



# Saint Clare of Assisi



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3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A) — 8th Mar 2026

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

## Readings

Exodus 17:3-7

Ps 95(94):1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9, R7c, 8a

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

*The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph*

## Masses & Services

*Saturday of the 2nd week of Lent*

Sat  
**7**  
5.30pm Confession  
5.30pm Rosary  
**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**

*Monday of the 3rd week of Lent*

Mon  
**9**  
*Note No Mass*

*Tuesday of the 3rd week of Lent*

Tue  
**10**  
**7.00pm Mass: People of the Parish**

*Wednesday of the 3rd week of Lent*

Wed  
**11**  
9.00am Rosary  
9.05am Adoration  
**9.30am Mass: Members of Davies Family, Members of Brown Family**

*Thursday of the 3rd week of Lent*

Thu  
**12**  
5.30pm Adoration  
**6.30pm Mass: Joseph Watton RIP**

*Friday of the 3rd week of Lent*

Fri  
**13**  
*Note Day of abstinence from meat*  
9.00am Rosary  
**9.30am Mass: Josephine Reilly RIP**

*Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent*

Sat  
**14**  
4.30pm Adoration  
5.30pm Rosary  
5.30pm Confession  
**6.00pm Mass: Pat Clever RIP, Monica Hopkins RIP**

*4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)*

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

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

Casey Patrick, Huxley Gerard, Williams John, Pink Mary Lucy, Bride Mary (Betty), McHugh Elizabeth, Morrell Joseph Percy, Kilduff May, Cummins Mary, Patterson Mary

## 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

Hope that your Lent season is going well. The First Communion group is meeting after Mass by Our Lady's Altar, and the children's group is meeting in the sacristy with Samantha. Blessings.

## St Clare's SVP Conference

Shakespeare in Love was a great success. The audience was wonderful, and the play was a lot of fun. Thanks to all who attended.

Our next event will be a Music Night on Friday, 10 July. New format this year, but more on that later.

The first family into the Holiday Home will attend on 28 March, and from our parish, the first family will go on 11 April.

Let us know of anyone in need. We are here to help. God bless. Steve

## Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week CAFOD will host the tea & coffee and next week its Catherine & Elaine with proceeds to St Clare's SVP Conference.

## 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

## St Clare's School PTA

We are trying to raise £20,000 to purchase a new climbing frame for the School playground. Our target this year is £10,000. If you would like to help, then donations can be made at our just giving page <https://gofund.me/5aac10635>. Every little helps. Thank you. St Clare's School PTA.

## St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday (8th March) after Mass in the sacristy (about 10 mins). We will ponder (and feed 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.*

## 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.

## Regular Giving to the Parish

For those parishioners who have used planned giving envelopes during 2025/26, new boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 12th April are now available in the porch. If you wish to set up a Standing Order in favour of the Parish, or have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so, then please either see Mike Russell after Mass or contact him on 07883 199628. Please also contact Mike if you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme.

## Reflection on St Joseph: Husband of the Blessed Virgin, Guardian of Jesus, Pillar of Families

Join us for a *Reflection on St Joseph* from the Scriptures, the saints, popes and others all of which can help us understand the importance of devotion to him,

especially within the vocation of marriage and for our families.

**When:** Feast of St Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin **19 March 2026**

**Where:** Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Room **7.00 pm - 9.00 pm**

**Speaker:** Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation, Lay Spirituality and Prayer

## 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

## The Agency Project Launch

You are invited to join us for the launch of The Agency Projects 2026. Meet our Agents and learn how their ideas have developed into projects that will make a difference in their community.

One of which is 'Food Comunita' — a project designed to help young people who are struggling with mental health, which is being worked on by a small group of Year 13 students from CHS.

Where: **Storyhouse, Garret Bar**

When: **Wed, 11 March 2026, 6pm–7:30pm** (Refreshments provided)

## 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

**Gathering:** Forty Days — 206

**I confess:** 519

**Russian Kyries**

**Offertory:** Praise to the Lord — 601

**Missal Chant:** Plain

**Holy Holy:** Blue Missal Book, Page 1132

**Exit Hymn:** Lord Jesus think on me — 204

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