

Sunday
5th January 2025

St Clare of Assisi
Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

The Epiphany of the Lord

Christmastide

Psalter week II

Year: C

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 71,
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6,
Matthew 2:1-12



January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

We welcome Fr Neill Robb who will be covering our Masses while Fr Patrick is away until 11th January.

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 4 th Jan	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 5 th Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord – Solemnity Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am
Monday 6 th Jan	Funeral Mass for John Creaney at 12 noon
Tuesday 7 th Jan	Children's Rosary Group 6.20pm St Anthony's Devotions followed by Mass at 7pm
Wednesday 8 th Jan	Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Thursday 9 th Jan	No Mass
Friday 10 th Jan	No Mass
Saturday 11 th Jan	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 12 th Jan	The Baptism of the Lord - feast Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

Eileen Wyatt

People of the Parish

Dale Garrett RIP

Tony Bagot

Debbie & John Dwyer
60th Wedding Anniv (SB)

People of the Parish

CHILDREN'S ROSARY: Children's prayers are especially powerful. The 'Children's Rosary' exists in 43 countries. It is a child-led prayer group aged 4 - 14yrs bringing them closer to God. Rosaries and help supplied, where required. Please bring your children and then stand back as their 'guardian angels', this **Tuesday 7th January at 6.20pm**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 5th January at 9.30am Mass **Faith, Fun & Friendship – Come and join us**



RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Pauline Cain and John Creaney who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

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: Patricia Meacock, Robert Maine, Catherine Galland, Rosemary Bate, George Coathupe, Michael Bradbury, Louisa Dean, Denis Donellan, Arthur Griffith and Annie Jones.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week it is Jenny & Reta with proceeds to the Gardening group and next week it's Sue with proceeds to CAFOD

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 helped with a small cost of living grant this week as well as visited a care home for the homeless. Thank you for the help you give us. Please pass any request for help to us. 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 JANUARY 2025: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

POPE FRANCIS 'THROWS OPEN' HOLY DOOR TO INAUGURATE 2025 JUBILEE: On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and officially inaugurated the 2025 Jubilee of Hope. The Pope said "During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

THE HOLY LAND COORDINATION: A pilgrimage of 12 Bishops who will travel to Jerusalem from 18-23 January 2025. They are going to be present to the Christians who remain in the Holy Land, to let them know they are not forgotten; to pray with them; to encourage pilgrimage to their land; and to advocate on their behalf. Bishop Nicholas Hudson, the Chair of the Dept for International Affairs and Moderator of the Holy Land Coordination asks us to pray: "Heavenly Father, we pray for all who suffer in the Land which your Son made Holy by his birth and life and dying and rising for us. May the Lord Jesus hold them in his Sacred Heart. Send forth again your Spirit to renew the face of the Holy Land and guide its people into the ways of peace and truth and reconciliation. We make this prayer through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen."

OUR SCHOOLS We hope both Staff and Pupils have enjoyed the Christmas break and feel refreshed for the Spring term.

NEW TO THE PARISH OR JUST VISITING? Either way 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.

Many thanks to all of our Parishioners who worked so hard and contributed in so many ways to making our Christmas celebrations so beautiful this year.

Cleaners, flower arrangers, readers, musicians, singers and many more, too many to mention, but equally important and appreciated. - THANK YOU



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