



**Saint Clare
of Assisi**



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Easter Sunday (Year A) — 5th Apr 2026

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

Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit

Masses & Services

Sat *Holy Saturday*
4 *Note* Recommended as a day of fasting
and abstinence
8.30pm **Easter Vigil Mass: People of the
Parish**

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

Mon *Easter Monday*
6 *Note* **No Mass**

Tue *Easter Tuesday*
7 6.30pm Confession
7.00pm **Mass: Priest's Intention**

Wed *Easter Wednesday*
8 9.00am Confession & Rosary & Adoration
9.30am **Mass: Lilian Maguire RIP**

Thu *Easter Thursday*
9 *Note* **No Mass**

Fri *Easter Friday*
10 9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass: Souls in Purgatory**

Sat *Easter Saturday*
11 4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm **Mass: Kathleen Flaherty RIP**

Sun *Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)*
12 9.00am Confession & Rosary
9.30am **Mass: People of the Parish**

Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Bradburne Anthea, Dodd Adaline, Kirby Rose Agnes,
Bradburn John Anthony, Regan Adelaide, Spilsbury
Kathleen, Waters Mark Anthony, Murphy Denis, Penling-
ton James Francis, Kavanagh Wilfred

Blessed Easter to all!

As we celebrate the glorious Resurrection, may the light of the empty tomb fill our hearts with hope, joy, and new life. Let us rejoice together, remembering that Christ's triumphant rise invites us to live each day in love, forgiveness, and the peace that only He can give.

May this season bring you and your families abundant blessings, the warm glow of the Resurrection of Christ shining brightly in every step that you take.



Wedding of Victoria and Martin Hunt

Victoria and Martin Hunt will be sacramentally married during Mass on the morning of Saturday, 11th April.

Numbers for the full day of celebrations are limited, but parishioners are invited to attend the nuptial Mass at 11:00 a.m. Victoria and Martin would love to see the parish well represented, so that we may celebrate as a community.

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.

Parkinson's Soirée

Parkinson's UK Chester Branch would like to thank everyone who generously supported their Soirée in St Columba's Church Hall on 27th March. A wonderful array of gifted amateurs volunteered to entertain us. A

generous amount of money was raised for Parkinson's UK charity. Thank you so much.

St Clare's SVP Conference

Easter is upon us, and the Holiday Home bookings are creeping up. St. Clare's has seven families booked, and the District as a whole has fourteen, with many more to come. Filling all 32 weeks may not be possible, but 28 to 30 bookings are highly likely. Preparations for our Music Night on 10 July are going well. The Ladies' Choir, "Handbag of Harmonies," has been booked for the entertainment. Easter blessings to all. If you know of anyone we can help, please let us know. God bless. Steve.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week its Reta, with proceeds to the church gardening group, and next week proceeds will go to CAFOD.

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 having two weeks off during 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.

Children's Rosary Group

Our April meetings are Tuesday 7 April, and 14 April at 6:25 p.m. The Children's Rosary helps children grow in holiness and become leaders in their faith. This is done through prayer groups in which the children lead the Rosary. Children of any age are welcome to join us.

"The Rosary is a spiritual sword made by God" (Father Donald H. Calloway, MIC, the Marians' vice provincial and vocations director).

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

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/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.

Sunday Music

267 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia (Laudate)

498 Gloria (Angelis Laudate)

Readings

260 (Sequence **Victima Pascali Laudes** Laudate hymn book)

Gospel and Homily

515 b

Offertory 277 (Easter Glory fills the sky! Alleluia)

Holy Holy (NCL 553 Laudate Hymn)

We Proclaim Your Death (Missal)

Great Amen (Missal)

591 Lamb of God (NCL Laudate)

Organ voluntary – Communion

Recessional (*Regina Coeli* 368) and organ voluntary

287 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

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