



Saint Clare of Assisi



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4th Sunday of Advent (Year A) — 21st Dec 2025

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

Readings

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Masses & Services

	4.30pm	Adoration
Sat	5.30pm	Rosary
20	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Weselak Family
<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>		
Sun	9.00am	Confession
21	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass (Children's Liturgy): People of the Parish
Mon		
22	<i>Note</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tue		
23	7.00pm	Mass: David Brown RIP
Wed	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
24	4.00pm	Children's Mass: People of the Parish
	8.00pm	Vigil Mass: Priest Intentions
Thu	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
25	10.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	<i>St Stephen, M</i>	
Fri	<i>Note</i>	Day of abstinence from meat
26	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: Eileen and Alan Wyatt RIP
	<i>St John, Ap, Ev</i>	
Sat	5.30pm	Rosary
27	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Martin Kilduff RIP
	<i>The Holy Family</i>	
Sun	9.00am	Rosary
28	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish

Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Sarah Russell, Pauline Cain, Zygmunt Weselak, Peter Drake and Kathleen Timmins.

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.

Message from Fr Patrick

Wishing you all Christmas greetings and happiness to you and your families and friends at this time.

St Clare's SVP Conference

Visiting continues and we help where we can at Christmas. Every little helps so let us know of anyone in need. God bless. Steve

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week its Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to the St Clare's SVP Conference and next week its Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home funds.

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 when the trolley fills. Regards Steve

Sunday Music (4th Sun of Advent)

Gathering Hymn: O Mary conceived in the grace of your Son — 354

I confess... Lord have mercy — 523

Psalm 23 (blue Missal book page 17)

Alleluia (tone O come O come Emmanuel)

Offertory: Holy Virgin, by God's decree — 366

Holy Holy: New Celtic Liturgy — 553

Acclamation: NCL 554c

Great Amen: NCL 555

Lamb of God: 589

Post Communion: prayerful reflection maybe go over the gospel,

(background prayerful music may sound)

Final Hymn: O come, Divine Messiah — 117

Christmas Eve Music — 8pm

Carols:

On Christmas night — 134
O little town — 127
Silent Night — 136
Once in royal — 126
Away in a manger — 137

See how the Virgin waits for Him, Mary in wonder waits for him,
Shake off your slumber, come all full of wonder. Jesus is coming as the Prince of Peace.
Gently she hears the distant breeze swaying the silver olive trees.
What is she thinking as the sun is sinking, Waiting the birthday of her first-born Son?
Now a new pattern on the loom, now a new presence in the room,
Waking or sleeping, all her love she's keeping,
Waiting the coming of the son of God.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing — 155

Entrance: O come all ye Faithful — 159

Gloria: Mass of Christ the Saviour 1013

Psalm 96

Celtic Alleluia

Universal Prayers: *O come to us, abide with us and hear us as we pray!*

Offertory: Almighty Father, take this Bread
Almighty Father, take this bread, thy people offer thee;
where sins divide us, take instead, one fold one family.
The wine we offer soon will be Christ's blood, redemptions price;
receive it, Holy Trinity, this holy sacrifice.
O God, by angels' choirs adored, thy name be praised on earth;
on all may be that peace outpoured once promised at His birth.

Holy Holy: Mass of Christ the Saviour — 1014

Acclamation: 1016

Great Amen: St Louis Jesuits

Amen! Alleluia! for ever and ever, for ever, alleluia, for ever and ever. Amen

Lamb of God: MCS 1019

Post Communion:

Emmanuel (x3)

Emmanuel! Emmanuel! His name is called Emmanuel.
God-with-us, revealed in us. His name is called Emmanuel!

b) Infant Holy

Infant holy, infant lowly for his bed a cattle stall
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all
Swiftly winging, angels singing nowells ringing, tidings bringing:

Christ the babe is Lord of all (Twice)

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new,

Saw the glory, hear the story, tiding of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:

Christ the babe is born to you (Twice)

As we journey to the stable like the wise men long ago,
We are hoping to discover what these pilgrims came to know

all are welcome at this manger.

Christ the babe is Lord of all (Twice)

Wake our spirits from their slumber send the darkness on its way,

Fill our hearts with joy and wonder on this blessed Christmas day.

Songs of angels all around us; grace and blessing now surround us.

Christ be with us as we go (Twice).

Final Carol: Hark the Herald — 155

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Day Music

Entrance: O come all ye Faithful — 159

Gloria: Mass Christ the Saviour — 1013

Psalm 96

Celtic Alleluia:

Sung response: O come to us, abide with us and hear us as we pray!

Offertory: Almighty Father, take this bread (Same offertory hymn as Christmas eve 8pm)

Holy Holy: Mass Christ the Saviour — 1014

Acclamation: 1016

Great Amen: Amen! Alleluia! for ever and ever, for ever, alleluia, for ever and ever. Amen

Lamb of God: 1019

Post Communion:

a) Emmanuel (x3) Emmanuel! Emmanuel! His name is called Emmanuel, God-with-us, revealed in us. His name is called Emmanuel!

b) Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Infant holy, infantly lowly, for His bed a cattle stall.

Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, angels singing, nowells ringing, tidings bringing

Christ the babe is Lord of all (x2)

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new,

Saw the glory, heard the story, tiding of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow,

Christ the babe is Lord of all (x2)

As we journey to the stable like the wise men long ago,
We are hoping to discover what these pilgrims came to know.

All are welcome at this manger, king and shepherd, friend and stranger.

Christ the babe is Lord of all (x2)

Wake our spirits from their slumber, send the darkness on its way.

Fill our hearts with joy and wonder on this blessed Christmas Day.

Songs of angels all around us, grace and blessing now surround us.

Christ the babe is Lord of all (x2)

Exit hymn: Hark, the Herald Angel sings — 155