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Psalter Week II FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 9th July 2023

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 8th July	
Rosary 5.40 pm	
Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Cecilia Davies (SB)
Sun 9th July – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass 9.30am	Samuel I Ojeka
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS	
Mon 10th July – <i>Ferial</i>	Catherine Brocklebank (RIP)
Private Mass	
Tues 11th July – St Benedict	Our Parish family
Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm	
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE	
Weds 12th July – <i>Ferial</i>	
Exposition 8.45am	
Mass 9.30am	Pauline Buckley (RIP)
Thurs 13th July – <i>Ferial</i>	
Rosary 9.10am	
Mass 9.30am	Philip John and Vina Whitlock (RIP)
Fri 14th July – <i>Ferial</i>	
Rosary 9.10am	
Mass 9.30am	Geoffrey Prendergast
FRIDAY ABSTINENCE	
Sat 15 July-St Bonaventure	
Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace	
Rosary 5.40pm	
Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Jim Airey 100th B'day Celebrations
Sun 16th July- FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass 9.30 am	Michelle Moore

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

John Callaghan, Ruth McDowell, Evelyn Harrison, Rosalind Rowlands, Geoffrey Fozard, Lawrence Sweeney, Margaret Duggie, Owen McCabe and Dorothy Prentice. **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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

Overland: 27 July to 4 August; By air: 28 July to 3 August. The theme this year is "tell the priests to build chapel here", a reminder of Our Lady's request to St Bernadette, and our response to the invitation. There are still a few seats left on the pilgrimage coach and more available on the plane. For more details please visit www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. For our younger pilgrims, those aged 16 to 22, please contact the Diocesan Youth Mission Team (youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) for more details and for booking forms.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week its Steve & Rosemary for the School PTA and next week Catherine & Elaine for the St Clare's SVP Conference

Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.

HOLY FATHERS' INTENTION

In JULY we pray with Pope Francis for A EUCHARISTIC LIFE. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

ST CLARE'S PTA SUMMER FAIR

This coming Friday 14th July 3-5pm on the School field -Inflatables, Chester Zoo, Chester Police, BBQ, Games, Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola and Much More. Please support us for a wonderful afternoon for children and adults

SPUC SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Rob Collins of SPUC completed his Cycle marathon Walsingham to Holywell. If you have signed up to sponsor him, please give your money to Kevin (email kevprend@gmail.com) after Mass or send directly to SPUC if you prefer

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

Details of the next Sunday Lunch are TBA. Contact Catherine for any further details on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk



SVP CONFERENCE

Please find in the lobby copies of our Parish Report for 2022-23. Thank you all for your support throughout the year. A final plug for our Holiday Home **Music Night** this week. It will be this coming Friday 14th July at 7.30pm in the Emmaus Centre of the Chester CHS. Please support us if you can as all proceeds go to the upkeep; running costs and capital saving for future replacement. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God Bless. Steve

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH

On Wednesday 28th of June, the CHS celebrated the Holy Reunion Mass with 22 children who have recently received their First Holy Communion, along with their families, teachers, headteachers and catechists. It was a marvellous evening and a great opportunity for the children from different schools, to come together as part of one big Catholic family. The CHS would like to thank Fr. Paul Shaw from St. Werburgh's Church for celebrating Mass and everyone who made this evening so special for the children.



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

We've had a superb week in school this week! Our Key Stage Two Hockey Team won Primary Sports Team of the Year at the SSP Sports Awards on Monday evening. We are so proud of our team.

Our Year Six pupils have been in London. They've visited the Tower of London, The London Eye, watched The Lion King and visited the Harry Potter studios. They've had the most incredible time.

We warmly invite you to join us next Friday 14th July at our Summer Fayre 3pm-5pm on the school field. Hopefully we'll see you there.

