Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34. 37-43 Psalm 117 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-9

St. Clare of Assisi



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Happy Easter! Alleluia Alleluia!

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit.

| Masses & Devotions | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | Intentions |
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| Saturday 19 th | Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm | |
| | Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm | |
| | Easter Vigil Mass 8pm | |
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| Sunday 20 th | Easter Sunday | |
| | Confessions 9-9:30 am | |
| | Mass 9:30am | People of the Parish |
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| Monday 21 st | - | |
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| Tuesday 22 nd | Devotion to St. Anthony before | |
| | Mass 7pm | Clare Harrison (RIP) |
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| Wednesday 23 rd | Mass 9:30am | Andrew Prendergast |
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| Thursday 24 th | Adoration before Mass 6:30pm | The ancestors of the Whitlock family |
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| Friday 25 th | Mass 9:30am | Helen Notter (RIP) |
| | Wedding Nina & Louis 13:30 | |
| Saturday 26 th | Adoration before Mass 6pm | People of the Parish |
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| Sunday 27 th | Divine Mercy Sunday | |
| • | Mass 9:30am | The ancestors of the Whitlock family |
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(Rosary 15 minutes before 9:30 Mass each weekday, except Tuesday & Sunday, and before 6pm Mass on Saturday evening)

St Clare's SVP Conference. Thanks to those dropping off ink cartridges to raise money for the holiday home. A washing machine was delivered to a beneficiary family this week and a carpet fitted for another. Visiting continues and provides some joy this Easter time. Let us know if there is anyone in need and we will help if we can. Please contact SVP via the website (https://stclaressvp.co.uk) or by messaging Steve (07838089298) to inform them of those in need. Keep safe and well, Steve.

Tea & Coffee after 9.30am Mass on Sundays. This weekend, Catherine and Elaine are selling new gardening gloves and accessories, with all proceeds heading straight to the SVP. Next week, it's Veronica and Mike raising money for the Holiday Home.

Foodbank Donations: Please keep donations coming, placing 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.

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.

The wedding of Nina Clayton to Louis Chang is being celebrated on Friday, April 25th. Nina is second daughter of Rosa Florio-Clayton and the late Nigel Clayton. We wish them well for their future life together.

Supporting the Vocation to Marriage & Family Life: Join Jane Deegan, the Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation, for a retreat day on the 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

Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (<u>www.retrouvaille.org.uk</u>) helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. The next date for the programme is the 20-22nd of June this year. Please make contact for further information (0788 7296983).

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.

Hope Through Action: A Free Parish Training session for parish teams responding to poverty will take place on Saturday 26 April (10am–12pm) at St Catherine's, Didsbury. To learn more and book, please visit: www.tickettailor.com/events/resolvepoverty/1633068.

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!

Please pray for the sick, elderly and housebound, including 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: 20th April - 26th April Winifred Tyldesley, Hargaret O' Connor, Edward Aspinall, and Anna Brennan.

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Parish Office hours: Wednesday 8.30am to 1pm (Parish House).

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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