

**Sunday**

**26th November 2023**

**CHRIST THE KING Solemnity**

**34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary time**

**Year A - Ezekiel 34, 11-17;  
Psalm 22; I Corinthians 15,  
20-28; Matthew 25, 31-46**



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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 and Services**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November

Exposition & Holy Hour for Peace:

10.30am – 11.30am

Rosary 5.40pm

**Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

**Mass 9.30am**

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> November

CHRIST THE KING Solemnity

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> November

Rosary 9.10am

**Mass 9.30am**

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> November

St Anthony's Devotions &

**Mass 7pm**

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> November

Exposition 8.45am – 9.30am

**Mass 9.30am**

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> November

SAINT ANDREW, Apostle

Rosary 9.10am

**Mass 9.30am**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Mass 9.30am**

School Mass, all welcome

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Memorial of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

Exposition & Holy Hour for Peace:

10.30am – 11.30am

**Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

First Sunday of Advent

**Mass 9.30am**

**Intentions**

Agnes Latham (SB)

Harry Maguire

Kath Davies

Evelyn McGarvey

Agnes Latham (SB)

Mike Prendergast

Nino Mansutti

Elizabeth Blair-Park (KC)

Zygmunt Weselak

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am and on request.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME:** Zoe Hill, Barry Schofield, Kenneth Jones, Dorothy Shoesmith, Richard Brown, Alan Wyatt, Paolo Florio, Frank Cant, Mary Tasker, Dominic Smith, Winifred Shalloe, Colette Newell and Leslie Jones. **May they rest in peace.**

**DURING NOVEMBER:** November Dead List: Envelopes for the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all you wish to pray for, are at the back of the church. Please place them in the basket at the foot of the altar. If you wish to make an offering, that too may be placed in the envelope.

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

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.30am MASS ON SUNDAY** (in the Parish Room). Provided by Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP. Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.

**RED MISSIO BOXES:** Please bring into Church this week for emptying, if you haven't already done so.

**NEXT WEEKEND** at the start of Advent, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick at both the 6pm Mass on Saturday and the 9.30am Mass on Sunday.

**SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD:** Singing Practices are beginning again and we are in great need of new singers to join the Music Group. If you can sing in tune, then you will be very welcome. We shall be holding two practices between now and Christmas. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, after Evening Mass and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>. Both practices will begin at about 7.30pm and will finish by 8.15pm If you have any queries, please contact Kate Hughes on 01244 683538 or e-mail [kate.hughes@me.com](mailto:kate.hughes@me.com)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** It is intended to start in the New Year at 9.30am Mass on Sundays. Please consider volunteering to help, several people are needed to work in teams of a minimum of 2. Training and resources will be available. See Fr Bernard or any Parish Council member.

**SVP CONFERENCE:** The Holiday Home is now closed for winter but we will still promote it and the SVP at the CHS Christmas Fair on 19th Dec and a raffle to be drawn at the Carol Service. All welcome. St Clare's raised around £600 from the sponsored walk, many thanks to all. Please keep foodbank donations coming in. Details of the work of St Clare's SVP can be found on our website: <https://stclaressvp.co.uk> God bless. Steve

**SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING:** Christmas Lunch at the Stamford Bridge, Tarvin Road, Chester CH3 7HN on Sun 3rd Dec. Limited places, contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** and calendars are on sale in the repository, please take a look after Mass.

**CHESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:** Vacancy for a Foundation governor. Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos in the school. The term of office is 4 years. To apply you must be a practicing catholic, your parish priest will need to vouch for you and sign your application form. There are full details of the role and how to apply on the Diocese website:

<https://educationshrewsbury.org/schools&academies-governance> email: [johnsonj@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:johnsonj@christofidelis.org.uk).

**HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH** Students from The Catholic High School, Chester are performing 'Annie Jr' on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November at 7pm. There are over 70 students involved in the production and it is set to be a fantastic performance. If you would like to buy tickets please do so by heading to: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=7772> £8.50 adult; £7.00 child.

**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Our Year One pupils in Europe Class had a wonderful day out at Delamere Forest as part of their Geography work. They looked at how the forest is different to Lache by comparing the geographical features. The whole school took part in raising money for Children in Need last Friday by dressing up in pyjamas, wearing Pudsey clothes or clothes with spots. We raised £131 for the charity. On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will be celebrating Holy Mass to mark the start of Advent at 9.30am in the church. **We would love you to join us.**

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