

Sunday
11th February
2024

World day of Prayer for the Sick

6th Sunday in
Ordinary time

Psalter Week II

Year B

Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46

Psalm 31

1 Cor 10: 31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

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February is dedicated to The Holy Family

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 10th February Exposition & Confessions: 10.30am – 11.30am
Rosary 5.40pm
Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 11th February **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed
Mass 9:30am

Mon 12th February **Mass 9:30am**

Tues 13th February **Mass 7.00pm**

Wed 14th February **Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting and Abstinence**
Mass 9.30am
Mass 7.00pm

Thurs 15th February **Mass 9.30am**

Fri 16th February Exposition 8.45am – 9.30am
Mass 9.30am
Friday Abstinence

Saturday 17th February Exposition & Confessions: 10.30am – 11.30am
Rosary 5.40pm
Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 18th February **First Sunday of Lent**
Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Anne Fisher

Intentions of Bishop Mark Davies
(40 yrs anniversary)

Angela Intentions

Christine Blackburn (RIP)

St Clare's Parish and School

Intentions of Rosemary Roberts

Clare Sheppard (nee Stretton) RIP

Magda Cumberford RIP

Edward Craggs (RIP)

Sarah Russell (RIP)

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

Honora Davies, Peter Byrne, James Kenyon, Neville Holdsworth, Elizabeth Adamson, Elsie Willett, Robert Caldwell and Annie Morrell.

LENT begins on Wednesday...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.

During Lent (after this week) Mass on Wednesdays will be at 11.30am followed by a Lenten Lunch (soup and a roll) for CAFOD in the Parish room.

Stations of the Cross will also be arranged during the Lenten period.

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

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30 MASS: Tea and Coffee this Sunday will be given by Sue with proceeds to CAFOD and the following week by Catherine and Elaine on behalf of St Clare's Conference.

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

SINGING PRACTICES: We shall begin to hold Singing Practices again on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm starting this Thursday, February 15th. We need more singers if we are going to be able to truly celebrate our Masses, both during Lent, but especially in the most important week of the year, Holy Week, leading to our celebration of Easter. If you can sing in tune, then please come along next Thursday - just from 7.30pm until 8.15pm "The one who sings, prays twice"

St CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: We had a District meeting this week where representatives from Refugee assist gave a talk on their work in the area. There are 13 asylum seekers in Neston, 80 in Chester and 300 in Ellesmere Port. They have nothing other than the clothes they stand up in and the charity is looking for all kinds of help particularly clothing, bedding including duvets and sleeping bags. If anyone can help please let us know. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless Steve. stclaressvp

SUNDAY LUNCH: The next Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday March 3rd at the Mill, Liverpool Road, Upton CH2 1AU. 12.30pm. Menus available. Please contact Catherine for details:- 01244678825 or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

FOODBANK DONATIONS: Thank you for your donations. 44kg of food was taken to the warehouse last week. Please continue to bring donations and as the trolley fills up the food will be taken to the Warehouse.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 1st March 2024, 10.30am St Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Park Road, Chester CH1 1QJ. This year's service was prepared by Christian women in Palestine and the theme is 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'. It takes about one hour and light refreshments will be served afterwards. There will be a retiring collection for the work of World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as well as projects run by Christian charities around the world.

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH: The students at the CHS are rehearsing for the 'Living Stations of the Cross' performance which will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 26th March at 10am. Parishioners are invited to come and watch the play. Tickets free of charge. Limited places! To book your seat, please email shawk@christofidelis.org.uk

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: We were thrilled with how many children attended the Mass of Enrolment last Sunday. I ask you to keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to take the Sacraments of First Forgiveness and Holy Communion. We took part in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with all pupils looking at how they could keep themselves safe online by making good choices. We look forward to the Ash Wednesday Mass next Wednesday and hope you will be able to join us in church at 9.30am.

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