

Sunday 29th June 2025
 13th Sunday in Ordinary
 Time
 Acts 12: 1-11
 Psalm 33;2
 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18
 Matthew 16: 13-19

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
**Saint Clare
 of Assisi**
 CATHOLIC CHURCH



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July is consecrated
 to the Precious
 Blood of Jesus.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Masses, Feasts and Devotions</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
<u>Immaculate Heart of Mary</u> Saturday 28th June	Adoration 4.30pm -5.30pm Confessions and Rosary 5.30pm -6pm Mass 6pm	Murphy Family (KC)
<u>St. Peter and St. Paul</u> Sunday 29th June	Confessions and Rosary 9-9.30am Mass 9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 30th June	-	-
Tuesday 1st July	Children's Rosary 6.25pm Mass 7pm (St Anthony devotions)	Sarah Russell (RIP)
Wednesday 2nd July	Rosary 9.05am Mass 9.30am	Kerry Prendergast (RIP)
<u>St. Thomas</u> Thursday 3rd July	Funeral 12 noon for Eileen Wyatt Rosary and Adoration 5.30pm Mass 6.30pm	John McCann (RIP)
Friday 4th July	Day of abstinence from meat Rosary 9.05am Mass 9.30am	Charlotte Prendergast (RIP)
Saturday 5th July	Adoration 4.30pm -5.30pm Confessions 5.30pm -6pm Rosary 5.35pm Mass 6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th July	Confessions and Rosary 9-9.30am Mass 9.30am Children's Group Meeting after Mass	William & Eileen Prendergast (RIP)

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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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Announcements

CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP

Meeting every first Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm.

The Children's Rosary helps children to grow in holiness and become leaders in their faith. This is done through prayer groups where the children lead the Rosary.

Children of any age are welcome to join us.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE

Chester and District SVP is holding an afternoon tea on Saturday 5th July at 2pm. If you know anyone who would benefit from attending, please let us know. Thanks to those leaving inkjet cartridges- every little helps.

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.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thanks to all who have donated. Further donations can be placed on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. They will be taken to the Warehouse when the trolley is full. Regards, Steve.

MISSION TOGETHER UPDATE

Thank you to all parishioners who made suggestions for projects that we can undertake with the OMT funds. We had over forty suggestions, and these netted down into 24 distinct ideas. The parish council has reviewed the ideas, and the outcome is on display at the back of church and in the parish room. We will now submit the list to the diocese.

OMT - can you help?

We now have the challenge of implementing three main projects - Building works (on garage and pathway), the sound of church bells, and a Memorial Garden. If you would like to be involved as we take these projects forward, please let Fr Patrick know. Many thanks!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS REQUIRED!

We need help with taking the Eucharist to the housebound.

The current team needs support and would be grateful for more help. Please speak to either Father Patrick or Steve Bonsall.

LOURDES HOSPITALITY

The next Lourdes Hospitality focus group meeting will take place at St Columba's Chester (Newman Room) on Wednesday July 2nd at 7.30pm. All Hospitality members are welcome to attend.

SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL TRIPS

See the forms at the back of the church for more information about the St. Werburgh's trip to Shrewsbury on July 31st.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 9.30AM MASS ON SUNDAYS

This week, Steve & Rosemary will host, with proceeds to the homeless. Next week Jenny and Rita are fundraising for the Church gardening group.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

This collection is being held at each Mass this weekend – please place your donation in the basket in the porch.

NOTES FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to Miss Bernise Whitley, the Deputy Headteacher of St Clare's, who has won the Primary school Teacher of the Year 2025.

On a different note, years Two, Five and Six visited the shops in Broughton, where an author read to them and they all received free books from the Literacy Trust.

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S GROUP

The next meeting is Sunday 6th of July after Mass in the sacristy, when we will ponder the scripture and partake in relevant crafts. Children of all ages are welcome!

Jeremiah 15:16 - I discovered your words and I consumed them. And your word became to me as the gladness and joy of my heart. For your name has been invoked over me, O Lord, the God of hosts.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025: SEPT 6TH

Join March for Life UK on Saturday 6th Sept in London. A coach leaves from St Winifride's Church at 6.30am (187 Crommere Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 5LA), Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church at 7.15am (542 Cannock Rd, Wolverhampton WV10 8PG), St Mary's The Mount at 8am, (Glebe St, Walsall WS1 3NX). Seats cost £30 for adults, or £10 for under 16s- payable in advance. For more info/to book a seat contact Isabel 07773501721, Ben 07885 505116 info@marchforlife.co.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, ELDERLY AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick, elderly and housebound, including Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies and Andrea Burns.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING AROUND THIS TIME

Joseph Rowlands	James Davies
Den Micklethwaite	Vincent Franks
FR. Russel Cooke	Anthony Gentile
William Heffernan	Samuel Arthur Williams