



Saint Clare of Assisi



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7th Sunday of Easter (Year A) — 17th May 2026

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

Readings

Acts 1:12-14
Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R13
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11a

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses & Services

Saturday of the 6th week of Eastertide

Sat
16
4.00pm **Misa en español: Maria Luisa Rodriguez Magan**
5.30pm Rosary & Confession
6.00pm **Mass: Fr Emeka, Kathy Craggs, Olwen Bellis Birthdays**

7th Sunday of Easter

Sun
17
9.00am Rosary & Confession
9.30am **Mass: People of the Parish**

Monday of the 7th week of Eastertide

Mon
18
Note No Mass

St Milburga, Ab

Tue
19
6.00pm Adoration
6.30pm Confession
7.00pm **Mass: Pat Gibson RIP**

Wednesday of the 7th week of Eastertide

Wed
20
9.00am Rosary & Adoration & Confession
9.30am **Mass: Jim Toland R.I.P.**

Dedication of the Cathedral

Thu
21
5.30pm Adoration
6.30pm **Mass: Sr. Dorothy Creighton Blessings**

Friday of the 7th week of Eastertide

Fri
22
Note Day of abstinence from meat
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass: Grace Williams RIP**
10.00am Adoration

Saturday of the 7th week of Eastertide

Sat
23
4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm **Mass: Mike Bennett RIP**

Pentecost

Sun
24
9.00am Confession & Rosary
9.30am **Mass: People of the Parish**

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

Thomas Austin Bride, Patricia Mary Barton, Fr John Murphy, John Mc Cann, Cecilia Elphick, Kim Teresa Yoxall, Wladik Marczynski, William Hughes, Norma Astle

Quote of the Week

“My Lord, I follow Thee up to heaven; as Thou goest up, my heart and mind go with Thee. Never was a triumph like this.”

Doctor of the Church, St John Henry Newman (*Meditation on the Ascension*)

World Communications Day Collection

This collection, held at each Mass this weekend, is an opportunity to give thanks for and support those who serve the Church through media and communications, helping to share the Good News of the Gospel message. Please place your donation in the basket in the porch.

Red Mission Boxes

Can Red Mission holders please bring their boxes into the church to be counted. Thank you!

St Clare's SVP Conference

Please keep the ink cartridges coming. They are a useful addition to our holiday home funds.

Preparations for our Music Night on 10 July are well underway. The Chester Ladies' choir, “A Handbag of Harmonies,” will entertain us. More details will follow.

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

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week, it's Catherine and Elaine, with the proceeds to St Clare's SVP. Next week, it's Mike and Veronica, with the proceeds to the Holiday Home.

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 Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday (17 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 Francesca, after that we will have two weekends off because of half term. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 7 June, with Janka. Children of any age are welcome.

"To be near God is my joy" Psalm 72

A Shortcut to Heaven

This is what St Carlos Acutis called the Rosary. It is difficult to find a saint in the past 1,000 years who was not devoted to the Rosary, because it is a powerful, life-changing prayer. If you find it difficult to pray, find a Rosary "buddy."

There is an excellent app among the "scriptural Rosary" apps, with a 10-second quote to read for each Hail Mary as you pray. Free Rosaries and "How to pray the Rosary" cards are at the back of the church.

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.

ProFamily is coming to Chester!

What Is ProFamily?

Over the past thirty years, family life has been completely transformed. The pace of change has brought new influences and pressures into the home that earlier generations never had to face. That is why ProFamily was created. Today, we work with families across the UK, Ireland, and parts of Europe through programmes of talks and local hubs that bring couples and parents together in a simple, practical way. In these settings, friendships grow, ideas are shared, and families begin to realise they are not facing the challenges of modern life on their own.

Please save the date for the first two events, 12 September and 28 November. If you are interested in attending a talk from ProFamily, the talks are free. If you have any questions, speak to Conor and Francesca, or pick up a flyer with more information.

<https://theprofoundation.com/francescameehan@outlook.com>

St Clare's Primary School

What a week we have had at St Clare's. Year 6 pupils have all done themselves and us extremely proud as they sat the end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. The rest of the school has kept them in their daily prayers and has been extremely caring, as they have stayed quiet to support their friends in Year 6.

We have continued praying the Rosary each day. It is such a beautiful time of prayer. The duck we created for the Chester Duck Race made the Chester Standard this week.

Mrs Lucy Ward

<https://www.stclares.cheshire.sch.uk/contact>

I Saw Water

Vidi Aquam ("I saw water") is the antiphon drawn from the vision of the Temple in Jerusalem by Ezekiel 47. In light of the Risen Christ, the water flows from the Temple's right side as saving baptismal water that flows from Our Lord's Sacred Heart and gives life to all whom it touches.

I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia. And all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sunday Music

269 At the Lamb High Feast we sing
515b Vidi Aquam
1002 Belmont Gloria
1003 Alleluia
Offertory 278 Now the green blade riseth
1005 Holy 1006 We proclaim 1011 Lamb
364 O mother blessed

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Email 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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