



Saint Clare of Assisi



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2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A) — 7th Dec 2025

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

Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R cf. 7

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

Masses & Services

	4.30pm	Adoration
Sat	5.30pm	Rosary
6	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Pat Farrelly R.I.P
<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>		
Sun	9.00am	Rosary
7	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish
<i>The Immaculate Conception of the BMV</i>		
Mon	Note	St Clare's 65th Anniversary
8	7.00pm	Mass: Private intention Martin Hunt
Tue	7.00pm	Mass: Leanna Lloyd
Wed	9.00am	Rosary
10	9.30am	Mass: Pat Gibson R.I.P.
	9.30am	Mass: Nino Mansutti RIP
Thu	2.00pm	School Carol Service
11	6.00pm	School Carol Service
<i>Note</i>		
Fri		Day of abstinence from meat
12	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: Will Pendergast RIP
<i>St Lucy, V, M</i>		
	4.30pm	Adoration
Sat	5.30pm	Rosary
13	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Berne Connolly R.I.P.
<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>		
Sun	9.00am	Rosary
14	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish

Please Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and House-bound

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

If anyone is in need of a visit or Holy Communion, please let Fr Patrick know.

Christmas Masses

Wed *Christmas Eve*
24 **4.00pm** Mass
8.00pm Mass

Thu *Christmas Day*
25 **10.00am** Mass

Message from Fr Patrick

This Second Sunday of Advent the message is clear: as we continue on our Advent journey let us seek the Lord Jesus repenting and turning to Him for mercy.

This Sunday we thank the choir, Kate and Ann for the music.

Monday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary, it is the anniversary of St Clare's Church (65 year old!), Mass at 7pm. Our new Dean Mons. David will preach and there will be a cake afterwards in the Parish Room. Joseph will our organist.

St Clare's SVP

We had successful meetings with the Central Council, District Council and our own St Clare's Conference this last week. Conference development is the main theme with all conferences over the Diocese finding difficulties with membership. At St Clare's visiting continues and help is given where needed. God bless. Steve

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week its Jenny and Reta with proceeds to the Gardening team and next week it's CAFOD.

Tea & Coffee after Wednesday 9.30 Mass

Volunteers are sought to help with the tea and coffee after Wed Mass. Please see Father Patrick for details.

Foodbank Donations

44kg of food were taken to the warehouse this week. 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

St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday (7th December) after mass 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 with Janka. Children of any age 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.

Red Mission Boxes

Tony Austin asks Red Mission Box holders to bring their boxes to the church for emptying. Please ensure that your name is on the label attached to the bottom of the box. Many thanks

Christmas Flowers Collection

The collection to provide flowers in Church over the Christmas season is being held at each Mass this weekend – please place your donation in the basket in the porch.

The Catholic High School Christmas Fair & Carol Service

Tuesday 16th December, 4pm to 6pm in the school Hall. Entry fee is £1 and all welcome! Santa's Grotto, stalls, amazing food and music. Please come support this event! After the Christmas Fair, there will be a Carol Service in the Lyceum (6th Form building) at 6:30pm. Enjoy mince pies and a glass of wine at the interval before a final blast of Christmas songs and dance!

Novena Prayer

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Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Novena
O God, who by the Immaculate conception of the blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for your Son, we beseech you that, as by the foreseen death of your Son, you did preserve Her from all stain, so, too, you would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You.

O most Holy Virgin, who was pleasing to the Lord and became His mother, immaculate in body and spirit, in Faith and in love, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother who, by your blessed Immaculate Conception, from the first moment of your conception, did crush the head of the enemy, receive our prayers as we implore you to present at the throne of God the favour we now request:

That our nation turns back to God, and that the Church be strengthened and purified to come against the evil that surrounds us.

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth, you have the same influence now in heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from Him our petition.

Amen

Sunday Music

Gathering: Now watch for God's coming — 101

I confess...

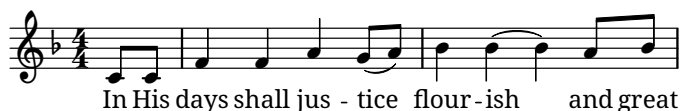
Lord have mercy (repeat) [Mass of Resurrection]

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(Alleluia same tone as Veni Veni Emmanuel)

Readings (page 9 of the Blue Missal book)



Offertory: Come Lord Jesus, Come — 873 verses 1,2,5 and 6.

Holy, Holy — 1014 [Mass of Christ the Saviour] (Sung preface)

Acclamation 1016

Great Amen — 1018

Lamb — 1019

Communion Antiphon p12 Blue Missal Book

(Time of prayer and reflection to talk to the Lord Jesus and communicate hopes and worries. Possible background music)

Final Hymn The voice of God — 108

Monday Hymns

Solemnity Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Mary — 365

Belmont Gloria — 1002

Readings — Page 1093, Blue Missal Book (sung preface)

Holy / Lamb — Page 1132, Blue Missal Book

Final Hymn — As I kneel before you — 360

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