



Saint Clare of Assisi



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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 15th Feb 2026

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

Readings

Sirach 15:15-20

Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R1b

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

The month of February is dedicated to The Holy Family

Masses & Services

Ss Cyril, monk, & Methodius, B

Sat
14
4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Rosary
5.30pm Confession
6.00pm Mass: Meryl Fisher

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun
15
9.00am Confession
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Mon
16
Ferial
Note No Mass

Tue
17
Ferial
7.00pm Mass: Patrick and Imy O'Connor RIP

Wed
18
Ash Wednesday
9.05am Adoration
9.30am Mass: Pat Cleaver RIP, Shirley Reeves RIP

Thu
19
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
5.30pm Adoration
6.30pm Mass: Barbara and Roger Williams RIP

Fri
20
Friday after Ash Wednesday
Note Day of abstinence from meat
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Lara Prendergast Birthday, Paul Judson Sick

Sat
21
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Rosary
5.30pm Confession
6.00pm Mass: Phil Cotter RIP, Margaret Allen RIP

Sun
22
1st Sunday of Lent
9.00am Confession
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Charles Francis Roden, Joan Mary Carter, Ann Leach, William Smith, Fr Bernardine Comberford OFH Cap, Margaret Casey, Sr Mary Paul Quane, Honora Davies, Peter Bryne, James Henry Kenyon, Neville Holdsworth

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

Next week is Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of our time of penance and prayer until Easter. The late Pope Francis has taught that Lent is a journey we undertake together, in which we strive not to become self-absorbed but to follow the call to conversion to which we are invited by Christ.

St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday (15th February) after Mass in the sacristy (about 10 mins). We will ponder (and feeding our spirits with) Scripture, and including relevant craft with Francesca, next week with Janine. 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.

Funeral for Fr Paul O'Grady

The funeral for Fr Paul O'Grady will take place at 12 noon on Monday, 23 February, at St Werburgh's Church, Birkenhead. Fr Paul O'Grady served in our deanery at St Theresa's, Blacon (1988-1990), and was chaplain to Chester Catholic High School. Please remember him in your prayers.

Attention all Gift Aid Donors

The tax year 2025/26 will be coming to an end on 5 April, 2026, and the parish will then undertake the process of reclaiming Gift Aid refunds on donations made in that tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme), please contact Mike Russell on 07883 199628 by 5 April, 2026. Otherwise, it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

Alpha Course

The Franciscan brothers at St Francis are organizing an Alpha course, all are welcome!

Venue: St. Francis' Parish Hall

Every Saturday from 14th February to 16th May

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

Come and see — you might find it's the start of something life-changing!

See stclares.co.uk/alpha-feb-2026, or email stfrancis.chester@gmail.com

Betrothed Marriage Course

Betrothed is a Marriage Preparation Course offered by the Shrewsbury Diocese. It will help to prepare you both from a spiritual/faith perspective and relational perspective.

You are welcome to attend the course whether you are to be married at the parish where it is being run or not.

Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Hall on the 21st & 28th of March 2026

Address: Town Walls Shrewsbury SY1 1UE

St Clare's Church Parish Hall on the 20th & 27th of June 2026

Address: Downsfield Road, Chester CH4 8HH

Six Bible Studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions.

Starts: Tues 17th February, 2026 @7pm

Six consecutive Tuesdays: **17 Feb | 24 Feb | 03 Mar | 10 Mar | 17 Mar | 24 Mar** (7-8:15pm).

Free of Charge | LIVE on YouTube. Registration: comeandsee.org/lent26

Five-week Lenten Course: We Dare to Ask

This year's Lenten resource is inviting parishioners to prepare their hearts and minds to renew their Baptismal promises during the Easter celebrations. Through Baptism, we are united with Christ and given our mission to image him in our homes and communities. This proposed resource aims to contextualise our vocation within God's plan of Salvation, Christ's self-gift and the Sacramental life of the Church. While the world tempts us in all manner of ways yet by God's grace, we can turn back to him with contrite hearts to ask his mercy and forgiveness. We stand to renew our

Baptismal promises: to ask for his life, his grace and to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to renew and restore our covenant relationship with Jesus, that we may live in an ever-deepening union with him as his baptised son or daughter.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-ask/>

St Clare's SVP Conference

The SVP Youth Mass will be held at Chester CHS on Wednesday, 11 March. Please arrive at 10:30am for the 11:00am Mass. If you wish to attend, please speak with Steve Bonsall (07838 089298), as guest numbers and requirements are needed at an early date.

Tickets for Theatre Night on Wednesday, 4 March, are available from SVP members.

Speak to Steve at the number above, or email stevebonsall@outlook.com.

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 are hosted by Catherine and Elaine, with proceeds to St Clare's SVP. Next week, it's Mike + 1, with proceeds to the Holiday Home funds.

Theatre Night

Posters advertising Shakespeare in Love at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight, are in the lobby. Tickets £12 each for the Wednesday 4 March performance at 7:30pm. Proceeds to the Holiday Home funds. See Steve Bonsall at 07838 089298 for more details or email stevebonsall@outlook.com.

Sunday Music

Entrance: All people that on Earth do dwell — 466

I confess

Kyrie: New Celtic Liturgy — 519

Gloria: New Celtic Liturgy — 529

Psalms: *They are happy who follow God's law*

Offertory: In bread we bring you, Lord — 609

Holy Holy: New Celtic Liturgy — 553

Acclamation: We proclaim — 554a

Gregorian Missal tone: Amen

Lamb of God: NCL — 591

Post-Communion: Organ voluntary contemplative music

Final Hymn: Amazing Grace — 846

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