

Sunday
16th March 2025

**2nd Sunday in
Lent**

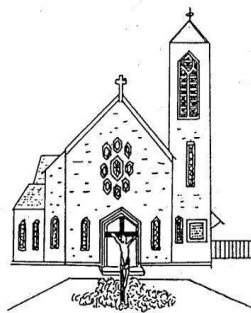
Genesis 15: 5-12. 17-18

Psalm 26

Philippians 3: 17- 4:1

Luke 9:28-36

St Clare of Assisi



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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

INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 15 th | 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 |
| Sunday 16 th | 2nd Sunday in Lent Confessions 9-9:30 am Mass 9:30 am | <i>Pro populo</i> |
| Monday 17 th | - | |
| Tuesday 18 th | St Antony devotion and Mass 7pm | Joseph Watson RIP & Bridget Watson RIP |
| Wednesday 19 th | Mass 9:30 am | Rosemary Prendergast RIP |
| Thursday 20 th | Adoration 5:30 Mass 6:30 pm | Andrew Prendergast |
| Friday 21 st | Mass 9:30 am (Stations 3 pm) | James McGill RIP |
| Saturday 22 nd | Rosary 9:00 am during Lent (Intention for persecuted Christians) Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm Mass 6 pm | David Brown RIP (SB) |
| Sunday 23 rd | 3 rd Sunday in Lent Confessions 9-9:30 am Mass 9:30 am | <i>Pro populo</i> |

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

“Lent is a journey that involves our whole life, our entire being. It is a time to reconsider the roads we are taking, to find the way back home, to rediscover the fundamental bond with God, on which everything depends.”

Pope Francis

Children’s liturgy: Faith, Friendship & Fun, at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday. All are welcome!

St Clare's SVP Conference: Our Holiday Home weeks have filled up and we now have 7 families confirmed for the year. Our 4 allocated weeks have expanded to 7 through using unallocated "Free weeks". Overall 16 weeks are booked and all 31 weeks are allocated. Let us know of anyone in need and we will help if we can? 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 am Mass: This week its Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP and next week its Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home.

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 .

News from School: Year Six are working really hard in preparation for their tests in May, please keep them in your prayers. Our pupils preparing for the Sacraments for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion enjoyed a session with Father Patrick on Tuesday in Church. He was very impressed with their knowledge.

From Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: You are invited by Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to join them in prayer, saying the Rosary together via Zoom on Wednesdays during Lent. Details from secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

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.

CAFOD family fast day: This collection is being held at each Mass this weekend, please place your donation in the basket left out in the porch. Special envelopes for the collection are also available in the Porch.

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.

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: Phyllis Beane, Mona Kirby, Ann McGarry, Nora Donnelly and Martin McAllister-Turner.

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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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