

Sunday
9th March 2025

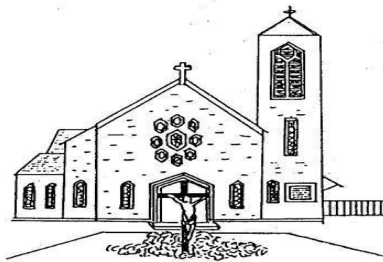
1st Sunday in
Lent

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Psalm 90

Romans 10: 8-13

Luke 4: 1-13



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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

Saturday 8th

Rosary 9:00 am during Lent (Intention for world peace)

Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm

Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm

Mass 6 pm

Tony Williams (SB)

Sunday 9th

First Sunday in Lent

Morning Prayer 9 am

Confessions 9-9:30 am

Mass 9:30 am

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Monday 10th

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Tuesday 11th

St Antony devotion and **Mass 7pm**

Mark Collick

Wednesday 12th

Mass 9:30 am

Colin Craggs (KC)

Thursday 13th

Adoration 5:30

Mass 6:30 pm

Eileen Prendergast RIP

Friday 14th

Mass 9:30 am

James Prendergast

Saturday 15th

Rosary 9:00 am during Lent (Intention for world peace)

Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm

Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm

Mass 6 pm

Huw Evans

****(Rosary 15 minutes before 9:30 Mass each weekday, except Tuesday & Sunday, and before 6pm Mass on Saturday evening)****

"The Season of Lent; is the solemn forty days in which the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." Catechism of the Catholic Church, 540.

St Clare's SVP Conference: A great night was had at Pride & Prejudice on Thursday raising over £1000 or more to the Holiday Home running and capital costs. Thanks to all for your support. A double bed was delivered to a beneficiary. Contact can be made via the website <https://stclaresvp.co.uk> or to Steve on 07838089298. Keep safe and as well as possible.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 am Mass: This week it's Sue with proceeds to CAFOD and next week Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP. All are welcome!

Foodbank Donations: 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

St Clare's School: It has been a wonderful week at St Clare's Catholic Primary School this week. We had the joy of attending Holy Mass and receiving the ashes on Ash Wednesday with the parish.

We have also enjoyed celebrating the hard work of all our pupils with their families through two Parents Evenings. Finally, we finished the week celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book character and spending the day celebrating literature and authors. Regards, Lucy.

Choir: There will be singing practice next Thursday, March 13th, at 7.30 p.m. Sadly, there were no new faces at our last Singing Practice and we really need more singers if we are going to be able to praise the Lord in song at our Sunday Mass.

Job offer: Attendance Officer position at the Catholic High. Full details including the application form can be found on our website Vacancies - The Chester Catholic High School.

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

Regular Giving to the Parish: For those parishioners who have used planned giving envelopes during 2024/25, new boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 6th April are now available in the porch. If you wish to set up a Standing Order in favour of the Parish or have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so, then please either see Mike Russell after Mass or contact him on 07883 199628.

Easter Treat: request for Cadbury cream eggs to be donated for the chickens to be knitted, proceeds will go to Cafod.

Retreat: "Biblical roots of the Jubilee year 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 Mobile: 07549 226794 or jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

***** 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.

Talk: On Thursday 20th March at 7pm in the Cathedral Parish Room (in Shrewsbury) you are invited to a Lent talk on the theme Pilgrims of Hope by Mrs Natalie Orefice, Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis. In his Message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "journey together in hope," and to take the opportunity of the upcoming Lenten Season to ask ourselves whether we are truly willing to heed God's call to change our lives. This also reflects the theme of the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope.' For Further details please contact Natalie Orefice Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07730 526826.

Lent Series of Talks on Faith, Hope and Love: with Mrs Natalie Orefice and Fr David Irwin at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hope Rd, Sale M33 3BF. At 7pm on 18th & 25th March and 1st April. The evening will conclude with Adoration and Compline. For Further details please contact Natalie Orefice Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07730 526826.

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: Mary Bride, Elizabeth McHugh, Joseph Morrell, May Kilduff, Mary Cummins, Mary Patterson, Edward Eccleston and Christine Long.

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

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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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