

14th September 2025
 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Numbers 21:4b-9
 Ps 77
 Philippians 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17

Saint Clare of Assisi

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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September is
 dedicated to Our Lady
 of Sorrows

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Date	Masses, Feasts and Devotions	Intentions
Saturday 13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor	Adoration 4.30pm–5.30pm Rosary, Litany, & Confessions 5.35pm Mass 6pm	Anne Fisher birthday
Sunday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Rosary & Litany 9.05am Confessions 9–9.30am Mass 9.30am	People of the parish
Monday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows	<i>No Mass</i>	
Tuesday 16th Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	Mass 7.00pm	McCarthy family intention
Wednesday 17th	Rosary & Litany 9.05am Mass 9.30am	Pat Kirby (RIP)
Thursday 18th	Adoration 5.30pm Rosary & Litany 6.05pm Mass 6.30pm	Tony Leach (RIP)
Friday 19th	Day of abstinence from meat Rosary & Litany 9.05am Mass 9.30am	Mike Leach intentions
Saturday 20th Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions Martyrs	Adoration 4.30pm–5.30pm Rosary, Litany, & Confessions 5.35pm Mass 6pm	Margaret (RIP)
Sunday 21st 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rosary & Litany 9.05am Confessions 9–9.30am Mass 9.30am	People of the Parish

This last week marked the beginning of the year at St. Clare's School with Holy Mass on Wednesday, it was great to see so many pupils and staff pray and sing together. It was also inspiring to see the news from Rome about the recent canonizations of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati (with two miraculous healings each attributed to their intercessions), may

their lives inspire us all to carry our Crosses as we seek to follow the Lord Jesus.

This Sunday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, it is always on the 14th of September and has precedence over the Sunday of Ordinary Time, this is a special day for prayer for education.
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Announcements

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A special thank you to everyone who volunteered for grass cutting and gardening over the last few months; Rita, Jenny, George, Mike, Frank, Lloyd, Alfie and Callum; it is great to see how good the grounds are looking thanks for your time and dedication.

Wishing you all the best in the week ahead,
Fr Patrick

St Clare's SVP Conference

Please bring used Ink Cartridges for recycling. £30 for the HH this week from them. Visiting continues including to the new beneficiaries. Let us know if there is anyone who needs our help? 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 after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week its Sue with proceeds to CAFOD and next week its Catherine & Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP.

Foodbank Donations

Thanks to all who donate. 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 when the trolley fills. Regards Steve

Calling all Catholic Secondary Heads and Senior Secondary School Leaders

Participation in Doctoral Research about Women Senior Leaders in RC Secondary Schools. Contact Noreen O'Neill at University of Chester 2226670@chester.ac.uk

RNLI Fundraising

Chester RNLI Fundraising is holding a fish and chip supper, with the Port Sunlight Sea Dogs Shanty Band, from 7pm–10.30pm on Friday 17th October at St Mary's Creative Space, CH1 2DW. Bring your own drink. Tickets £20 from Eventbrite or Frances Hughes.

Coffee Morning Volunteers

The idea has been circulating of having a coffee morning during the week, ideally on a Wednesday at 10 let me know if you feel you could help run one of these gatherings.

Special Prayer Requests

There is a box at the back of Church for people to place special prayer requests (some may be read out at Mass).

Altar Servers

We're looking for more Altar Servers. Anyone that's completed their First Holy Communion is eligible. Please contact Mike 07808 476299, or mike.darby@appliedsoftware.co.uk.

Marriage & Family Life Ministry Retreat Day

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 different ways that help is needed.

When: 11th October 2025 9.30am-4.00pm

Where: Parish Room Shrewsbury Cathedral

To Register and for More Information please contact:

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Please Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and Housebound

Including Rosemary Roberts, Judy Kearney, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies, Andrea Burns and Tricia Cannon.

Anniversaries Occurring Around This Time

Ann Evans, Sydney Jones, John Piggott, Catherine Mills, Geoffrey Fozard, John Callaghan, Ruth McDowell, Evelyn Harrison, Rosalind Rowlands

May They Rest in Peace

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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.