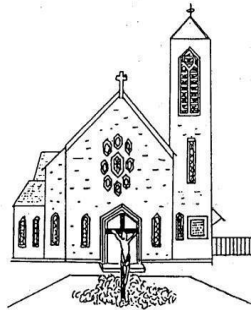


Sunday
18th May 2025
5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 144
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13: 31-35

St. Clare of Assisi



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The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses & Devotions

Intentions

Saturday 17 th	Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm Mass 6pm	Kathy Craggs and Father Emeka (birthday) KC
Sunday 18 th	Confessions 9-9:30 am Mass 9:30am (children's liturgy of the word)	People of the Parish
Monday 19 th	-	-
Tuesday 20 th	Mass 7pm (St Anthony devotions)	Valerie Whitlock RIP
Wednesday 21 st	The Dedication of the Cathedral Mass 9:30am	John Davis RIP
Thursday 22 nd	Mass 6.30pm (5:30 pm Adoration)	Fr Leo Cooper
Friday 23 rd	Mass 9:30am	Pat Gibson RIP
Saturday 24 th	Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm Our Lady Help of Christians Mass 6pm	John Andrews RIP
Sunday 25 th	Confessions 9-9.30am Mass 9:30am	Prop Populo

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

Please keep Pope Leo XIV in your prayers as his starts his time as successor of St Peter. A note of thanks to all who provided food for the celebratory lunch last Sunday, it was a great to gather together.

St Clare's SVP Conference: We have made further contact with the local social prescribing link workers and so we'll be on hand to help those housebound with social visits. Thanks to those helping with transport of families to and from the Holiday Home. Without your help, these families would not otherwise get these holidays so needed. 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. God bless.

Tea & Coffee: This week it's Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP and next week it's Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home.

Foodbank Donations: Please continue to bring items in 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

Singing Practice: There will be a Practice on Thursday, 22nd May, 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>

Volunteer: would you be interested in helping out by cleaning the Parish room? If so please email contact@stclares.co.uk

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.

Parish Secretary: Yana (Wednesday 10 am to 12)- contact@stclares.co.uk

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

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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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