

**Sunday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday of the Word of God**

**Psalter week III**

**Year: C**

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ps 18: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

**January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus**

**MASSES AND SERVICES**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan *The Conversion of St Paul, Ap - Feast*

Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm

Rosary 5.40pm

**Vigil Mass 6pm**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan *Sunday of the Word of God (Pope Francis 2019)*

*Day of Special Prayer for Openness to the Word of God*

Confessions: 9am – 9.25am

**Mass 9.30am**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan **No Mass**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan *St Thomas Aquinas, P,D - Memorial*

St Anthony's Devotions followed by

**Mass at 7pm**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Rosary 9.10am

**Mass 9.30am**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Rosary 9.10am

**Mass 9.30am**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan *St John Bosco, P, R - Memorial*

Rosary 9.10am

**Mass 9.30am**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm

Rosary 5.40pm

**Vigil Mass 6pm**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb *The Presentation of the Lord – Feast*

*(Ordinary time week IV)*

Confessions: 9am – 9.25am

**Mass 9.30am**

**INTENTIONS**

Debbie and John Dwyer (SB)

People of the Parish

William Prendergast RIP

Des and Kathy

Catherine Maher

Jacob Maher

Andrew and Ann (KC)

Tessa and Pat Creighton RIP

**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:** William Britlin, Edna Williams, Lesley Jones, William McDonagh, Colette Fitzgerald, Fr. Terry Moore OFM Cap. Josie Blackburn, Mary O'Gorman, Elizabeth Walsh, John Wright and Wilf Bromley.

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** Our next Theatre Night to raise funds for the Holiday Home. "Pride and Prejudice" on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tickets £12 from SVP Members. Ink jet cartridges can be left in the box at the Church Doors. They are recycled and bring in some funds for the Holiday Home. 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. God bless.

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS:** This week it's Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home and next week it's Jenny and Rita with proceeds to the Church Garden Group.

**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 under stairs cupboard. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**HEALING MASS AT ST WERBURGH'S:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2.30 pm, with an opportunity for the Sacrament of the Sick at the end. Refreshments afterwards. Everyone warmly welcome.

**THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: SEN Admin Support Role - Temporary Cover** until the Easter holidays with a possibility of extension after that. You would need to be organised, ability to use databases, Microsoft and be able to communicate with staff, parents and external bodies. 8am to 4pm Monday to Thursday and 8am to 3.30pm Friday with 30 minutes lunch each day. £12.65 to £13.06 per hour depending on experience. Please contact [kilcoynea@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:kilcoynea@christofidelis.org.uk) for more information.

**BEATIFICATION OF SISTER CLARE CROCKETT:** 1982 – 2016. Sr Clare was a truly inspirational young “Derry girl” from Northern Ireland, a self-confessed “superficial wild child”, who, to the amazement of her family, became a Nun in Spain. She tragically died in an earthquake in Ecuador, aged 33. On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January the Beatification process formally opened with a ceremony at the Cathedral of Alcalá de Henares in Madrid, Spain, as reported here:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/261527/sister-clare-crockett-s-beatification-cause-opens-in-spain> This You Tube film of her life, with Sister Clare herself, was made 6 years ago and is a “must watch” – particularly as Clare was a very relatable young woman of our times, a modern-day sister of our Patron Saint Clare in name and hopefully soon to be also in Sainthood. “All or Nothing: Sister Clare Crockett” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0LKZm2BqZo>

**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** welcomed in the 'Jubilee Year of Hope' with pride this week. We had a day of prayer and activities to mark this momentous occasion. The children thought about the world we live in and reflected on the many injustices faced. We made Promises of Hope to consider how we can be Pilgrims of Hope to others. We invited Father Patrick to join us as we walked through our 'Door of Hope' sharing the messages we had written. We have planned many activities this Jubilee Year; we hope to be able to invite parishioners to some of the events we have planned.

**HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH:** The CHS launched the Jubilee 2025 with the Celebration of the Word for each year group, followed by the opening of a handmade "Holy Door", built as a symbol of our commitment to bring hope to people. We welcome parishioners' ideas on how we could bring hope to our community, email: [lgasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:lgasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk).

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

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS:** Please put your used postage stamps in the box at the back of Church for Parkinson's UK.

**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](mailto:contact@stclares.co.uk)

**FROM FR PATRICK:** This is a reminder that, as usual, the office time of the Parish Secretary is scheduled for Wednesday mornings. The Secretary will be available to meet Parishioners in the Parish room starting at 10 o'clock. If you have any requests or need assistance, please feel free to meet the Secretary during this time.

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**If you wish to donate to St Clare's:** Bank sort code 30 15 52 Acct 5479560 or see Mike Russell for a standing order.

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