

Sunday 9th February 2025

5th Sunday in OT
Ordinary Time Week V

Psalter week I

Year: C

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8,
Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8,
1 Corinthians 15:1-11,
Luke 5:1-11



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon
(Parish Room)

St Clare of Assisi

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

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 8 th Feb	Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Rosary 5.40pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 9 th Feb	V Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am (enrolment for First Communion) Baptism 11:30 <i>St Scholastica</i>
Monday 10 th	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Tuesday 11 th	Mass 7pm
Wednesday 12 th	Rosary 9:10 Mass 9:30
Thursday 13 th	Rosary 9:10 Mass 9:30 Adoration 10-10:30
Friday 14 th	Rosary 9:10 Mass 9:30 St Cyril, Mk and Methodius (Patrons of Europe)
Saturday 15 th	Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm Mass 6 pm
Sunday 16 th	VI Sunday in OT Confessions 9-9:30 am Mass 9:30 Baptism 13 o'clock

INTENTIONS

Edward Craggs (KC)

Ann Leach RIP

Mark Connor RIP

Kirsten & Mike Davies & family (KC)

Anne Fisher RIP

Jude Prendergast

Judy Kearney Birthday (SB)

Pro populo

Enrolment at Mass on Sunday: all the children who are going to do their first communion will be present at the 9:30 am Mass, in order to receive their medals. This is a chance for them to present themselves and for us as a Parish to pray and give them encouragement in the Faith.

Parish & School Quiz night: scheduled for the 28th of February at 19:30 in the school. Tony will be our quiz master! Bring your own drinks. Tea, coffee and some nibbles will be served. Sign up at the back of Church.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week it is organized by Sue for CAFOD and next week it will be Elaine and Catherine with proceeds to SVP.

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: St Clare's Catholic Primary School would like to invite you to walk our Prayer Trail in the school hall on Tuesday 11th February between 3.45 and 5pm. Each class has created a small station of Hope to continue to mark the Year of the Jubilee. I am thrilled to share that we have been able to publish our Ofsted report following our inspection in December 2024. It is now on our website. We are proud of the report, as it encapsulates many of the strengths of our school.

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 Closing date Friday 28 February 2025.

An open Church: the idea has been circulating to have volunteers to keep the Church open for prayer during the week, volunteering would be for half an hour or an hour, with ideally two volunteers to steward the Church at each given moment.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: Tickets for "Pride and Prejudice" at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight on Thursday 6th March at 7:30pm. £12 each with all proceeds to the Holiday Home funds. 6 local families had a holiday there last year, who otherwise would not have had a holiday. Let us know of anyone in need at this cold time. Contact via the website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk> or to Steve on 07838089298.

Many thanks for the food donations, 20kg of food was taken to the warehouse (trolley in the cupboard next to the confessional).

OUR MISSION TOGETHER: We are at the end of the time for suggestions for project ideas that we can use the OMT funds on. Thank you to those who have made some very interesting suggestions. The Parish Council will now consider the next steps in line with the Diocese's guidelines.

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH: During the 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).

Retirement Mass - Canon Francis Doyle

To celebrate this special occasion and to thank Canon Francis for his service to his parishes and to the Diocese there will be a Mass on Friday 14th February at Our Lady of the Rosary Church at 7pm presided by Bishop Peter. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the church hall for refreshments to continue the celebration.

If you are able to attend please contact Anna via email at webmaster@buckleycatholicchurch.org.uk or by phone on 07961579979 together with the number of people from your Parish or group looking to attend. This is purely to give us some idea of numbers to help with the catering. Everyone is welcome.

GROWTH IN HOLINESS: PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP

Free course! The approach offered by these workshops is gentle, inspiring, nourishing and encouraging. They are not concerned with academic study, but with formation for prayer and spiritual growth. Leaflets at the back of the church. If you wish to know more or how to sign up contact: 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 1st April. For parishioners who are not familiar with Catholic Social Teaching. The 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.

CONCERT – FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY – ST WERBURGH'S CHURCH: - full of wonderful Popular Choral Classics, from Sixteenth Century Motets to Twentieth Century Songs from the Shows. A Charity concert - collection on exit in aid of Parkinson's Research UK.

National Marriage Week for 2025 runs between the 7th-14th of February. Please pray for all marriages during this week. You will find some resources on the diocesan website, in particular a novena for marriage week and prayer. The Novena has also been arranged in Booklet form and can be downloaded and printed off as needed. There is also a link to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, to the message from Bishop Bosco MacDonald, who is the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life

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: Andrew Tooth, Mary Blackburn, Patrick O'Gorman, Evelyn Bennett, John Harran, Mabel Dobson, Fr. Bede Walton OFM Cap. Margaret Horrocks, Francis Thomas, Charles Roden, Joan Carter, Ann Leach William Smith and Fr. Bernardine Comerford OFM Cap.

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Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available

Choir and music for Sunday Mass: Kate Hughes kate.hughes@me.com

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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. St Clare's Parish is part of the Diocese of Shrewsbury, Reg. Charity 234025