

14TH January 2024

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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MASSES AND SERVICES

Sat 13th Jan **Exposition & Confessions 10.30-11.30 am**

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sun 14th Jan **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30am

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Mon 15th Jan -*Ferial*

NOTE: NO MASS

Tues 16th Jan -*Ferial*

Mass & St Anthony Devotions 7pm

Wed 17th Jan -*St Anthony*

Exposition 8.45-9.30am

Mass 9.30am

Thurs 18th Jan - *Ferial*

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS TODAY

Fri 19th Jan *Ferial*

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Sat 20th Jan -*Ferial*

Exposition and Confessions 10.30-11.30am

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sun 21st Jan **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30am

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

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***

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME Joan Bullough, Margaret Cuffley, Margaret Jones, Peter Walsh, Frances Whelan, Mary Price, John Spencer, Sarah Foxall and Joseph Whelan. **May they rest in peace.**

INTENTIONS

Peter Cooke

Sarah Russell RIP

Leach Family Intentions

Catherine Maher (B'day)

Dwyer Family Intentions

Frank & Marian Whitley

In Thanksgiving (Russell)

Ann & Billy Hanwright

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.30am MASS ON SUNDAY This Sunday will be given by Sue on behalf of CAFOD and next week by Catherine & Elaine for St Clare's SVP. **We hope you will join us,**

SARAH RUSSELL Sarah and Mike's family wish to thank you for your prayers, Mass and sympathy cards at this sad time, and for turning up in such numbers for Sarah's Funeral Mass last Wednesday. Special thanks to everyone who was involved in the preparations for the Funeral Mass-choir, organist, welcomers, those who cleaned and prepared the church, those who provided tea and coffee before the Mass. Your support and kindness is much appreciated. Holy mass will be offered for your intentions next weekend.

RETREAT DAY OF PRAYER Saturday 3rd February 10.00-3.00 pm in St Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. The year 2025 is the next Jubilee Year in the Church. Pope Francis has asked the Church to prepare well, and in order to help us do so, Pope Francis has called 2024 "A Year of Prayer." In response the Team for Evangelisation and Mission will be organising retreat days on prayer throughout the year. Come and understand what the Church teaches about prayer, and experience different types of prayer throughout the day. Please bring a packed lunch

NEWSLETTER- NEARLY THERE We need just 2 more volunteers to have a monthly rota and then each volunteer will only be called upon to spend one and a half hours, once a month to undertake preparation of the newsletter. So, if you have 'Microsoft Word' on your compute, and can help, please contact Kevin on 07881 204432, or Fr Bernard,

SVP CONFERENCE: Several requests for help have been made to the conference this last week and we are following these up. Many people still do need help with material and social issues. A fish and chip supper organised by the Catenians was held on Friday with some of the proceeds going to the Holiday Home account. Allocations for the holiday home weeks have been promulgated and we will be finding families in the coming weeks. Do let us know of any beneficiaries who need help. Contact details are on the SVP posters in the Church lobby. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless Steve

FOODBANK: Last week 20kg of food was taken to the warehouse. Please continue to bring these in and they will be taken to the Warehouse at the end of the month.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We intend to restart at 9.30am Mass on Sundays in the next few weeks. 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: Today's Sunday Lunch will be at the Upton Golf Club on 14th January. Please contact Catherine for details:- 01244678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE Chester Across Group are off to Lourdes by Jumbulance again in 2024. The dates are Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th August. (Wirral Across Group dates are Thursday 30th May to Saturday 8th June if better for you.) The Jumbulance travels overland and has seven beds on it and we are able to take very sick or disabled pilgrims. We have a Doctor, but there are vacancies for another nurse and several helpers. The cost for all pilgrims is £1,095. However, nurses and young people under 25 in full time education pay half. Financial help may be available for those who cannot afford the full amount. Most sick pilgrims take advantage of Across Travel insurance at just £70. Helpers have to undertake a DBS. For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk. Visit <http://www.across.org.uk/?s=AJ>.

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: *We have had a great start back to the term. This week we have had an Equality and Diversity week. We have explored how we are all loved by God even though we are all different. Our EYFS had a visit from a guide dog, to learn about the incredible work animals do to support people in our society with disabilities Year Five and Six children had their first ukelele lesson on Thursday afternoon which they all thoroughly enjoyed.*