response to letters the students sent to the MP campaigning for 'Families Together' and for the Cost-of-living crisis. The students were delighted to know that their voices were heard.



School

St Clare's Catholic Primary

Some of our fantastic children, who took their First Holy Communion this year, enjoyed a special Mass at Chester Catholic High School to celebrate on Wednesday evening. One of our pupils read a bidding prayer and another did the Offertory. We are very proud of them.

We have had a transition day this week, where the classes have met their new teacher for September and our Year Six spent the day at their High Schools. The children were all very excited about the activities they did and are full of excitement for the future.

