

# Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary time

Psalter Week I  
Year B

Job 7 1-4, 6-7

Psalms 146

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

Mark 1: 29-39



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### **February is dedicated to The Holy Family**

#### **MASSES AND SERVICES**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Rosary 5.40pm <b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Rosary 9.10am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> February	St Anthony's Devotions & <b>Mass 7.00pm</b>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Exposition 8.45am – 9.30am <b>Funeral Mass 11.30am</b>
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Day of Special Prayer for Victims of Trafficking Rosary 9.10am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Rosary 9.10am <b>Mass 9.30am</b> Friday Abstinence
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Exposition & Confessions: 10.30am – 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm <b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Mass 9.30am</b>

#### **INTENTIONS**

Mrs Bates
Sarah Russell
Fr Paul Lomas
For our Sick Parishioners
<b>Edward Craggs</b>
Felicity Hughes
Michael Cremin
Anne Fisher
Intentions of Bishop Mark Davies

**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, Eileen Wyatt, Geoffrey Prendergast.

*If anyone is in need of a visit / Holy Communion, please let Fr Bernard know 01244 671015*

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME:** John Harran, Mabel Dobson, Fr. Bede Walton OFM Cap. Margaret Horrocks, Francis Thomas, Charles Roden, Joan Carter, Ann Leach, William Smith, Fr. Bernardine Comerford OFM Cap. Margaret Casey and Sr. Mary Paul Quane OSU.

**Please pray for those members of our Parish community who have died recently:** Edward Craggs, Ray Ratcliffe and Elizabeth Smith. **May they Rest in Peace.**

Edward Craggs Funeral Mass is on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, at 11.30am.

## **THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY: For the Terminally Ill**

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment

**ENROLMENT MASS:** This Sunday we especially welcome those children and parents from St. Clare's Primary School who are preparing for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion in 2024. At this morning's Mass they are formally enrolled in this year's First Sacraments programme and receive a blessed medal. Fr Bernard will be inviting parishioners to be prayer sponsors to the children and will speak about the forthcoming prayer sponsors' mass. Please keep all the children their families and our school staff in your prayers.

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS** (in the Parish Room) This week tea and coffee will be provided by Pat and Mary with proceeds to Parkinsons UK and the following week by Sue on behalf of CAFOD.. We hope you will join us.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** There will be a short meeting for all volunteers and interested parents and parishioners next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish room after Mass and tea and coffee.

**LENT begins on 14th February.....Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.** There will be two Masses on this day at 9.30am and 7.00pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses. The full Lenten programme will be in next week's newsletter.

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** Two meetings this week as well as visits. The St Clare's Conference meeting noted that there were fewer homeless on the streets of Chester in the last couple of weeks. No doubt the poor weather may well be a reason. The Holiday Home meeting on Tuesday was well attended showing support for this facility across the District. Bookings are now coming in. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless Steve.

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**SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING:** The next Sunday Lunch will be at the Upton Golf Club this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February, for information contact Catherine on 01244 678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

**NEWSLETTER:** We now have a team of five volunteers to compile the newsletter on a rota basis, allowing Kevin to take an overseeing role after many years of producing it on his own. New items for the newsletter should be sent to Fr Bernard at: [contact@stclares.co.uk](mailto:contact@stclares.co.uk) by 5pm on Thursdays.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Thank you for your donations. 27kg of food was taken to the warehouse recently. Please continue to bring these in and as the trolley fills up donations will be taken to the Warehouse.

**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** We are busy in school preparing for Lent, we look forward to celebrating Mass with you on Ash Wednesday. We are in the process of recruiting a Deputy Headteacher, please keep the school in your prayers. On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, our School Council and PTA are holding a cake sale to raise money for CAFOD, any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.

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