



Saint Clare of Assisi



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1st Sunday of Lent (Year A) — 22nd Feb 2026

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

Readings

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R cf. 3a
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

The month of February is dedicated to The Holy Family

Masses & Services

	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	
Sat 21	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Rosary
	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Phil Cotter RIP, Margaret Allen RIP
	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	
Sun 22	9.00am	Confession
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish
	<i>Monday of the 1st week of Lent</i>	
Mon 23	Note	No Mass
	<i>Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent</i>	
Tue 24	7.00pm	Mass: Eileen & Alan Wyatt RIP
	<i>Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent</i>	
Wed 25	9.05am	Adoration
	9.30am	Mass: Jo Poole Prendergast Birthday
	<i>Thursday of the 1st week of Lent</i>	
Thu 26	5.30pm	Adoration
	6.30pm	Mass: Donald Blair-Park RIP, Tony Williams RIP
	<i>Friday of the 1st week of Lent</i>	
Fri 27	Note	Day of abstinence from meat
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: Jude Prendergast Birthday
	<i>Saturday of the 1st week of Lent</i>	
Sat 28	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Rosary
	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Phil Cotter RIP, Sue Davies RIP, Davies Family
	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	
Sun 1	9.00am	Confession
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish

Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Elizabeth Adamson, Elsie Margaret Willett, Robert Caldwell, Annie Edith Morrell, Patricia Marion Feeney, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Alec Dignon, Antonio Ippoliti, Joseph Fenlon, Peter Lavender

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.

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

Chrism Mass at Shrewsbury Cathedral

If you would like to attend the Chrism Mass at Shrewsbury Cathedral at 12 noon on **Wednesday, 1 April 2026**, you would be very welcome. Numbers are limited, however, so to book a place please message Cyndi, the parish secretary, at contact@stclares.co.uk.

The Catholic High School is joining the CAFOD Big Lent Walk

The whole school will complete a circular walk in Handbridge on Friday 27th March to raise money to fight poverty in Ethiopia as they face a devastating food crisis. If you would like to sponsor the students by making an online donation, please go to our CAFOD portal. Many thanks for your support.

<https://stclares.co.uk/chs-cafod-lent-walk>

St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday (22nd February) after Mass in the sacristy (about 10 mins). We will ponder (and feed our spirits with) Scripture, and including relevant craft with Janine, next week 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.

St Clare's SVP Conference

A report on the SVP National Conference last week showed that in England and Wales there were 9,089 adult SVP members in 862 conferences. Only 1,683 were under 60, showing that St Clare's SVP Conference accords with the national trend, having only older members. There are 22 Young Vincentian conferences, two of which are in the Chester and Ellesmere Port District. Please 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 Mike + 1 with proceeds to the Holiday Home funds and next week its Jenny & Reta with proceeds to the Church Gardening group.

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

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.

Help COLW Acquire a New Home for Prayer, Hospitality, and Youth Work

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks help to purchase a property to accommodate their growing community and further their apostolates of prayer, parish missions, hospitality, chaplaincy and youth work. Any amount, large or small is greatly appreciated and the community assure you of their prayers. Cheques payable to **COLW** can be sent to *House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ*. More information, as well as the option to donate online, can be found at: www.maryshouseappeal.org E: office@walsinghamcommunity.org T: 01362 692574

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

Please note that this collection will be held next week-end. Special envelopes for the Collection are available in the Porch.

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/>

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.

Sunday Music

Entrance: Praise To You O Christ Our Saviour — 20

Psalm response:

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel acclamation to be sung (is chorus from first hymn):

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life;

Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Offertory: In bread we bring O Lord — 609

New Celtic Liturgy

Holy, Holy: Lamb of God

Memorial acc save us

Great Amen

Communion: The servant King — 749

Final: Freely freely — 849

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