

Sunday

24th November 2024

Feast of Christ the King

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week III

Year: B

Daniel 7, 13-14; Psalm 92;

Apocalypse 1, 5-8;

John 18, 33-37



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 23rd Nov Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm
Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 24th Nov **Christ the King** (*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*) – Solemnity
Day of Special Prayer for Young People
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Confessions: 9am – 9.25am

Mass 9.30am

Monday 25th Nov

No Mass

Tuesday 26th Nov

St Anthony's Devotions &

Mass 7pm

Wednesday 27th Nov

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Adoration: 10am-11am – after Mass

Thursday 28th Nov

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Friday 29th Nov

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Saturday 30th Nov

St Andrew, Apostle, patron of Scotland - Feast

Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 1st Dec

1st Sunday of Advent

Confessions: 9am – 9.25am

Mass 9.30am

Please note, Mass on Thursday 5th December will be at the earlier time of 8.30am

INTENTIONS

Deceased members of
the Brown Family RIP(SB)

Harry Maguire RIP

Special Intention (SB)

David Lambourne RIP (KC)

Michael Coughlan

William Prendergast RIP

Deceased members of the
Brennan & Murphy families RIP

John Andrews RIP

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Catherine Anne Fisher and Pat Gibson who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME: Arthur Adams, Mark Gentile, Zoe Hill, Barry Schofield, Kenneth Jones, Dorothy Shoesmith, Richard Brown, Alan Wyatt, Paolo Florio, Frank Cant, Mary Tasker, Dominic Smith and Winifred Shalloe.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week it's Veronica & Mike with proceeds to the Holiday Home funds and next week it will be Jenny and Reta with proceeds to the Parish Gardens and Borders.

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please bring in your boxes and give to Toy Austin or leave in the Sacristy for counting. Thank you.

FOODBANK DONATIONS: 12kg of food was taken to the warehouse this week. Many families struggle at this time of the year and donations are always welcome. Thank you for your support. Regards Steve

SINGING PRACTICE: Thursday 28th November at 7.30pm in the choir loft – all welcome



ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: At the CHS Christmas Fair on 12th Dec the SVP will have a table on which we will have a "Tombola" as a way of attracting people to the stall. Any small items for this will be welcome. 27 Ink cartridges have been sent off to "Recycle 4 Charity" which will bring a small donation to the HH funds. Thank you for the support you give us.

OUR MISSION TOGETHER: We seek your suggestions for project ideas that we can use the OMT funds on, things that will benefit the life of the parish now and that we can pass onto future parishioners. Please complete one of the forms at the back of the church and leave in the OMT envelope on the noticeboard, or pass to Fr Patrick or any Parish Council member

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: *For Anyone who has Lost a Child:* We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

FR PAUL FROM ST WERBURGH'S: will be available for Blessing of Graves: Overleigh (24th Nov) & Christleton (1st Dec)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The first Holy Communion course will be starting on the first Sunday in Advent, if parents could please enrol their children on the program before the end of November. Fr Patrick

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: The snow was a wonderful surprise this week and our EYFS pupils had a wonderful time building snowmen and running in the snow. The children enjoyed Forest School although they needed to wrap up warm and the hot chocolate was very much appreciated. We are starting to prepare for the season of Advent in school and the Christmas songs are beginning to fill the corridors as we prepare to celebrate. Our Mini Vinnie's have planned to do a Reverse Advent Calendar to donate to Cheshire Foodbank. Instead of getting something each day of advent, they are asking the school community to give.

YOUR USED POPPIES: Our talented Meryl will use them in next year's arrangements. Please leave them at the back of Church.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP: St Clare's Children's Rosary Group will again meet before 7pm Mass on Tues 3rd December. Bishop John Keenan has produced a YouTube promoting the groups: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpO_jN2sTmE

CAFOD'S WORLD GIFT CATALOGUE: copies are available at the back of church. There are some "old favourites" gifts as well as several new ones. All of them have been designed to tackle challenges a vulnerable person or community may face, so your choices will make a real impact on people around the world. If you would like help ordering speak to Sue (Bownas) after Mass or call 01244 679270

TWO ADMINISTRATOR VACANCIES: (full time: 35 hours and part time: 25 hours) have arisen within our Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Department, which is a Catholic organisation purchasing gas, electricity, fuel oil and biomass for all Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. **Salary: £23K to £25K** (pro rata) depending on experience. Further details can be found via our Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date Friday 29 November 2024.**

CHESTER URSULINE CONVENT CLASS OF 1975: The girls who left the Ursuline Convent in 1975 (aged 16, the last but one year before the Convent closed) are marking 50 years since leaving school with a "Grand Re-union" on 25th April 2025. We have successfully contacted quite a number of our fellow students, but some are proving difficult to find. Can you possibly help? Please contact Pat Riddell (nee Axon) patriddell31@aol.com

THE NEW ESV (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) LECTIONARY: begins from the 1st Sunday of Advent, that is next Sunday 1st December. Readers please note. If you wish to purchase your own copy of the new Sunday Missal, see Sue or Sheila after Mass at the Repository or they are available online at the CTS (Catholic Truth Society) <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal-2025/>

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If you wish to make a donation to St Clare's: Bank sort code: 30 15 52 Acct: 54579560

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