

**Sunday**  
**16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT**  
**Ordinary Time Week VI**  
**Psalter week II**  
**Year: C**  
**Jeremiah 17:5-8**  
**Psalm 1:1**  
**1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20:**  
**Luke 6:17. 20-26**



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***February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

**Masses & Devotions**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm  
Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm  
**Mass 6 pm**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> VI Sunday in OT  
Confessions 9-9:30 am  
**Mass 9:30**  
Baptism 1 pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> *Seven Founders of the Order of Servites*

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> (St Anthony devotion) **Mass 7:00 pm**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> **Mass 9:30 am**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> **Mass 9:30 am**  
*Adoration 10 to 10:30 am*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> **Mass 9:30 am** *St Peter Damian*

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm  
Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm  
**Mass 6 pm**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> VII Sunday in OT  
Confessions 9-9:30 am  
**Mass 9:30**

**INTENTIONS**

Judy Kearney Birthday (SB)

*Pro populo*

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Suzanne Stanton RIP

Edward Craggs (SB)

Joe Poole-Prendergast

Eloise Maher

Laura & Seb Hands & family (KC)

*Pro populo*

**Children's Liturgy:** This Sunday during the 9:30 Mass. Faith, fun and friendship!

**Baptism:** many congratulations to Albert, Phoebe and Roman who were baptized last Sunday, as well as Aria who was baptized the other week. Congratulations to Bernadette and her family who was the first baptism in the Parish for 2025! Best wishes to all the families.

**Holy Rosary:** we are looking to organize a talk on the devotion of the Holy Rosary. The aim would be to deepen our understanding and appreciate this wonderful devotion. To register your interest please email: [contact@stclares.co.uk](mailto:contact@stclares.co.uk)

**Parish & School Quiz night:** scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:30 pm in the school. Tony will be our quiz master! Bring your own drinks. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be served. Sign up at the back of Church.

**\*\*\*Attention Gift Aid Donors\*\*\*:** The tax year 2024/25 will be ending on the 5th of April, the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme), please contact Mike Russell on 07883199628 by the 5th of April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

**Lache Road Improvements:** Local residents and businesses are invited to two drop-in sessions to be held at the Lache Community Centre on Saturday 22 February 10am-1pm and Thursday 27 February 4-7pm, to view emerging designs aimed at managing traffic to make it safer to walk, wheel and cycle and improving the way the area looks and feels. Following the endorsement of the Lache Action Plan in November 2023, the Council has been progressing design development which has had input from a local residents' stakeholder group. If you would like the proposals and survey in an alternative format, please email [chesterlocality@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:chesterlocality@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) quoting reference Lache Action Plan. Please take a look at the plans and images of the proposals and give us your feedback using the survey at Hawthorn Road / Poplar Place Traffic Management | Cheshire West and Chester Council.

**Vacancy:** A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at St Clare's Parish, Downsfield Road, Chester. CH4 8HH. 4 hours per week @ £14 per hour. For further details, please see the Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Friday 28 February 2025.

**St Clare's SVP Conference.** Unfortunately, this week the Youth Mass in Ellesmere Port has been cancelled. Another event may occur in the Autumn. Please keep the ink jet cartridges coming. Every little helps! Theatre Night tickets are selling well. *Pride and Prejudice*. Thursday 6th March 7:30 pm. Please contact any SVP member about help or theatre tickets. 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.

**Foodbank Donations** Please keep the donations coming and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Alter of the Sacred Heart. They will be taken to the Warehouse at the month's end. Regards Steve

**Tea & Coffee** after Sunday 9.30 Mass. This week its Elaine & Catherine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP Conference and next week Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home funds.

**News from the Catholic High School:** Jubilee Year, the chaplain and the students at the CHS would like to hear from parishioners about ideas on how the school could bring hope to our community ( [gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk) ).

**Prayer & spirituality workshop:**

Free course! The approach offered by these workshops is gentle, inspiring, nourishing and encouraging. Leaflets at the back of the church. If you wish to know more or how to sign up contact: [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Caritas: Catholic Social Teaching: An online course for staff and volunteers in parishes.** Five one-hour Zoom sessions each Tuesday in March and 1<sup>st</sup> April. Fee is £95 which includes a copy of Raymond Friel's book, *Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction for Schools, Parishes, and Charities*. Contact: [bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk](mailto:bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk).

**Concert** on Friday the 21st Feb – St Werburgh' Church: - Wonderful Popular Choral Classics, from 16<sup>th</sup> century Motets to 20<sup>th</sup> century "*Songs from the Shows*". Charity concert - collection in aid of Parkinson's Research UK (for more information please contact: [parishpriest@stwerburghchester.co.uk](mailto:parishpriest@stwerburghchester.co.uk)).

**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, Rob Davies and Andrea Burns.

**ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME:** Elsie Willett, Robert Caldwell, Annie Morrell, Patricia Feeney, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Alex Dignon, Antonio Ippoliti, Joseph Fenlon, Peter Lavender and Rose Edwards.

**St Clare's SVP:** website: [stclaressvp.co.uk](http://stclaressvp.co.uk) or Email: [bonsallstephen2@gmail.com](mailto:bonsallstephen2@gmail.com)

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**Church Cleaning:** Mary Axon [maryaxon42@gmail.com](mailto:maryaxon42@gmail.com)

**Parish Office hours:** Wednesday 10 am to 12 noon (Parish Room)

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