



# Saint Clare of Assisi



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## 5th Sunday of Easter (Year A) — 3rd May 2026

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

### Readings

Acts 6:1-7  
Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R22  
1 Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:1-12

*The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary*

### Masses & Services

*St Athanasius, B, D*

Sat 4.30pm Adoration  
**2** 5.30pm Confession & Rosary  
**6.00pm Mass: Paddy & Imy O'Connor RIP  
50th Anniversary**

*5th Sunday of Easter*

Sun 9.00am Rosary & Confession  
**3** **9.30am Mass & Mass: People of the Parish**

*The English Martyrs*

Mon **4** Note No Mass

*Tuesday of the 5th week of Eastertide*

Tue 6.00pm Adoration  
**5** 6.30pm Confession  
**7.00pm Mass: Christine Guest RIP**

*Wednesday of the 5th week of Eastertide*

Wed 9.00am Confession & Adoration & Rosary  
**6** **9.30am Mass: Paul Prendergast Birthday**

*Thursday of the 5th week of Eastertide*

Thu 5.30pm Adoration  
**7** **6.30pm Mass: Martin & Victoria Hunt**

*Friday of the 5th week of Eastertide*

Fri Note Day of abstinence from meat  
**8** 9.00am Rosary  
**9.30am Mass: Rosemary Prendergast  
R.I.P.**

*Saturday of the 5th week of Eastertide*

Sat 4.30pm Adoration  
**9** 5.30pm Rosary & Confession  
**6.00pm Mass: Mass for Parishioners**

*6th Sunday of Easter*

Sun 9.00am Confession & Rosary  
**10** **9.30am Mass: VV Mammachan & Sophie  
Varrghere Anniversary**

### Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and Housebound

Including: Rosemary Roberts, Judy Kearney, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Jenny

Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies, Andrea Burns, Tricia Cannon, and Jeremiah Brennan.

**If anyone is in need of a visit or Holy Communion, please let Fr Patrick know.**

### Pray for the Departed on their Anniversaries

Kenneth Victor Kelly, Annie Hare, Patrick Joseph O'Connor, Michael Garwood, George Cain, Catherine McGarry, William Spellman, Peggy Joyce Shone

### Quote of the Week

"My Lord Jesus, I confess and know that Thou only art the True, the Beautiful, and the Good. Thou alone canst make me bright and glorious, and canst lead me up after Thee. **Thou art the way, the truth, and the life, and none but Thou.** Earth will never lead me to heaven. Thou alone art the Way; Thou alone."  
Doctor of the Church, Saint John Henry Newman (*Meditations and Devotions*)

### St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday (3 May) after Mass in the sacristy (about 10 minutes). We will be pondering and feeding our spirit with the Scripture, and we will include a craft relevant to the Scripture with Janka, next week with Samantha. 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."*

### St Clare's SVP Conference

Our conference meeting this week showed that your SVP representatives are visiting and helping lonely people, including the homeless. Please keep the ink cartridges coming, as they do bring welcome funds, even if only small. Every little helps.

Kind parishioners are also helping with seeing families into the Holiday Home. Thank you to them.

If there is anyone in need, please let us know. God bless.

Steve

### Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week its Reta and Jenny with proceeds to the Church gardening group and next week proceeds go to CAFOD.

## Tea & Coffee after Wednesday 9.30 Mass

Volunteers are sought to help with tea and coffee after the Wednesday Mass, particularly during the 3rd and 4th weeks of the month. Please see Father Patrick for details.

## Foodbank Donations

Please continue to bring items in 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 Climbing Frame

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.

## Taking the Eucharist to the Sick & Housebound

The small team of Eucharistic Ministers who help do Christ's work and bring the Eucharist to the sick and housebound need support. Please, we are looking for one or two people to join our team. It would be only a monthly or a 6-week commitment. Please help. Contact Father Patrick or Steve.

## St Clare's Primary

It was such a joy to celebrate the Sacrament of First Forgiveness this week. The children read beautifully and participated in the Sacrament with reverence and commitment. They are now very excited to focus on making their First Holy Communion on 14 June. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming three past pupils from Chester Catholic High School for work experience this week. We always tell our Year Six pupils when they leave us that they will always be part of our school family, so it is lovely to have past pupils come back to us.

## Children's Rosary Group

Our May meetings are Tuesday 5th and 12th at 6:25 p.m. 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.

## St Clare's Gardening Group

### Are you interested in gardening?

We have a dedicated gardening team that meets on Thursday mornings to take care of our beautiful gardens. If you would like more information, please speak with Jenny or Reta. In addition, there are volunteers who cut the grass every two weeks during spring and summer. For more information, contact Fr Patrick.

### Is it True?

<https://www.IsItTrue.net> is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

## Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Day of Reflection

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality is hosting a day of reflection on Saturday, 23 May, at Shrewsbury Cathedral, featuring reflections by Father Sean Henry and Dr. Kieran Moriarty, along with Mass and Adoration. All Hospitality members and their guests are invited to attend. Please confirm attendance via [email.secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:email.secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

## Sunday Music

Entrance **644** Alleluia, sing to Jesus

I confess and Kyrie **497**

*Gloria Angelis* **498**

(Readings page **285**)

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

Mass Christ the Saviour

Holy **1014**

We proclaim... **1015**

Lamb... **1019**

Communion – prayerful reflective time and music.

Recessional: Hail Queen of Heaven **356**

## Sign up for Our Email List

Email [newsletter@stclares.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@stclares.co.uk) to request to be added to the list. We will send this newsletter weekly, and occasionally some mid-week updates.

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