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Psalter Week II THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 29th Oct 2023

November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

OUR PARISH PRAYER (Please pray this prayer each day for our parish)

Abba, Father, we thank you for all the gifts and graces you have poured out on our parish family. Through the intercession of our Patron St Clare, our compass and guide, grant us the grace to keep our eyes fixed on Christ your Son, the spotless Mirror, and reflect His strength, His humility, His poverty, and His love in all we do and say. Then united in that vision, and empowered by Your Spirit may we work together for the coming of Your Kingdom, until the day when you finally call us home. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen

MASSES & SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 28th Oct	-Ss SIMON & JUDE Exposition 10.30-11.30am Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Intentions of the Russell Family (KC)
Sun 29th Oct	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOTE: Exposition 8.45-9.15am Mass 9.30am	Deceased members of the Bownas family
Mon 30th Oct	-Ferial Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am	Ann Fisher RIP
Tues 31st Oct	-Ferial NOTE: Vigil Mass 7pm for ALL SAINTS	Intentions of St Clare's Parish
Weds 1st Nov	ALL SAINTS-Holyday of Obligation Mass 9.30am (With St Clare's School)	Special Intention (KC)
Thurs 2nd Nov	-COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE DEPARTED Mass 9.30am NOTE: Mass 7pm	For All the Faithful Departed For All the Faithful Departed
Fri 3rd Nov	-ST WINIFRIDE –Secondary Patron of the Diocese NOTE: Exposition 8.45-9.15am Mass 9.30am	For the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese
Sat 4th Nov	FRIDAY ABSTINENCE -St Charles Borromeo Exposition 10.30-11.30am –Holy Hour for Peace Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Bart Bradshaw RIP
Sun 5th Nov	THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass 9.30am	Rosemary Prendergast RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION– on request

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Mark will be read at Masses this weekend

There will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Education and Training Fund

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

John Doran, Lil McLoughlin, Thomas Hamer and Bart Bradshaw.

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, Kryisia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt, Sarah Russell
If anyone is in need of a visit / Holy Communion, please let Fr Bernard know 01244 671015

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

This week tea and coffee will be provided by Rosemary and Steve for the Homeless and next week by Pat and Mary with proceeds to Parkinsons UK.

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

DURING NOVEMBER

All Saints Day is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be two Masses to celebrate the Feast: a Vigil Mass on Tuesday 31st at 7pm and the usual Wednesday Mass at 9.30am with St Clare's School in church

All Souls Day: there will be two Masses to remember the dead on Thursday at 9.30am and 7pm

The Parish November Mass of Remembrance: will be celebrated on **Tuesday 7th November at 7pm**, All most welcome

Blessing of Graves at Blacon Cemetery : Sunday 19th November 2.00-4.00pm

Blessing of Graves at Overleigh Cemetery : Sunday 26th November 2.00-4.00pm.

FAMILY FAST DAY OFFERINGS

When so many are suffering from hunger and want , please remember that your offerings from the recent Family Fast Day must be placed in the offertory bag or through the presbytery letter box by Tuesday evening



SVP CONFERENCE

A family in St Saviour's parish in Ellesmere Port are looking for a single bed so if anyone knows of one available please contact us. This weekend and next we will collect food for the foodbank. The conference has also this week agreed to support an Indian student to study nursing for 3 years at £70 per year. Other student support is available starting at £15 per year. Please contact us if you feel you can help. Details of the work of St Clare's SVP can be found on our website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk>. God bless. Steve

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards and calendars are now on sale in the repository.....please take a look after the weekend Masses

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

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The Sunday Lunch in Nov will be at the White Swan in Great Sutton CH66 3NZ and the Christmas Lunch at the Shrewsbury Arms in Mickle Trafford. Places are limited. 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

Welcome back everyone after the half term break

The children and staff will join us for the 9.30am Mass on All Saints Day in church.

Parents and families all most welcome

When you have finished with this newsletter please pass it on to someone in your neighbourhood/local community