

# Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week IV

Year: B



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**Job 3: 1. 8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians  
5: 14-17; Mark 4: 35-41**

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**June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

### MASSES AND SERVICES

### INTENTIONS

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs - <i>Feast</i> Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm <b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>	Chris Brown (SB)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Eileen Prendergast RIP
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist - <i>Solemnity</i> <b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	St Anthony's Devotions & <b>Mass 7pm</b>	Marilyn H
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Adoration: 8.30am – 9.30am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	John Davies RIP (SB)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Rosary 9.10am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	Private Intention
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr - <i>Memorial</i> Rosary 9.10am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Adoration: 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm <b>Vigil Mass 6pm</b>	John Davies RIP
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles – Solemnity</b> Confessions: 9am – 9.25am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>	People of the Parish

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Wednesday 9:30am to 12 noon.

**THE SICK, ELDERLY, 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, Cynthia Lloyd & Alan Challinor.

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME:** Fr. Michael McIntyre OFM Cap. John Davies, Paulina Flisek and Bernadette Ashcroft. **May they Rest in Peace.**

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR JUNE.** For migrants fleeing their homes - We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS** This Sunday Mike and Veronica will provide the tea and coffee with proceeds to the Holiday Home and next week its Steve & Rosemary with proceeds to the Homeless.

**RED MISSIO BOXES:** need emptying. Please see Tony Austin or leave your box in the Sacristy.

**FEAST OF ST CLARE:** Our Patronal Feast Day, 11th August, is on a Sunday this year. The Parish Council have decided to have a celebratory "brunch" after 9.30am Mass, so from 10.30am for a couple of hours, instead of the usual Saturday evening BBQ. We propose making bacon or sausage baps/rolls with tea/coffee and would appreciate any cakes that were donated. ***Help would be very much appreciated, please get involved if you can.*** Unfortunately, though all seem to agree with the idea, no-one has actually offered to help so far. As usual there will be no charge for the event, we only ask for donations, if possible, towards the costs. Any member of the Parish Council would love to hear from you. Or email Pat: [patriddell31@aol.com](mailto:patriddell31@aol.com)

**ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Our Year One pupils enjoyed a trip to Chester Zoo this week, for some of our pupils, this was their first visit. They loved seeing the animals and learning about the history of the zoo. They were very lucky to see active animals including the elephants playing in the water. A number of our Key Stage Two children participated in the Chester Schools Athletics Competition on Monday evening, they all competed with great perseverance and looked fantastic in our new sports kit.

**HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH: The Catholic High School Open Afternoon Day:** Monday, June 24th, starting at 3.30pm-6pm. Meet & Greet our dedicated students and staff, ask questions, tour the school and get a feel for the welcoming community that defines our school. Furthermore, interactive demonstrations, canteen tastings and live sports action. All welcome! The CHS would also like to acknowledge the First Holy Communion's taking place in all our feeder Parishes by celebrating the "**Holy Reunion Mass**". Wednesday 26th June, 6.30 pm at the Lyceum (6th Form building at the CHS) followed by refreshments. The candidates are welcome to wear their Communion outfits or their school uniform. RSVP: [gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk)

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** Our St Clare's Conference meeting last Monday started with prayers for Social Justice an appropriate topic at this time. One new HH family was visited along with the many other visits. The theatre night raised £1400 for the HH accounts. Thanks to all. The death of Chris Dukes an SVP member for 60 years or more was sad to hear. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless, Steve.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Please keep donations coming and thanks for your support.

**SVP SUNDAY LUNCH:** The next SVP Lunch Gathering will be on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 12:15pm at The Cheshire Cat, Whitchurch Road, CH3 6AE. £5 deposit is required plus pre order. Please contact Veronica or Catherine on 01244 678825

**SINGING PRACTICE:** Every Thursday in the Church choir loft at 7.30pm. All welcome 🎵 🎵 🎵

**PARISH FINANCES:** As published in the newsletter on 19<sup>th</sup> May, our year end accounts for April 2023 - March 2024, which have been submitted to the Diocese, unfortunately show a deficit.

The Parish Council, Finance committee, Fr Patrick & Fr Paul are extremely conscious of the need to closely monitor Parish expenditure and hopefully ensure that our next accounts are healthier.

We are also aware that many people are finding things difficult at present. However, if anyone feels that they are in a position to increase their Offertory donations, the Parish would be very grateful. Several people have asked about donating by card using a "card reader" as cash is rarely carried these days. Unfortunately, this is not possible at present. However, online donations can be made to the account at the head of this newsletter and cheques can be put into the offertory bag. For details of the Planned giving envelopes or standing orders please see Mike Russell. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**URGENT REQUEST:** Sadly, on Thursday evening there was an incident involving youths setting fires at the Church using the recently cut grass. Obviously, this needs to be addressed with the necessary authorities, but in the meantime we are asking for **HELP** to rake up the cut grass. If you are physically able, have a rake and some spare time please offer your services, Fr Patrick would be very grateful.

**It really needs to be done fairly urgently, this weekend preferably!**

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