



# Saint Clare of Assisi



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5th Sunday of Lent (Year A) — 22nd Mar 2026

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## Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R7bc  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

*The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph*

## Masses & Services

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

Mon  
**23**  
*Monday of the 5th week of Lent*  
Note No Mass

Tue  
**24**  
*Tuesday of the 5th week of Lent*  
**9.30am Mass: Philip RIP**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

Wed  
**25**  
9.00am Rosary  
9.05am Adoration  
**9.30am Mass: Agnes & Gordon Latham RIP**

*Thursday of the 5th week of Lent*

Thu  
**26**  
5.30pm Adoration  
**6.30pm Mass: Souls in Purgatory**

*Friday of the 5th week of Lent*

Fri  
**27**  
Note Day of abstinence from meat  
9.00am Rosary  
**9.30am Mass: Eugene Murphy**  
4.00pm Stations of the Cross

*Saturday of the 5th week of Lent*

Sat  
**28**  
4.30pm Adoration  
5.30pm Confession  
5.30pm Rosary  
**6.00pm Mass: Cam Theroux RIP**

*Palm Sunday*

Sun  
**29**  
9.00am Confession  
9.00am Rosary  
**9.30am Mass: People of the Parish**

## Confessions

Confessions are available for half an hour before every Mass.

## Masses & Services

Thu  
**2**  
*Maundy Thursday*  
**7.00pm Mass**

Fri  
**3**  
*Good Friday*  
10.00am Stations of the Cross  
**3.00pm Good Friday Service of the Lord Jesus' Passion**

Sat  
**4**  
**8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass**

Sun  
**5**  
*Easter Sunday*  
**9.30am Mass**

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

Bird George, Crowther Eve, Davies Arthur, Zalewski Jan, Farrell Christine, Penlington Anthony

## 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

As we enter this most solemn part of the year, with Passion Sunday, Palm Sunday, and the Easter Triduum, here is a word of encouragement to consider participating in the Sacrament of Confession during this sacred season. There will be Confession available here at the parish 40 minutes before each Mass.

Over at the school, they have been working on the Stations of the Cross; all are welcome to pray and walk these stations at the school from 3:00 to 4:20 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 April.

On Tuesday, 24 March, Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. with the school community in attendance; the 7:00 p.m. Mass is cancelled.

A few months ago, an unauthorised heavy vehicle parked on the grounds; on exiting, it damaged the wall and the main entrance gate. The vehicle owner is liable for the damage under their insurance. The damaged wall was removed last Tuesday, and we are now awaiting the construction of a new wall and the replacement of the gate. Wishing you all the best for the week ahead.

### St Clare's SVP Conference

Holiday Home bookings are coming in, with our first family staying in the second week of the Easter holidays on 11 April. We currently have six families booked. The Holiday Home was opened last Saturday and is in good condition and ready for the new season. Please keep inkjet cartridges coming. Inkjet cartridges only, please. Please let us know if anyone is in need. We are here to help. God bless, Steve.

### Easter Flowers Collection

The collection to provide flowers in Church over the Easter season is being held at each Mass this weekend – please place your donation in the basket in the porch.

### Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week, it's Mike and Veronica, with proceeds to the Holiday Home. Next week, it's Steve, with proceeds to the homeless.

### 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 (22nd March) 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.

### 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

My dear friends, thank you very much for your generous donations of cream Easter eggs. All the chicks are happy with full tummies, and no further eggs are required. Thank you once again.

God bless,  
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>

### Encountering Jesus in the Gospels

*How to lead groups in reflective prayer*

Join us for a short online formation course building the skills and confidence needed to hold and guide groups of those who wish to deepen their relationship with Jesus, in conversation with others, through reflectively praying with gospel texts.

Time: **Tuesday evenings, 6.30pm-8.30pm**

Dates: **April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 9**

[www.jesuitinstitute.org/events](http://www.jesuitinstitute.org/events)

### Diocese Health & Safety Officer Vacancy

Due to retirement, a vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Health & Safety officer. **Salary** £32,000 - £38,000 dependant on experience.

**Hours:** 25 per week, term time only, Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). **Closing date**

10 April. Further details can be found on the Diocesan Website.

### Sunday Music

**Mass readings:** Missal Book Page 145

**Entrance:** Lord, who throughout these forty days — 205 (Laudate)

**I confess**

**Kyrie:** 519 (Laudate)

**Praise:** 184 (Laudate)

**Offertory:** In bread — 609 (Laudate)

Missal Tone Holy and Lamb (Blue) Sunday Missal book page 1132/1133

**Save us**

*Organ prayerful music at communion*

**Final Hymn:** Lord Jesus think on me — 204 (Laudate)

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