

Sunday
19th January 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Day of Special Prayer for
World Peace**

Psalter week II

Year: C

Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 95;

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

John 2: 1-11



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is this week, 18th- 25th January

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 18 th Jan	Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 19 th Jan	<i>Day of Special Prayer for World Peace (see prayer overleaf)</i> Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am
Monday 20 th Jan	No Mass
Tuesday 21 st Jan	<i>St Agnes, V, M</i> St Anthony's Devotions followed by Mass at 7pm
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	<i>St Vincent, Dc, M</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Thursday 23 rd Jan	Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Friday 24 th Jan	<i>St Francis de Sales, B, D - Memorial</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Saturday 25 th Jan	<i>The Conversion of St Paul, Ap - Feast</i> Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 26 th Jan	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sunday of the Word of God (Pope Francis 2019)</i> <i>Day of Special Prayer for Openness to the Word of God</i> Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

William Bede Godwin RIP
People of the Parish
Agnes Bentley
Carmel and family
In Thanksgiving
Mark Collick
Debbie and John Dwyer (SB)
People of the Parish

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION: The annual collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is this weekend – please place your donation in the basket in the porch. There are no Special Envelopes for this collection. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online – go to <https://donate.mydona.com/shrewsbury-rc-diocesan-trust>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: This Sunday 19th January during 9.30am Mass



Faith, Fun & Friendship



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, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Michael Darby and Andrea Burns.

ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME: Sarah Foxall, Joseph Whelan, Esther Shaw, Michael Ashcroft, Kathleen Saunders, Joseph Ash, Tom Penlington, Jane Flynn, Charles Carson, Teresa Davies, Peter Welsh and Gladys Shanley.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: Please save all of your used postage stamps and place them in the box on the table at the back of Church. They will be re-cycled in aid of Parkinson's UK. Your help is appreciated and every penny counts!

JUBILEE PRAYER: Laminated copies of the Jubilee Prayer are available at the back of Church, please take one.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week its Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to the St Clare's SVP and next week its Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home

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 downstairs cupboard. Thank you for your support.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: Posters are out for the next Theatre Night to raise funds for the Holiday Home. "Pride and Prejudice" on Thursday 6th March 2025 at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tickets £12 from SVP Members. Let us know of anyone in need at this cold time. 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 are coming to the end of seeking your suggestions for project ideas that we can use the OMT funds on. Thank you to those who have participated. ***Please complete one of the forms at the back of the church TODAY.*** If you are not sure what it is all about, please ask Fr Patrick or Jim Walshe or any Parish Council member.

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.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Why not get more involved in the Parish? Whatever your skills - admin, IT, gardening, cleaning, reading, singing, baking, odd jobs etc your help would be greatly appreciated, Email contact@stclares.co.uk

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: It has been another excellent week in school, the children have all settled back into the routine of school following their Christmas break and are working extremely hard. Next week the Year of the Jubilee is launched in school. We are preparing the children to make their pledge of Hope for the world and to consider how they can renew their relationship with God, each other and our planet.

PARISH SECRETARY: Many of you will be aware that, although actually a Parishioner of St Werburgh's and a very active volunteer within that Parish, Paula has also been our Volunteer Secretary here in St Clare's for many years on a Wednesday morning. She first took up the role in Fr Nick's time and he left us in 2005! Understandably she has decided that the time has come to retire, though she will be available for a few weeks to assist/handover to her successor. Fr Patrick has issued the following:

Just to express our heartfelt gratitude to Paula for her many years of dedicated service here in our Parish. Her hard work and commitment have made a significant impact on our community.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE 19th JANUARY 2025:

Forgive us our trespasses, Lord, as we forgive those who trespass against us. In this cycle of forgiveness, grant us your peace, the peace that you alone can give to those who let themselves be disarmed in heart, to those who choose in hope to forgive the debts of their brothers and sisters, to those who are unafraid to confess their debt to you, and to those who do not close their ears to the cry of the poor.

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