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Psalter Week I TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 22nd Oct 2023

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

—who continue to meet in Rome until the end of October
We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong nor path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, for ever and ever. Amen
Our Lady of Unfailing Help...Pray for us

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 21st Oct	-Ferial Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Bishop Brian Noble (anniv)
Sun 22nd Oct	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Exposition 8.45-9.15am Mass 9.30am DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSIONS	Cath & Mark Maher (anniv) & Eileen Fish
Mon 23rd Oct	-Ferial Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am	For Vocations
Tues 24th Oct	-Ferial NOTE: NO Mass	
Weds 25th Oct	Ferial NOTE:NO Mass	
Thurs 26th Oct	-Ss Chad & Cedd NOTE: NO Mass	
Fri 27th Oct	-Ferial Exposition 8.45-9.30am Mass 9.30am A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE	Peace in the Middle East
Sat 28th Oct	-Ss SIMON & JUDE Exposition 10.30-11.30am Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Russell Family (KC)
British Summertime ends –Clocks go back 1 hour		
Sun 29th Oct	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOTE: Exposition 8.45-9.15am Mass 9.30am	Deceased members of the Bownas family

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

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME

Richard Griffiths, Ron Chaloner, Tommy Dowd, Mary Gentile, Elizabeth Weston, George Artell, Mary Williams, Mary McCarthy, Michael Burgess, Mary Rowlands, Wilhelmina Callaghan and Dot Bell.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

THE SICK ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND

and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. Trisha Cannon, Veronica Creaney, Mike Darby. W. Downes, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt, Sarah Russell

If anyone is in need of a visit / Holy Communion, please let Fr Bernard know 01244 671015

PLEASE NOTE: DURING OCTOBER

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **before Sunday 9.30am Mass (8.45- 9.15am)** and we pray the Rosary together at 9.00am.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.30 am MASS (in the Parish Room)

This week tea and coffee will be provided by Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home. The following week it's Rosemary and Steve for the Homeless.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met with Fr Bernard recently, and had a productive meeting. The next Parish Council will be held on Tues 21st November. If you have anything you would like discussed at that meeting please have a word with one of the council members (details at the back of church) or send an email to contact@stclares.co.uk

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Bishop Mark has written to all the parishes of our Diocese to inform us that Pope Francis has called for a **Day of Prayer and Fasting this coming Friday 27th October**. The Holy Father asks us to Fast and Pray for Peace in the Holy Land, and for peace throughout the world. The 9.30 am Mass will be offered for peace and will be preceded by a time of Exposition before the Blessed Sacrament from 8.45am

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Please note the parish November Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on **Tuesday 7th Nov at 7pm**


HEARTFELT THANKS

Heartfelt thanks to all who helped packing the Rosaries for schools over the past 4 weeks, the backlog has been cleared, and your time and efforts made a huge difference, and many children now have the opportunity to develop a love of the life-changing and powerful prayer of the Rosary

FAMILY FAST DAY OFFERINGS

When so many are suffering from hunger and want, please remember that your offerings from the recent Family Fast Day may be placed in the offertory bag, any time up to the end of October

SVP CONFERENCE

 We were asked this week to provide an article for the Shrewsbury Diocesan Yearbook about the new Holiday Home. The Diocese is interested in the work that St Clare's SVP Conference does along with the other Conferences in the Chester & Ellesmere Port District do in giving deserving families holidays they wouldn't otherwise get. Your Conference has given 6 families such holidays and the whole District 29 by the time the holiday Home is closed on 11th Nov. Details of the Holiday Home can be found at <https://stclaressvp.co.uk>. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The Sunday Lunch in Nov will be at the White Swan in Great Sutton CH66 3NZ. All places are taken, but for information contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH

Save the date! The Catholic High School, Chester, invites you to come along to the Christmas Fair followed by Carol Service on Tuesday 19th December from 4pm in the school. There will be stalls, games, and refreshments. Visit Santa's Grotto! The Carol Service will start at 6:30pm. Entry Fee £1. Everyone is welcome!



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

We were delighted that Father Bernard was able to join us twice this week to pray the Rosary with us. Both times were wonderful moments of reflective prayer. As it is the last week of the half term, we have been celebrating the successes the children have had this half term.



The children in St Bernadette house won the end of half term reward and thoroughly enjoyed the chocolate apples they had as a treat!

There were many children across key stage two who we celebrated for showing some excellent reading skills both in school and at home.

