

Sunday
23rd February 2025

7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Week VII

Psalter week III

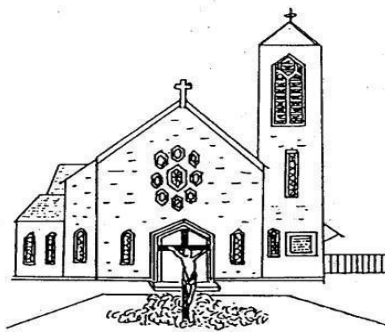
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1 Samuel 26: 2. 7-9. 11-13. 22-23

Psalms 102;

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6: 27-38



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St Clare of Assisi

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

Masses & Devotions

Saturday 22nd

Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm

Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm

Mass 6 pm

Sunday 23rd

VII Sunday in OT

Confessions 9-9:30 am

Mass 9:30 am

Monday 24th

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Tuesday 25th

(Devotion to St Anthony) **Mass 7pm**

Wednesday 26th

Mass 9:30 am

Thursday 27th

Mass 9:30 am

Adoration 10 am-10:30 am

Friday 28th

Mass 9:30 am (*abstinence from eating meat*)

Saturday 1st

St David

Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm

Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm

Mass 6 pm

Sunday 2nd

VIII Sunday in OT

Confessions 9-9:30 am

Mass 9:30 am

INTENTIONS

Laura & Seb Hands & family (KC)

Pro populo

Thanksgiving

Colin Craggs (KC)

Gabriella Prendergast

Iestyn RIP

Roger Jones

Pro populo

(*Rosary 15 minutes before 9:30 Mass each weekday and before 6pm Mass on Saturday evening*)*

Baptism: many congratulations to Cillian Francis and his family on the wonderful occasion of his baptism!

The Catechism teaches us that: "since the earliest times, Baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit; children are baptized in the faith of the Church. Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" Catechism of the Catholic Church 1282

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

Parish & School Quiz night: scheduled for the 28th 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.

Choir: There will be a Singing Practice this coming Thursday 27th February at 7:30 pm in the Choir Loft. We need more singers if we are going to be able to give praise to the Lord in song every Sunday and we also have a new hymn to learn in this Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope. If the Lord has blessed you with a voice that can sing in tune, then please consider joining our music group.

Also to note that a few hymns are sung at Saturday evening Mass 6pm. If you would like to volunteer and play either Organs, pipe or electric in Church this would be greatly appreciated.

Lache Road Improvements: Local residents and businesses are invited to two drop-in sessions to be held at the Lache Community Centre on Thursday 27 February 4-7pm.

Please email chesterlocality@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk quoting reference Lache Action Plan.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year: You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Easter Treat: there is a request for Cadbury cream eggs to be donated for the chickens (not real ones!) to be knitted, proceeds will go to Cafod.

Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at St Clare's Parish, Downsfield Road, Chester. CH4 8HH. £14 per hour. 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.

St Clare's SVP Conference: More Theatre Night tickets have become available. *Pride and Prejudice* Thursday 6th March. Contact any SVP member for tickets. if you know of anyone needing help at this time do contact us via the website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk> or to Steve on 07838089298. Keep safe and as well as possible.

Teas & Coffees after Sunday 9.30 Mass: This week it's Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home funds and next week it will be Rita & Jenny with proceeds to the upkeep of the Church Gardens.

Foodbank Donations Please keep the donations coming and put the food on the trolley next to the Parish library.

Prayer & spirituality workshop: Free course! The approach offered by these workshops is gentle, inspiring, nourishing and encouraging. Leaflets at the back of the church. 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. 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

Update on the Parish Room: It has been noted that the Parish Room has not always been left tidy after use. It would be appreciated if you could leave the room clean and tidy as other groups are going to use it as well.

In order to book the room please contact Fr Patrick: frpatrick.breeze@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Our Mission Together: Update for OMT available in the Parish Room.

Maintenance: Work on the Tower, the team was on-site all of Friday, the gutter has been reconnected and new netting has been placed in order to stop the birds perching in on the Tower.

Gardening: Volunteers are always welcome to help out on the grounds of the Church, the plan would be to have a day a week when we can focus on beautifying our surroundings.

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: Gerry McGrath, Marie Quirk, Winifred Morris, John Lynch, Anthony Haycock, Terence Laverty, Mary Hughes, Laura Barlow, Zoe Campbell, Steven Gentile and Roger Jones.

St Clare's SVP: website: stclaressvp.co.uk or Email: bonsallstephen2@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Bernise Whitley. Email: safeguarding@stclares.co.uk

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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

Church Cleaning: Mary Axon maryaxon42@gmail.com

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

If you wish to donate to St Clare's: Bank sort code 30 15 52 Acct 54579560 or see Mike Russell for a standing order. St Clare's Parish is part of the Diocese of Shrewsbury, Reg. Charity 234025