

**Sunday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Psalter week I**  
**Year: C**

Jer 33:14-16  
Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
1 Thess 3:12/4:2  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

**December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**MASSES AND SERVICES**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov *St Andrew, Apostle - Feast*  
Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm  
**Vigil Mass 6pm**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Confessions: 9am – 9.25am  
**Mass 9.30am**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec **No Mass**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest - Memorial*  
St Anthony's Devotions &  
**Mass 7pm**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec *St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church*  
Rosary 9.10am  
**Mass 9.30am**  
*Adoration: 10am-11am – after Mass*

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Rosary 9.10am  
**Mass 8.30am** **PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME OF MASS**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Rosary 9.10am  
**Mass 9.30am**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec *Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor - Memorial*  
Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm  
**Vigil Mass 6pm**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Bible Sunday**  
Confessions: 9am – 9.25am  
**Mass 9.30am**

**INTENTIONS**

Deceased members of Brennan  
and Murphy Families RIP

John Andrews RIP

Mike Donald Russell RIP

Deceased members of the  
Davies family (SB)

Jim Davis

Jim Toland RIP

Zygmunt Wezelak RIP

Phillip John Whitlock RIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, in his Pastoral letter, Bishop Mark encourages us to reflect on the love of the Heart of Jesus that is given to us through the Eucharist and the Sacraments. As we look forward to the beginning of the Jubilee Year 2025, may we be able to bring the peace and reconciliation that proceeds from the Lord to this world where there are so many global conflicts and societal issues.

Wishing you a good Advent,

Fr Patrick

**COMMISSIONING OF READERS;** Will take place next weekend, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December (Bible Sunday). This commissioning will take place at both the Saturday evening 6.00 pm Mass as well as at the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday.

**ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME:** Collette Newell, Leslie Jones, John Moore, Mary Walley, Irene Diver, Zygmunt Wezelak, Fr. John Davies OFM Cap. Anna Barry, Ann Fenney and Anthony Broaden.

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS:** This week it's Jenny & Reta for the Gardens, next week Sue for CAFOD.

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

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Please keep the donations coming, they will be taken to the warehouse when the trolley is full. Thank you for your support. Regards Steve.

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** Organisational changes will happen in the District and Shrewsbury Central Council with the Presidents and Secretaries of both changing and a new Treasurer coming in at District level. These changes bring in new blood and ideas which keeps the help on the ground current. Keep safe and as well as possible. God Bless, Steve

**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 INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: For pilgrims of hope:** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**FR PAUL FROM ST WERBURGH'S:** will be available for the Blessing of Graves at Christleton, today, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Aside from the power cut causing havoc, the children at St Clare's have had a good week. The whole school watched and participated in an anti-bullying theatre production. It was incredibly engaging and informative, and the pupils were able to reflect on their relationships and how they behave towards each other. The children agreed we are all children of God and each one of us deserves to be treated with love and respect.


**CHESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:** The Catholic High School is thrilled to share with you the outcome of the recent inspection for Catholic Schools. We are proud to announce that the overall quality of Catholic Education provided by the school is Good, having achieved an Outstanding Catholic Life and Mission, Good Religious Education, and Outstanding Collective Worship. This can only happen thanks to the dedicated work of Mrs McKeagney, our headteacher, Mrs. Johnson, Chair of Governors, and all the team members, including the RE department, chaplaincy and the unconditional support from Fr. Paul Shaw. Thanks to the CHS staff, students, governors, parents and parishioners for contributing to this excellent outcome. The full report is here: [Catholic-Schools-Inspectorate-Report-2024-CHSC.pdf](#)

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:** Christmas Fair 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4-6pm. £1 entrance. A stall, £10 email [welcometo@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:welcometo@christofidelis.org.uk)

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP:** Tuesday 6:20 pm Discover how to teach your children the beauty of the Rosary prayer, asking Our Lady's help before almighty God. An opportunity to make family prayer time special and meaningful!

**YOU ARE INVITED:** To the Official launch of the 2025 Jubilee Year Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Sat 7th December, 12.15pm Mass in the Cathedral followed by coffee and cake in the Cathedral Parish room.

**CHESTER URSULINE CONVENT CLASS OF 1975:** The girls who did their "O" levels in 1975, then left as the Convent was closing the following year, are marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a "Grand Re-union" on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Some are proving difficult to find. Can you possibly help? Please contact Pat Riddell (nee Axon) [patriddell31@aol.com](mailto:patriddell31@aol.com)

**THE NEW ESV (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) LECTIONARY:** begins from today, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. If you wish to purchase your own copy of the new Sunday Missal, they are available online at the CTS (Catholic Truth Society) <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal-2025/> or see Sue or Sheila after Mass at the Repository. The Repository is well stocked for Christmas too, make sure you take a few minutes to have a look 

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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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