



Saint Clare of Assisi



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2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A) — 1st Mar 2026

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

Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

Ps 33(32):4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. R5b

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph

Masses & Services

Saturday of the 1st week of Lent

Sat 28	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Rosary
	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Phil Cotter RIP, Sue Davies RIP, Davies Family

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sun 1	9.00am	Rosary
	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish

Monday of the 2nd week of Lent

Mon 2	<i>Note</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
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Tuesday of the 2nd week of Lent

Tue 3	7.00pm	Mass: Lucy & Tony Norton RIP
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Wednesday of the 2nd week of Lent

Wed 4	9.30am	Mass: Stella Brown, Frank Hopkins, and Dave Craggs Birthday Celebrations (KC)
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Thursday of the 2nd week of Lent

Thu 5	<i>Note</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
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Friday of the 2nd week of Lent

Fri 6	<i>Note</i>	Day of abstinence from meat
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: Eloise Maher Birthday, Patrick Keenan Birthday

Saturday of the 2nd week of Lent

Sat 7	5.30pm	Rosary
	5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass: Phil Cotter RIP, Gabriel Prendergast Birthday

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sun 8	9.00am	Rosary
	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish

Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Campbell Zoe, Gentile Steven, Jones Roger Ellis, Walsh Philip, Lawrence Charlie, Cleaver Patricia Anne, McCarthy Kevin Michael, McMahon James Francis, Murgan Mary, Randles James, Crowther Arnold, Waters Albert, Arcari Anthony

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.

St Clare's SVP Conference

Tickets for the theatre night have sold well, but some are still available. Please speak with any SVP member. The SVP Youth Mass will take place on 11 March at Chester CHS. Contact Steve if you wish to attend. 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 is Jenny and Reta with proceeds to the church gardening group, and next week CAFOD will host the tea and coffee.

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

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.

St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday (1st March) after Mass in the sacristy (about 10 mins). We will ponder (and feed our spirits with) Scripture, and including relevant craft with Janka, next week with Samantha. 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.

Children's Rosary Group

We are blessed! We are very happy to announce that from March we are going to meet every first and second Tuesday of the month to pray the Holy Rosary to Our Lady.

Our March meetings are Tuesday 3rd & 10th at 6.25 pm. The Children's Rosary helps children to grow in holiness and become leaders in their faith. This is done through prayer groups where the children lead the Rosary. "The Rosary is a spiritual sword made by God." (Father Donald H.Calloway, MIC, the Marians' vice provincial and vocations director). Children of any age are welcome to join us.

Food Comunita

A small group of Y13 students is working on a great project in the Lache area. Food Comunita is a project designed to help young people who are struggling with mental health. We want to create a space where these people can come together and take part in games and activities, and then share a meal together each session. We plan to deliver 6 sessions, from March to May, in the Lache community centre. Our goal is to create a long lasting community of people who understand and support each other, even after the sessions end. [instagram.com/food_comunita](https://www.instagram.com/food_comunita)

Appeal for Creme Eggs

Once more dear friends I am asking for creme eggs to fill the tummies of our Easter chickens. I would be most grateful if you would donate them as soon as possible. Thank you. Stella B

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

This collection is being held at each Mass this weekend – please place your donation in the basket in the porch. Special envelopes for the collection are also available in the porch.

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

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>

Sunday Music

Entrance: Be thou my vision — 970

Russian Kyrie: 519

Lent Acclamation:

Praise to you O Christ King of eternal Glory!

Offertory: All that I am — 600

Holy Holy: Missal tone

Acclamation: 554c

Great Amen: Missal tone

Exit: Longing for light — 883

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