7TH January 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord



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INTENTIONS

If you wish to make a donation to St Clare's church Sort Code: 30-15-52 Acct number: 54579560

MASSES AND SERVICES

Sat 6th Jan SATURDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Exposition 10.30-11.30am

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6pm Brennan/Murphy family

Sun 7th Jan THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass 9.30am Theresa Hart

Mon 8th Jan THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Rosary 9.10 am

Mass 9.30 am Eileen Green

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ENDS TODAY

Tues 9th Jan *Ferial*

Rosary 9.10am

NOTE: Mass 9.30 am Leach Family Intentions

Wed 10th Jan

NOTE: Mass 1.30pm Funeral Mass for Sarah Russell

Thurs 11th Jan Ferial

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am Felicity Hughes RIP

Fri 12th Jan Ferial

Exposition 8.45-9.30am

Mass 9.30am Fr Gerry French SSC RIP

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Sat 13th Jan Exposition & Confessions 10.30-11.30 am

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6.00pm Peter Cooke

Sun 14th Jan SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 9.30am Sarah Russell RIP

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

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

<u>THE SICK, ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND</u> 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*

<u>SARAH RUSSELL RIP</u> Sarah's funeral Mass on Wednesday at 1.30pm as above, followed by burial at Blacon cemetery at 3pm. The funeral reception will be at the Mercure Chester Abbots Well Hotel Whitchurch Road, Christleton, CH3 5QL All are welcome

<u>ANNIVERSARIES OCCURING ABOUT THIS TIME</u>: Rosemary Bate, George Coathupe, Michael Bradbury, Louisa Dean, Denis Donnellan, Arthur Griffith, Annie Jones, Albert Waters, Helen Kulkowski, Christopher Gentile and Concetta Gretton-Watson. **May they rest in peace**.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.30am MASS ON SUNDAY

Tea and Coffee this Sunday will be given by Paula & Pat for Parkinsons UK and on Jan 14th by Sue on behalf of CAFOD.. We hope you will join us, especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.

NEWSLETTER You will have noticed a change in format for the newsletter in recent months, this is because it is now prepared using 'Microsoft Word' instead of 'Publisher'. Our hope is that a few parishioners who have 'Microsoft Word' on their computers will volunteer to prepare the newsletter, and like St Columba's we can have a small rota, which means ideally, each volunteer is only called on once a month to undertake its preparation. Please contact Kevin on 07881 204432, or Fr Bernard

SVP CONFERENCE: Quieter week but we are preparing for the year to come. Some conference members attended an afternoon get together with St Werburgh's conference on Saturday afternoon and we will have our first St Clare's Conference meeting on Monday 8th at 6pm. This festive season always brings some thought provoking-comments and throw away lines. One that attracted me was "The only things worth doing are those that help others". Not necessarily true but for the New Year lets help others together. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless Steve

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

<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>: It is intended to start 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.

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

<u>HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH</u>: The Catholic High School would like to wish you all a blessed and prosperous new year 2024.

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

School reopens on Monday. Welcome back to all the children and staff.

When you have read this newsletter, please pass it on to someone in your neighbourhood /local area