

Sunday
22nd December 2024
4th Sunday of Advent



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

Psalter week IV

Year: C

Micah 5:2-5a

Ps 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

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

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 21 st Dec	Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 22 nd Dec	4th Sunday of Advent Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am
Monday 23 rd Dec	FUNERAL MASS for Pauline Cain 10.30am
Tuesday 24 th Dec	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> Children's Mass at 4pm Carols from 7.30pm followed by Mass During the Night at 8pm
Wednesday 25 th Dec	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY – Nativity of the Lord - Solemnity</u> Christmas Day Mass 9.30am
Thursday 26 th Dec	<i>Feast of St Stephen, first martyr</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Friday 27 th Dec	<i>Feast of St John, apostle and evangelist</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Saturday 28 th Dec	<i>Feast of Holy Innocents, martyrs</i> Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 29 th Dec	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Edward Craggs RIP (KC)

People of the Parish

Marian Dmelka birthday
blessings and his healing

Cecilia Davies (KC)

Anne Porter RIP (SB)

Rosemary Prendergast RIP

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, Children's Mass at 4pm

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Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day Mass at 9.30am

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Pauline Cain and John Creaney who died recently. May they Rest in Peace. The funeral Mass for John Creaney will be on Monday 6th January at 12 noon.

THE SICK, ELDERLY, HOUSE BOUND and those in care homes are important members of our parish community, please pray for: Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Veronica Creaney, Peter Lloyd, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Michael Darby and Andrea Burns.

ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME: Gerald Jones, Rose Bailey, Constance Davies, Fr. Frank Hickman OFM Cap. Honoria Lewis, Elizabeth Tettweiler and Susan McCabe.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week it is Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home and next week Steve & Rosemary with proceeds to the Homeless.

FOODBANK DONATIONS: Please keep the donations coming and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. Please do not put food donations in the understairs cupboard. 60kg of food was taken to the warehouse last week. Thank you for your support. Regards Steve

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: We are helping a family whose cooker has broken as well as giving assistance to some families with energy help and Christmas presents. Do contact us if you have anyone in need. Contact can be made via the website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk> or to Steve on 07838089298. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless.

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. **This is your chance to have a say on how this money can be spent – fill out a form today.**

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.

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: We have had our Ofsted inspection this week, the children and staff all worked incredibly hard and I look forward to sharing the report with you in the near future. On Wednesday evening, our Key Stage Two children performed their Christmas Carol Concert at Chester Catholic High School. It was a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story. All the staff and children at St Clare's wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: The Catholic High School wishes you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

ADVENT: Advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning 'arrival' or 'coming'. It's the season before Christmas we use to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love. The liturgical vestments priests wear during the season are purple, matching the candles lit on each Sunday of Advent. Purple is a colour typically associated with penance. "It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope"- Pope Benedict XVI

NEW TO THE PARISH OR JUST VISITING FOR CHRISTMAS? Whichever it is – you are most welcome! Please pick up a leaflet about our Parish at the back of Church. If you are a new Parishioner, please give your details to Fr Patrick or to Paula in the office.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr Neill Robb will be covering for 1st January to 11th January.

MESSAGE FROM FR PATRICK: *As we gather to celebrate this joyous season, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May our hearts be filled with warmth and happiness. Let us also remember in our prayers those who are missing loved ones during this time as it can be a challenging season for many. Wishing you peaceful and happy Christmas season.*



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