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Psalter Week IV TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 20th Aug 2023

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 19th Aug	Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace Rosary 5.40 pm Vigil Mass 6.00 pm	Michelle Moore & Peter Charles Byrne
Sun 20th Aug-	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 9.30am	John McCann
Mon 21st Aug-	St Pius X Private Mass	Joanna Prendergast
Tues 22nd Aug-	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm	Tony Shea
Wed 23rd Aug	<i>–Ferial</i> Exposition 8.45am Mass 9.30am	Frank & Rita Whelan
Thurs 24th Aug	<i>–ST BARTHOLOMEW</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am	Joan Wilkinson
Fri 25th Aug –	St Thomas of Hereford Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am FRIDAY ABSTINENCE	Kim Wilson
Sat 26th Aug	<i>–Ferial</i> Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Dot Bell
Sun 27th Aug	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 9.30am	Gladys Joinson

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION– Saturday 10.30-11.30am and on request

FEAST OF ST CLARE'S

It was wonderful to see many turn up for the patronal feast of our parish last Sunday. Special thanks to everyone and in particular George and Jenny who led the charge and organized the day. Grateful thanks to those who set up the Gazebo's early in the morning and put them down afterwards, the music at Mass and after Mass, the making of the various meals we had. Thank you everyone for the generosity of your time. **ST CLARE! PRAY FOR US**

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.30 am MASS

This week tea and coffee will be provided by Catherine & Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP an next week by Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home.

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

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

Paul Starmer, Elsie Kelly, Cecil Stinson, Dorothy Penlington, John Hughes, M Farrimond, June Atherton and Sylvia West.

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.

FR BERNARD

Fr Bernard thanks you for the welcome last Sunday and looks forward to being at St Clare's from 1st September. In the meantime please keep him in your prayers

HOLY WATER:

Holy Water stoops have now been refilled

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-Areas where help needed

The Parish Council met two weeks ago and have identified the following areas where help is needed within the Parish. Please consider offering your services, it will be greatly appreciated:

Newsletter: Kevin Prendergast – help needed, but ‘publisher’ necessary on computer

IT support: George Craggs, help needed.

Safeguarding: Bernice Whitley Help needed

Health and safety officer – George Szczyglowski

Fire Marshal: volunteer needed

Altar Servers: Needed & Trainer

Welcomers: Jackie Sharratt does rota. Help needed

Readers: Kath McCann does rota. Readers needed

Children’s Liturgy: Help needed,

Music: Singers needed, speak to Kate Hughes

Help needed for: Church Cleaning (Mary Axon) Laundry (Esme McCarthy), Brass cleaning, Christmas decorations

Help needed for: Grass cutting, Flower beds, Annual “clean-up”

General Maintenance: Handyperson needed for “odd jobs”

Help needed for preparing for: Baptism, First Communion (Jenny Szczyglowska)

SVP CONFERENCE

Holiday period at present so not much to report. Beneficiaries are seen when possible and needed. The Holiday Home families are enjoying the good weather although they are from conferences across the District.

If anyone had a flutter on the SVP Raffle mentioned last week, 50% of the proceeds from our ticket sales comes back to our conference so even if no one wins from here the conference benefits. Any ticket stubs will be returned to the National Office team after our next St Clare’s SVP meeting on Thursday 24th Aug. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God Bless. Steve



SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The next Sunday Lunch will be at the Raven, Farndon on Sunday 3rd September. The meal has to be prebooked so names please by Sunday 27th August. Contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

LACHE COMMUNITY SURVEY

CWAC will be refurbishing the Community Centre in the next year or so and are asking Lache residents to complete a survey form which can be found online. Lache Community Centre Survey. CWAC are having drop in sessions in the Library PM on August 22; AM 8th & 12th Sept. AM Community Centre 1st September.