

Sunday
11th May 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13: 14. 43-52
Psalm 99
Apocalypse 7: 9. 14-17
John 10: 27-30

St. Clare of Assisi



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The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses & Devotions

Saturday 10th

Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm

Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm

Mass 6pm

Intentions

The birthday of Enzo Mansutti

Sunday 11th

Confessions 9-9:30 am

Mass 9:30am

People of the Parish

Monday 12th

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Tuesday 13th

Mass 7pm (St Anthony devotions)

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Wednesday 14th

Mass 9:30am

The ancestors of the Whitlock Family

Thursday 15th

Mass 6.30pm (5:30 pm Adoration)

Valerie Whitlock rip

Friday 16th

Mass 9:30am

John Davies

Saturday 17th

Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm

Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm

Mass 6pm

Kathy Craggs and Father Emeka (birthday) KC

Sunday 18th

Confessions 9-9.30am

Mass 9:30am (children liturgy of the word)

People of the Parish

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

Let's celebrate the election of Pope Leo XIV with a shared lunch at school after Sunday Mass! All are welcome!
Free event.

St Clare's SVP Conference: We are fortunate to have received a donation from a parishioner of St Anthony's who wanted to give to the SVP locally as their Church doesn't have an SVP Conference. The Chester District have also helped us out with funds. We have booked another local family to the HH for the last week of the season. Please contact SVP via the website (<https://stclaressvp.co.uk>) or by messaging Steve (07838089298) to inform us of those in need. Keep safe and well, Steve.

Tea & Coffee after 9.30am Mass on Sundays (to take place in **school** and combine with the Parish lunch). This week, Sue will host with proceeds going to CAFOD, while next week Catherine and Elaine will raise funds for to St Clare's SVP.

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.

Singing Practice: There will be a Practice on Thursday, May 15th, after Evening Mass so please come along everybody!

Day of Formation in Liturgical Prayer & Sacred Music: A day of study, prayer, music and reflection. Led by Fr Guy Nicholls, Director of the St John Henry Newman Institute of Liturgical Music. Saturday 28th June at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton Street, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. A practical day course on understanding the Liturgy and use of Sacred Music within Mass. Begins at 11am and ends with a sung Mass at 5pm. Cost £5 per person (suggested donation payable on the day). Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. To book or for more information, please email stockportshrine@gmail.com

Lourdes Hospitality: Following a very positive meeting held in early April, where we explored the role of the Hospitality, you are invited to continue this reflection at a further meeting. We hope to build on the previous lively discussions and consider areas for further development. The meeting will take place on Wed 21 May at 7pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. Please confirm your attendance at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk.

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 (www.retrouvaille.org.uk) 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).

National Conference: Re-imagining Baptism: A conference for all on Saturday May 10th in Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Archdiocese of Southwark. Join a national conversation about how baptism is understood in the life of the Church today, how to reawaken a baptismal mindset in our families and parishes and how might we spread the light of hope today. Book via the following link, <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/baptism-reimagined>, or via the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis website.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) -Discerning God's Call in your life
23rd - 25th May, Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org
To register: <https://bit.ly/FCJVocationWeekend>

Anniversaries occurring around this time: George Kilshaw, Lydia Sexton, Jessie Waters, Patrick Cooney, James Donnelly, John Dempsey, Leo Fletcher, Thomas Bride, Patricia Barton, Fr. John Murphy.

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.

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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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