



Saint Clare of Assisi



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Pentecost (Year A) — 24th May 2026

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Readings

Genesis 11:1-9
Ps 104(103):1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29b-30. *R* cf. 30
Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
John 7:37-39

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses & Services

Sat *Saturday of the 7th week of Eastertide*

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

Sun *Pentecost*

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

Mon *Our Lady, Help of Christians, Principal Patron of the Diocese*

25 Note No Mass

Tue *St Philip Neri, P*

26 6.00pm Adoration
6.30pm Confession
7.00pm Mass: Enzo Mansutti

Wed *St Augustine of Canterbury, B*

27 9.00am Adoration & Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: Natalie Birthday Blessings

Thu *Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High P*

28 5.30pm Adoration
6.30pm Mass: Mark Maher

Fri *Ferial*

29 Note *Day of abstinence from meat*
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Kieron Prendergast
10.00am Adoration

Sat *Ferial*

30 4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm Mass: Edward Craggs RIP

Sun *The Most Holy Trinity*

31 9.00am Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and Housebound

Including: Joanne Grainger, 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

Cecil Thomas Bell, Winifred Rocks, Brian Peter Nicholas, Mary Reeves, Dorothy McHugh, John Hall

Come, O Holy Spirit by John Henry Newman

Come, O Holy Spirit.

*Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.*

*Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world. Amen.*

Red Mission Boxes

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

St Clare's SVP Conference

Another family has booked the Holiday Home. 23 of 32 weeks are now taken.

Please keep our Music Night on 10 July in mind. The Chester Lady's choir, "A Handbag of Harmonies," will entertain us. More details will follow.

This is an important fundraiser for our Holiday Home. If anyone is in need, please let us know.

God bless.
Steve

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week, it's Mike and Veronica, with proceeds for the Holiday Home. Next week, it will be Steve and Rosemary, with proceeds for the Homeless.

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.

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.

New Dawn Spring Conference

The Community of Christ Prince of Peace is holding its Spring Conference from Friday 29 to Sunday 31 May 2026 at All Saints Church, Manchester M41 7LG.

Speakers include The Rt Rev John Arnold, Fr. Pat Collins CM, Fr. James Anyaegbu, Gary Stephens, Fr. Frankie Mulgrew, Daniella Stephens, and John Hesketh.

Day tickets are now available. To book, or for more information, visit: www.princeofpeace.org.uk

Charlotte will be driving from Chester to Manchester and back each day of the conference. If you would like a lift, please contact her at radicalheartofgrace@gmail.com.

Bidding Prayer

(Italian) Dear Lord, we present to you our parish; that you may bring the parish together in the Faith, in Love and in Hope.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

(Italian) Bless all the children who are going to do their first communion, that they may feel your presence. Please help those families to feel serene and guide the catechists to help sustain everyone in the Faith. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(Italian) Let's pray that our young people may grow up with hope in life; so that they may have the courage and enthusiasm to face the challenges of our time with faith and trust in God's love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(Shona) On this Pentecost Sunday we pray for Pope Leo and for all the Bishops of the Catholic church, that they may always have the courage to preach the Faith. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(Shona) For the leaders of all nations and for all in authority. May the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, and counsel guide their decisions, leading them to work for peace, justice, and the protection of the vulnerable. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

May Devotion at Divine Saviour Parish

Divine Saviour Parish, Runcorn, invites St Clare's parishioners to A Solemn Day with Mary, Mother of Jesus on Saturday, 30 May, at Our Lady Mother of the Saviour Church, Palacefields (WA7 2TP), marking the end of May Devotion 2026.

10:00 am — Exposition · 10:30 am — Rosary Procession · 11:20 am — Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin Mary · 11:30 am — Holy Mass

Fr Joseph Fawcett Wood will speak on “*Mary, Mother of Divine Grace.*” Confessions will be available.

Enquiries: Pauline Jenkinson — 07765 583402. All welcome.

Sunday Music

Entrance Antiphon and Come down, O love divine 303
Vidi Aquam 515b
Gloria Angelis 498
300 The Sequence (*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*)
Offertory Breathe on me, breath of God 302
Angelis Sanctus and Agnus 499 & 500
Veni Creator Post communion 297
296 come Holy Ghost, creator come

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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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