

**Sunday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time Week VIII**  
**Psalter week IV**  
**Year: C**  
**Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7**  
**Psalm 91;**  
**1 Corinthians 15:54-58**  
**Luke 6: 39-45**



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## St Clare of Assisi

*March is dedicated to St Joseph patron of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people.*

### Masses & Devotions

### INTENTIONS

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>St David</i>	
	Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm	
	Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm	
	<b>Mass 6 pm</b>	Roger Jones
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	VIII Sunday in OT	
	Confessions 9-9:30 am	
	<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	<i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	-
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children's rosary 6:15 pm	
	<b>Mass 7pm</b> (preceded by St Anthony devotion)	Ann Leach RIP
<b>Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>(Day of fasting and abstinence from eating meat)</i>	
	<b>9:30 Mass</b> (with St Clares' School community in attendance)	
	<b>6 pm Mass</b>	Mark Collick RIP
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> ***	<b>*7pm Mass</b> clergy retreat day (proposed Mass time change during Lent)	Christine Long RIP
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9:30 am Mass</b> <i>St Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i> (abstinence from eating meat)	Lorenzo Mansutti
	3pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rosary 9:00 am during Lent (Intention for world peace)	
	Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm	
	Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm	
	<b>Mass 6 pm</b>	Tony Williams (SB)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	VIII Sunday in OT	
	Morning Prayer 9 am	
	Confessions 9-9:30 am	
	<b>Mass 9:30 am</b>	<i>Pro populo</i>

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

**Baptism:** many congratulations to Jonathan and his family on the wonderful occasion of his baptism last Saturday!

The Catechism teaches us that:” baptism not only purifies from all sin, but also makes the neophyte ‘a new creature,’ an adopted son of God, who has become a ‘partaker of the divine nature’ member of Christ and coheir with Him, and temple of the Holy Spirit.” Catechism of the Catholic Church 1265

**Time change:** Mass on Thursday to maybe 6pm or 7pm, to enable those who are working to attend Mass during the week, let your opinions be known at [contact@stclares.co.uk](mailto:contact@stclares.co.uk)

**St Clare’s SVP Conference:** Last call for the Night tickets available. *Pride and Prejudice* Thursday 6th March. 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.

**Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass:** This week Rita & Jenny with proceeds to the upkeep of the Church Gardens (any ideas or advice on planting more shrubs or plants on the grounds?) and next week its Sue with proceeds to CAFOD.

**Foodbank Donations:** 27kg of food were taken to the warehouse this week. Thanks for the donations. Please keep these coming and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. They will be taken to the Warehouse at the month’s end. Regards Steve

**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)

**\*\*\*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.

**Music:** 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.

**Easter Treat:** request for Cadbury cream eggs to be donated for the chickens to be knitted, proceeds will go to Cafod. Note also that we bid farewell in the liturgy to the *Alleluia* from this Sunday till Easter.

**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](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)

**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, especially cutting the grass. The hope is to set up a rota to cut the grass as the saying goes; “many hands make light work”. Contact: [contact@stclares.co.uk](mailto:contact@stclares.co.uk)

**Retreat:** “Jubilee Retreat with a Focus on the Family. Come and learn about the biblical roots of a year of jubilee and why a jubilee year includes an Important focus on the family.”

Venue: St. Columba’s Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA Date & Time: Saturday 15th March 2025, 09.45 am- 1.00 pm To register and for more information, please get in touch with Monika Golembiewska at [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07549 226794 or [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**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:** Philip Walsh, Charlie Lawrence, Patricia Cleaver, Kevin McCarthy, James McMahan, Mary Mughan, James Randles, Arnold Crowther, Albert Waters, Antony Arcari, Patrick Casey, Gerard Huxley, John Williams and Mary Pink.

**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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**Chester Hospitals’ Chaplaincy:** Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available

**Choir and music for Sunday Mass:** Kate Hughes [kate.hughes@me.com](mailto:kate.hughes@me.com)

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

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