



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 8th Feb 2026

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## Masses & Services

		<i>Ferial</i>	
Sat	7	4.30pm	Adoration
		5.30pm	Rosary
		5.30pm	Confession
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass: Stella Brown, Phil Cotter, Frank Hopkins Birthday</b>
		<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Sun	8	Note	Day of prayer for Victims of Trafficking
		9.00am	Rosary
		9.00am	Confession
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass: People of the Parish</b>
Mon	9	<i>Ferial</i>	
		Note	No Mass
Tue	10	<i>St Scholastica, V</i>	
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass: People of the Parish</b>
Wed	11	<i>Ferial</i>	
		9.05am	Adoration
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass: Relatives of Davies Family RIP, Murphy Family RIP</b>
Thu	12	<i>Ferial</i>	
		5.30pm	Adoration
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Mass: Veronica Cavenagh Recovery</b>
Fri	13	<i>Ferial</i>	
		Note	Day of abstinence from meat
		9.00am	Rosary
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass: Phil Cotter RIP</b>
Sat	14	<i>Ss Cyril, monk, &amp; Methodius, B</i>	
		4.30pm	Adoration
		5.30pm	Rosary
		5.30pm	Confession
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass: Meryl Fisher</b>
		<i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Sun	15	Note	Day of Prayer for Europe
		9.00am	Rosary
		9.00am	Confession
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass: People of the Parish</b>

## Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Elizabeth Payas, Edward Craggs, Fr Terry Moore

## Readings

Isaiah 58:6-10  
Ps 112(111):4-5. 6-7. 8a, 9. **R**4a  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

*The month of February is dedicated to The Holy Family*

## 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

It was with sadness that we learned last week of the passing of Fr Paul O'Grady. He served diligently as a priest in this part of the diocese and will be sorely missed.

On a different note, we are making an effort for us all to sing and praise together in church. If you have any suggestions or hymns that you feel would be appropriate, please get in touch with the music team [music@stclares.co.uk](mailto:music@stclares.co.uk).

## Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday (8th February) after Mass in the sacristy (about 10 mins). We will ponder (and feeding our spirits with) Scripture, and including relevant craft with Samantha, next week with Francesca. 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.

## White Flower (SPUC) Collection

This collection, which assists the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), is being held at each Mass this weekend. Please place your donation in the basket in the porch.

## Did you know?

Since the Abortion Act 1967, nearly 11 million unborn babies in the UK have been aborted. Worldwide, there

are approximately 73 million abortions per year, which is nearly as many as the total civilian and military casualties in the six years of World War II.

## **St Clare's SVP Conference**

Bookings for the Holiday Home are now open. If you know of a family who may enjoy a holiday, please let us know. The first week available for St Clare's is the week of 8 April. Tickets for Theatre Night on Wednesday, 4 March are now available: "Shakespeare in Love." Please keep the ink cartridges coming; they are a useful source of income for the Holiday Home funds. Let us know of anyone in need. We are here to help. God bless. Steve.

## **Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass**

This week tea and coffee is hosted by CAFOD and next week by Catherine & Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP.

## **Tea and 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**

Please continue to bring items and place 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 is full.

Regards, Steve

## **St Clare's Primary School**

It was wonderful to have some of our pupils embarking on the Sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion join us for Mass last Sunday as they were enrolled in the parish.

We continue to have a number of foundation governor vacancies on our Governing Board. Please contact the school office on 01244 267387 if you wish to discuss this.

## **CAFOD Lent Fast Day Meeting**

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Meeting, Wednesday, 11 February 2026, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., in St Alban's Parish Hall, Mill Lane, Liscard, Wallasey CH44 5XB.

Join Kathryn Keenan, CAFOD representative for the Diocese, for this meeting in advance of Lent Family Fast Day. Find out more about our work, funded by donations from previous fast days, and hear how

communities are adapting to climate change. All CAFOD volunteers, supporters, and anyone who is interested in learning more are welcome. Email [kkeenan@cafod.org.uk](mailto:kkeenan@cafod.org.uk) for more information and to register (not essential but helpful).

## **Musical Soirée in Aid of Parkinson's UK**

Musical evening, soirée, in aid of Chester Parkinson's UK. Friday, 27 March, at 7 p.m., St Columba's. £15 per person includes a fish-and-chip supper from the award-winning Weston Grove Chippy. Bring your own alcohol. Tea, coffee, and soft drinks will be available, and there will be a raffle. Tickets from Pat Riddell, 07941 839161, [patriddell31@aol.com](mailto:patriddell31@aol.com).

## **Job Vacancies in Diocese of Shrewsbury**

CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch at [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

**Closing date:** Friday 20 February, 2026.

### **Sales Ledger Clerk (Prenton)**

20 hours per week, term-time-only contract. Hourly rate £14.60.

### **Pilgrimage Booking & Customer Service Coordinator**

20 hours per week, term-time-only contract with the possibility of some remote working. Hourly rate £14.60.

## **Sunday Music**

**Entrance:** Christ be our Light — 883

**Kyrie Eleison:** (Russian) — 519

**Gloria:** New Celtic Liturgy (Christopher Walker) — 529

**Offertory:** Make me a channel of your peace — 898

**Holy, holy:** 570

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** When we eat... — 571b

**Great Amen:** 1018

**Lamb of God:** 592

**Communion:** The Lord hears the Cry of the Poor — 892

**Final:** Walk in the Light — 771

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