



# Saint Clare of Assisi



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## Palm Sunday (Year A) — 29th Mar 2026

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

### Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R2a

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 21:1-11

*The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph*

### Masses & Services

*Saturday of the 5th week of Lent*

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

*Palm Sunday*

Sun *Note* Clocks go forward  
**29** 9.00am Rosary & Confession  
9.30am **Mass: People of the Parish**

*Monday of Holy Week*

Mon *Note* **30** No Mass

*Tuesday of Holy Week*

Tue 6.30pm Confession  
**31** 7.00pm **Mass: Private Intention**

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

Wed 9.00am Confession & Rosary & Adoration  
**1** 9.30am **Mass: Souls in Purgatory**

*Maundy Thursday*

Thu **2** 7.00pm **Mass: Rose Sheridan RIP**

*Good Friday*

Fri *Note* Day of fasting & abstinence  
**3** 10.00am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Good Friday Service of the Lord  
Jesus' Passion

Sat *Note* Recommended as day of fasting &  
abstinence  
**4** 8.30pm **Easter Vigil Mass: People of the  
Parish**

*Easter Sunday*

Sun **5** 9.30am **Mass: People of the Parish**

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

Haddock George William, Leavy Margaret

### 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.**

### Holy Places Collection

A collection for the Holy Places will be taken on Good Friday.

### St Clare's SVP Conference

Please keep ink cartridges coming. They provide a useful income to the Holiday Home funds. At our St. Clare's SVP meeting last week, we learned that beneficiary visits are taking place, with many homeless people being visited by one of our members. Please let us know of anyone in need. Unfortunately, for material needs and grants, we can provide only immediate help; ongoing assistance must come from elsewhere. God bless, Steve.

### Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week its Steve & Rosemary with proceeds to the Homeless and next week its Reta with proceeds to the Church gardening group.

### 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 (29th March) after Mass in the sacristy (about 10 mins). We will ponder (and feed our spirits with) Scripture, and including relevant craft with Janka. We will have two weeks off due to the Easter holidays. Next session will be with Francesca on 19th April. 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.

## MFL Retreat Day

For all those interested in supporting the Vocation of Marriage and Family you are invited to attend our Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat Day to help you find out more about what is involved and what help is needed. There will be presentations on the Mission of Marriage, a Reflection on the Book of Tobit and Holy Mass at Midday.

**When: 18th April 2026, 9.30am – 4pm**

**Where: St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Witton Street Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP**

Please Register with **Monika Golembiewska** on 07549 226794 or email: [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

## Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality – 2026 Members Focus Group

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 7 p.m.

**Venue:** St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL

**Open to:** All hospitality members, even those who have not attended previous sessions

The inaugural 2026 Hospitality Members Focus Group will review last year's collaboration and improvement commitments and set priorities for the coming year. Fr Sean Henry will join the discussion.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk).

## 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. Please send CV and covering letter to [Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Pauline.McCulloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Further details can be found on the Diocesan Website.

**Salary:** £32,000 – £38,000 dependant on experience.

**Hours:** 25 per week, term time only

**Closing date** 10 April.

## Food Comunita

It's not too late to join "Food Comunita" - a brand new initiative designed to connect and support young people aged 11-17!

There will be six sessions throughout March and April, offering fun activities and games alongside opportunities to build friendships and learn about wellbeing. Each session will be followed by a community dinner – a chance to share a meal and connect with everyone involved.

We're looking to create a lasting community of support for young people in our area.

**Interested?** Email [foodcomunita@gmail.com](mailto:foodcomunita@gmail.com) to sign up!

## Watch "The Chosen"

"The Chosen" is a free multi-season online series about the life of Jesus that you can watch at <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>.

## Sunday Music

Procession

Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, The King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest. *(set to Gregorian chant)*

Praise to you Oh Christ King of Eternal Glory

**229** Offertory - All glory, laud and honour (Laudate)

**1014** Holy Holy (Laudate MCS)

**1017** Save us (Laudate MCS)

Save us... Missal Tone

**1019** Lamb (Laudate MCS)

**196** Post Communion reflective music (Laudate)

**320** Hail Redeemer King Divine (Laudate)

## Contacts

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