

Sunday
6th April 2025
5th Sunday in
Lent

Isaiah 43: 16-21;
Psalm 125;
Philippians 3: 8-14;
John 8: 1-11

St. Clare of Assisi



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April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Spirit.

Masses & Devotions

Saturday 5th

Adoration (4:30 pm -5:30 pm)

Confessions (5:30 pm -6 pm)

6pm Mass

Intentions

People of the Parish

Sunday 6th

5th Sunday in Lent

Confession (9-9:30 am)

9.30am Mass alongside Children's liturgy

Dott Bell (RIP)

Monday 7th

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Tuesday 8th

7pm Mass (Devotion to Saint Anthony)

Baby Camet Pandya-Tuffs (RIP)

Wednesday 9th

9:30am Mass

Lilian Maguire

Thursday 10th

Adoration (5:30-6:30pm)

6:30pm Mass

Rosemary Pendergast (RIP)

Friday 11th

9:30am Mass

Stations of the Cross (3pm)

Rose (RIP)

Saturday 12th

Adoration (4:30 pm -5:30 pm)

Confession (5:30 pm -6 pm)

6pm Mass

Alena Omelkova (RIP)

Sunday 13th

6th Sunday in Lent

Confession (9-9:30 am)

9:30am Mass

People of the Parish

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

St Clare's SVP Conference: A bed frame was provided for a family last week and a homeless gentleman has been housed. A meeting is taking place with those in need in the local area through the NHS Social Prescribing initiative. Contact SVP via the website (<https://stclaressvp.co.uk>) or by messaging Steve (07838089298) to inform them of those in need.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9:30am Mass: This week Jenny and Rita will host, with proceeds going towards the Church Garden fund. Next week, organised by Sue, the proceeds will be donated to CAFOD.

Foodbank Donations: Thank you for your donations! 43Kg of food was taken to the warehouse this week. Please keep donations coming and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. Regards, Steve.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy at The Catholic High School: For information about this opportunity, please visit www.christofidelis.org.uk. Closing date: 12pm on Wednesday 23rd April. Applications should be returned via email to Andrew Kilcoyne (kilcoynea@christofidelis.org.uk).

Fundraiser for the RNLI: A fundraiser will take place outside the 200 Degrees coffee shop on Bridge Street on Saturday 3rd May from 10:00 - 15:00. If you would be happy to volunteer for an hour plus, please email frances.douglas2@btemail.com.

Prom Dresses and Suits Wanted: The Catholic High School is welcoming donations of dresses and suits for the upcoming 'Prom Shop' sale. Donations may be dropped off at the school reception (Old Wrexham Road, CH4 7HS). Thank you.

Supporting the Vocation to Marriage & Family Life:

Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various ways you can help. Event details: 7th of June 2025 between 9.30am-4.00pm in the Parish Hall of Holy Angels Church (Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG).

To Register and for More Information please contact: Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or Jane at jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: There will be an informal meeting on Wednesday 9 April at 7pm in St Columba's (Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA) to reflect on the role and purpose of the Hospitality and to develop a more unified vision with parishioners. All members are welcome. Please email secretary @ teamshrewsbury.co.uk if you would like to attend.

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: "To all Cadbury Cream Egg donors, thank you so much for your generosity. I now have enough eggs for all my chicks. Happy Easter to all!" – Stella Brown

May 11th Bring- Your-Own-Food for Parish Shared Lunch: We are planning a shared lunch next month in the primary school, when we hope parishioners will bring along food items to eat together. Mark the date in your diary and come along for a coffee, lunch and to take part in a raffle. Further details to follow in upcoming weeks. Email your interest in participating in this event to contact@stclares.co.uk or sign up in Church.

Upcoming Tour of Relics: A Tour of the Relics of St. Columba, St. Andrew and St. Margaret will be held at St. Anne's Church in Rock Ferry on the weekend of April 25th. All are free to attend!

The sick, elderly and housebound, 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 Around this Time (6th April - 12th April): Adelaide Regan, Kathleen Spilsbury, Mark Waters, Denis Murphy, James Penlington, Wilfred Kavanagh and Tom Foxall.

Proposed Times for the Easter Triduum: 7pm on Holy Thursday (watching till 10pm), 3pm on Good Friday and an 8pm Easter Vigil. If you have any feedback or ideas, please email Yana at contact@stclares.co.uk.

Passing on the Baton: We extend our thanks to Paula upon her retirement from her role as Parish Secretary. "A very big thank you to St. Clare's parishioners for the lovely card, chocs and fizz. I have loved my 20 plus years at St. Clare's, thank you for all the wonderful support!" -Paula. Yana, the new secretary for the parish, commenced her role at the end of March- ensure to say hello the next time you see her!

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Diocesan Safeguarding Co-Ordinator: Andrew O'Brien, Email: Andrew.obrien@DioceseofShrewsbury.org

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