

31st December 2023

The Feast of the Holy Family



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MASSES AND SERVICES

Rosary 5.40pm
Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sun 31st Dec **THE HOLY FAMILY**
Mass 9.30am
Mon 1st Jan **MARY MOTHER OF GOD**
Exposition 9.15-10am
NOTE: Mass 10am
Tues 2nd Jan **St Basil the Great**
Rosary 9.10am
NOTE Mass 9.30 am
Wed 3rd Jan **WEDNESDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**
NOTE: NO MASS
Thurs 4th Jan **THURSDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**
NOTE: NO MASS
Fri 5th Jan **FRIDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**
Exposition 8.45-9.30am
Mass 9,30am
Sat 6th Jan **SATURDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**
Exposition 10.30-11.30am
Rosary 5.40pm
Vigil Mass 6pm
Sun 7th Jan **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Laura Hands and family (KC)
In Thanksgiving
For God's Blessing on 2024
John Wilson (KC)
William Prendergast RIP
Brennan/Murphy family
Theresa Hart

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 10.30- 11.30 am and on request.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

THE SICK, ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND and those in care homes are important members of our parish community: Trisha Cannon, Edward Craggs, Veronica Creaney, Mike Darby. W. Downes, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt. ***If anyone is in need of a visit / Holy Communion this week, please let Fr Bernard know 01244 671015***

SARAH RUSSELL RIP Please remember to pray for the soul of Sarah Russell May she rest in peace, and also remember Mike and all members of the Russell Family in your thoughts and prayers. **The funeral Mass will be at St Clare's on Wednesday 10th January at 1.30pm**

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME: Maria Franchetti, Colin Bennett, Tony Jones, Mike Shalloe, Kay Edwards, Patrick Hutchinson, Dorothy Penlington, Eileen Chaloner, John Callaghan, Teresa Rush, Mary Crawford, Patricia Meacock, Robert Maine and Catherine Galland. **May they rest in peace.**

COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL - MONTHLY MASSES: The first of the monthly Masses of 2024 is to be celebrated this Thursday 4th January at 12.15 pm in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel by Father Paul Shaw. This Mass is for all the staff patients, patients' families, volunteers and all parishioners in our area

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.30am MASS ON SUNDAY There will be no Tea & Coffee today New Year's Eve. Tea and Coffee on Sunday Jan 7th 2024 will be given by Mary & Pat for Parkinsons UK and on Jan 14th by Sue on behalf of CAFOD.

When we hope join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.

SVP CONFERENCE: hopes everyone had a happy and holy Christmas and that 2024 is a good year for all of us. Our work continues throughout the holiday season, and we helped a poorer family with Christmas gifts for their children. We have also been offered 2 washing machines so are making enquires around the District to see if they are required. My contact number is 07838089298 and we can be contacted via our website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk> where there is a contact page. Our table at the Church door has new leaflets again with contact details. Keep as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve

FOODBANK: Please continue to bring these in and they will be taken to the Warehouse early in the New Year.

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.

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING: The next Sunday Lunch will be at the Upton Golf Club on 14th January. Please contact Catherine for details:- 01244678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH: Thank you to everyone who supported our school in every initiative taking place during this year. The Catholic High School would like to wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas season and a prosperous new year 2024. Thanks

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:
School reopens on Monday 8th January 2024

FATHER BERNARD WRITES: Thank you to those who cleaned and prepared our Church for the Christmas celebrations and to those who prepared and were involved in the Christmas Masses Thank you for your prayers support and welcome to St Clare's in recent months. Also thank you for your Christmas cards, gifts, and offerings
Best wishes and prayers for 2024

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