



**Saint Clare
of Assisi**



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) — 5th Oct 2025

If you wish to make a donation - Sort Code: 30-15-52, Account Number: 54579560

Readings: (Blue Missal book p 973)

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

Masses & Services

St Francis of Assisi

4.30pm Adoration

Sat 4 5.35pm Confession

5.35pm Rosary & Litany

6.00pm **Mass: Kate Hughes intentions**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun 5 9.00am Confession

9.05am Rosary & Litany

9.30am **Mass: People of the Parish**

Mon

Note No Mass

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Tue

Our Lady of the Rosary

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7.00pm **Mass: Secret Intention**

Wed

9.05am Rosary & Litany

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9.30am **Mass: Special Intention**

St John Henry Newman, P

Thu 9 4.30pm Adoration

6.05pm Rosary & Litany

6.30pm **Mass: Secret Intention**

Note Friday Abstinence

Fri 10 9.05am Rosary & Litany

9.30am **Mass: Charlie Kirks Family**

4.30pm Adoration

5.35pm Confession

Sat 11 5.35pm Rosary & Litany

6.00pm **Mass: Patrick Farrelly**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun 12 9.00am Confession

9.05am Rosary & Litany

9.30am **Mass: People of the Parish**

Anniversaries for the Month of October

Winifred Littler, Fr Lawrence Burke, Henry Kearney, Catherine Cliffe, Gladys Campebell, Joey Fennah, Kathleen Haddock, Leonard Sutton, Patrick Gilmartin, Frances Chadwick, Mrs Cookson, Tom Walsh, Ethel McHugh, Terry Finnegan, Adam Wynne, Mary Williams,

John Andrews, Michael Grehan, Nell Kilshaw, Teresa Byrne, Mary Sykes, Peter Walsh, Dermot Quirk, Junr Newell, Richard Griffith, Ron Chaloner, Tommy Dowd, Mary Gentile, Michael Burgess, Elizabeth Weston, George Artell, Mary Williams, Mary McCarthy, Mary Rowlands, Wilhelmina Callaghan, Dorothy Bell

May They Rest In Peace

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.

Message from Fr Patrick

It was truly a privilege for all of us as a parish to be able to welcome Bishop Mark. The symbols of the bishop are his crozier and miter, which he wears on his head. The crozier, which resembles a shepherds staff, is a reminder of Christs call to the apostles to care for the flock. The miter represents the authority bestowed on the bishop as successor of the apostles, and also resembles the tongues of fire (Acts 2) that descended on the apostles at Pentecost.

All the best as we start this month of October, the month of Our Lady and the Holy Rosary,

Fr Patrick

St Clares SVP Conference — Holiday Home Sponsored Walk

SVP Members will be having a sponsored walk next Sunday 12th October. Sponsorship forms are in the Church lobby. Please sponsor a walker if you can. The Holiday Home helps those less well off than us in our Parish to have a holiday sometimes for the first time. Please help by sponsoring a walker. Sponsorship forms are in the lobby. Sponsorship is also on line at <https://stclares.co.uk/s/svp-holiday-home-2025>.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week the proceeds will go to CAFOD and next week its Reta with proceeds to the Church gardening fund.

St Clare's Catholic children's group

Our next meeting is Sunday 5th October after mass with Janka. It will take place in the sacristy (10 mins or so), we will be pondering (and feeding our spirit!) on/(with) the scripture, as well as including craft relevant with the scripture. Children of any age are welcome.

Children's Rosary Group

Our next meeting is Tuesday 7th October at 6.25pm on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary! This is done through prayer groups where the children lead the Rosary. "The Rosary is a spiritual sword made by God." (Father Donald H.Calloway, MIC). Children of any age are welcome to join us.

CAFOD news

On Sunday, 5th October, Christine Allen, the Head of CAFOD, will be coming to talk after the 9.30 a.m. Mass about the important work that CAFOD is doing on our behalf in so many different countries.

Foundation Governor Positions Open

The Catholic High school is looking for 2 foundation governors to start straight away. You do not have to be a parent of a child in the school but you must be a practicing catholic. www.educationshrewsbury.org/governance. You would need the signature of your parish priest to confirm you are a practicing catholic and safeguarding checks would be required if successful.

Calling all Catholic Secondary Heads or 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

Kitchen Vacancies at Catholic High School

The Catholic High school have a couple of vacancies in the school kitchen. www.christofidelis.org.uk/vacancies for more details or contact Mr Kilcoyne School Business Manager on 01244 952788 for an informal discussion.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

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

Free Rosaries

If you or your children do not already own a rosary, there are free rosaries at the back of the church, compliments of the Catenian

Rosary group. There are also "How to Pray the Rosary" cards, which contain all the prayers and mysteries. There are also cards with Our Blessed Lady's promise to St. Dominic, and 31 quotes by saints and popes on the value of praying the rosary—one for each day of the average month.

Help Wanted: Wednesday Coffee Mornings

We're looking for volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up each Wednesday. If you'd like to help, please let Fr Patrick know. Catholics & non-Catholics are welcome!

Parish Secretary

A vacancy for a Parish Secretary at St Clares Parish, Downsfield Road, Chester. CH4 8HH. 4 hours per week @ £14 per hour.

For further details, please see the Diocesan Website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 17 October 2025.

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Safeguarding

Parish Representative: Bernise Whitley (safeguarding@stclares.co.uk)

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Choir & music: Kate Hughes (kate.hughes@me.com)

Church Cleaning: Mary Axon (maryaxon42@gmail.com)
