



Saint Clare of Assisi



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4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) (Year A) — 15th Mar 2026

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

Readings

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph

Masses & Services

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
Note Mothering Sunday
9.00am Rosary
9.00am Confession
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Monday of the 4th week of Lent

Mon
16
Note No Mass

St Patrick, B, Missionary

Tue
17
6.53pm Novena
7.00pm Mass: Private Intention

Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent

Wed
18
9.00am Rosary
9.05am Adoration
9.30am Mass: Sue Davies RIP

St Joseph, husband of the Blessed V Mary

Thu
19
5.30pm Adoration
6.30pm Mass: Leslie Davies RIP

Friday of the 4th week of Lent

Fri
20
Note Day of abstinence from meat
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: David Brown RIP
4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday of the 4th week of Lent

Sat
21
4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Rosary
5.30pm Confession
6.00pm Mass: Edward Craggs RIP

5th Sunday of Lent

Sun
22
9.00am Confession
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Eccleston Edward Wilfred, Long Christine Mary, Beane Phyllis, Kirby Mona Mary, McGarry Ann, Donnelly Nora, McAllister-Turner Martin William

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

The meaning of our lives is found in the resurrection of Christ. It is in this context that we attend Mass each Sunday. This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday (Latin for 'rejoice'). We rejoice as Easter approaches. We also celebrate Mothering Sunday and show appreciation to all mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers, as well as to all women who show motherly care in their lives. Francesca will lead the children's group after Mass, and Esme, together with Laura, will teach and pray with the First Communion children at Our Lady's Altar.

Easter Flowers Collection

Please note that a collection to provide flowers in Church over the Easter season will be held at each Mass next weekend.

St Clare's SVP Conference

The Youth Mass was a great success, with 70 or more young Vincentians enjoying a Mass directed toward them. Our own St Clare's Primary School was involved, with some students speaking. The Mass is likely to be an annual event, with next year's Mass to be held at EP CHS on 10 March, 2027. Let us know of anyone in need. We are here to help. God bless. Steve

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week, it's Catherine and Elaine with proceeds for St. Clare's SVP Conference, and next week it's Mike + 1, with proceeds going to the Holiday Home.

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 (15th March) after Mass in the sacristy (about 10 mins). We will ponder (and feed 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.

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.

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 Catholic High School is joining the CAFOD Big Lent Walk

The whole school will complete a circular walk in Hand-bridge 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>

Health & Safety Group

Would you like to contribute to the well-being of our parish and work alongside fellow members of our community? If you're interested in health and safety or would like more information, please email contact@stclares.co.uk.

Volunteers Needed

Our parish is looking for volunteers for the roles listed below. If you're interested or would like more information, please email contact@stclares.co.uk, or check the box next to the roles you're interested in, along with your name and email, and return it to the sacristy.

Roles you're interested in:

- Welcomers
- Readers
- Altar Servers
- Sacristans
- Health and Safety Team
- Cantors
- Grounds Maintenance
- Children's Group

Your name:

Your email:

Sunday Music

Gathering: Lord for Tomorrow and it's needs — 940

Offertory: Bread of Life — 631

Exit Hymn: O Mother Blessed — 364

Contacts

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Safeguarding

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Diocesan Co-Ordinator: Andrew O'Brien

(Andrew.obrien@DioceseofShrewsbury.org)

Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: 01244 364543

Music: (music@stclares.co.uk)

Church Cleaning: Mary Axon (maryaxon42@gmail.com)